

March 31, 2025



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

The Rotary Club of Fort Smith meets weekly on Wednesday at noon at [Rolando's Restaurante](#) at [917 North A Street](#) in downtown Fort Smith.

Rotary 

THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Providing Beds, Protecting Kids

Having a clean, comfortable bed might not be the first thing you associate with children's health, but it makes a world of difference in a child's life.

Heather Sanders, Director of Operations & Business Development at Arkansas Family Alliance (AFA), shared how AFA tackles "bed poverty" across western Arkansas. AFA, a collaboration of local churches, works to assist struggling families and prevent children from entering foster care.

Using the [CarePortal app](#), AFA answers urgent requests from vetted caseworkers, delivering more than 400 beds in the past year alone. Each bed provided helps keep families united and stable. To learn more, visit Arfamilyalliance.org/beds.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

We have a few spaces open for members who can help sell sandwiches and raise funds with Harry Robinson at the Greenwood Car Show on April 19. Please email Mary Lee if you can help. First shift is 7:30 a.m.

You should have received a [member survey link](#) last week. Please take a moment to fill it out and share your vision for your Rotary club.

Yours in Service to Rotary,

Cindy Gilmer - President
Rotary Club of Fort Smith

Future Programs & Events

- April 2: Elizabeth Johnson - Farmers Insurance
- April 9: Shea Foldvery - Fort Smith United Way
- April 16: Jon Hendrickson, Rotary SMART program
- April 23: Beth Presley - Fort Smith Boys and Girls Club
- April 30: Gary "Ax" Axley - International Military Student Officer, FMS
- May 7: Patti Kimbrough - Good Samaritan Clinic
- May 14: Michael Beaumont & Northside Coach Rickey Smith (tentative)
- May 21: Zeb Gattis, Sebastian County Master Gardener Program
- May 28: TBD
- June 4: TBD
- June 11: U of A Chancellor Charles Robinson
- June 18: Kerrie Sanders - ACHE Center for Clinical Skills Development
- June 25: TBD

If you have suggestions for program speakers, please contact [Cindy Gilmer \(gilmercindy@att.net\)](mailto:gilmercindy@att.net) or [Chris Kelly \(cjkelly1012@gmail.com\)](mailto:cjkelly1012@gmail.com)

Next Week's Speaker



Elizabeth Johnson, Farmers Insurance Agent

Navigating the world of insurance can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Join us for an insightful session with Elizabeth Johnson, an expert in insurance coverage, as she breaks down the key factors to consider when choosing the right policies.

Whether reviewing your current coverage or exploring options for the first time, this discussion will help you understand what matters most when protecting yourself, your family, and your assets.

Don't miss the opportunity to get expert insights and ask your insurance questions with a local expert.



District 6110's Legacy Campaign nears finish line

The District's Inaugural Legacy Campaign "Thermometer" has burst through the original \$2 million goal and now stands at \$3.1 million in major gifts, pledges, and bequests. You still have time to join in the fun. Send bequest pledges to Carl Davis (carl.davis@rotary.org) to make them part of the Legacy total. Totals will be announced at the Legacy Celebration Dinner on Friday, May 2nd.

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Important Dates for District 6110

- **2025/2026**
- May 2, 2025: Legacy (Foundation) Dinner – Rogers, AR
- May 3, 2025: District Conference – Rogers, AR
- June 21-25: Rotary International Convention – Calgary, Canada
- March 19-21, 2026: MAPETS – Fort Smith, AR
- April 21 – Chilean Rotary delegation begins two week tour of District 6110

