

Rotary



Club of Blytheville

Club Meeting

Blytheville
Meets at Blytheville
Country Club
2201 N Sixth Street
Blytheville, 72315
Time: Thursday at
12:00 PM

Club Leaders



Diana L. Holmes
President



Loyd (Randy) Lemmons
President-Elect



Holly Jo Engle
Secretary
Treasurer
Service Projects Chair



Lowell Walters
Vice President



Billie Bowman
Club Director



Sally Sullivan
Cooke
Public Image
Chair
Membership Chair



David Lyttle
Club Director



Tracey Ritchey
iPast President

Account Leaders

Brian Rega
District Governor
Michelle Karin
Oglesby
DG-Elect
George Matthew Buie
DG-Nominee
Michelle Blasengame
Assistant Governor
Will Branch
Assistant Governor
King Casbeer

Upcoming Programs

March 13 (Tracey Ritchey) Mississippi County Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class

****Calling all Rotarians! Join us for tomorrow's meeting as we connect with MissCo Leadership and share important information. Your presence makes a difference!****

March 20 (Diana Holmes) Joseph Fondren: Inauguration Perspective

March 27 (Tracey Ritchey) Sally Cooke - Master Gardener

April 3 (David Lyttle) Walter Sykes, BHS Choral Director and Students

April 10 (Randy Lemmons and Diana Holmes) Club Summit

April 17 (Tracey Ritchey) ANC Tech Center/Adult Education – Michael Graham & Meghan Brown

April 24 TBA

May 1 TBA

May 8 (Billie Bowman) Missco Library Summer Program

May 15 TBA

May 22 TBA

May 29 TBA

June 5 (Diana Holmes) 2025 Rotary Celebration at **6 pm**

_____ Seeking Paul Harris Fellow nominations! Know a Rotarian or non-Rotarian whose 'heart and hands' embody Rotary's *Service Above Self*? Share your suggestions!

PROPOSED

MEMBER - Tammy Winstead

Proposed by Sally Cooke, Tammy, the owner of TrueLove Designs, LLC in Blytheville, is passionate about community engagement and giving back. A dedicated volunteer in local schools, she seeks a space where she can make a meaningful impact and stay connected to the community.

Last Week's Program

Thursday, March 6th, 2025

Members of the Juneteenth committee provided information on the holiday and preparation for this year's celebration to Rotarians. Dr. Valencia Andrews-Pirtle gave historical context, including her family connections, and explained the importance of educating youth about the resilience and persistence necessary to be successful.

Assistant Governor
Sally Sullivan Cooke
Assistant Governor
Anthony D. Ester
Assistant Governor
Linda M. Hall
Assistant Governor
Mary Ann Hargraves
Assistant Governor
Charles C. Harris
Assistant Governor
Rena Kelley
Assistant Governor
Erin Michelle Kerley
Mathews
Assistant Governor
T Lucas Minton
Assistant Governor
Kelly E. Rodgers
Assistant Governor

Birthdays

Peggy Lemons
April 3rd



Dr. Anes Abraham outlined events that will take place in Blytheville from June 19th to June 22nd, beginning with a community prayer in the Blytheville Prayer Garden and ending with a gospel jubilee at the Ritz.



There will be activities for all ages, including a youth oratorical contest, book readings, a sweet potato pie contest, a parade, a block party, and a health and wellness fair that will include a Red Cross Blood Drive, sickle cell screenings, food, and booths from ANC.



The Blytheville Rotary Club is participating in an area-wide Shoe Drive. This year we are collecting pairs of shoes for: *SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS*.

The shoes will go to vulnerable children in the United States and around the world. This year, the designated countries are Kenya, Peru, and the Dominican Republic. Having proper shoes promotes health, prevents disease, and gives access to education where shoes are required to attend school.

The shoes are to be closed toe, male and female, NEW shoes, size 0 to size 14. A suggestion is to monitor the clearance aisles at Walmart, Target, Dollar General, Family Dollar, Big Lots, Kohls, etc.

The collection is from now to March 15, 2025. Please bring your shoe donation to tomorrow's meeting (3/13).

For shoe pick-up, contact Randy Lemmons, Shoe Coordinator for Blytheville Rotary Club, at email: randy.lemmons@fibtby.com or text/phone 870-604-4940.

Or, if you are interested in making a cash donation, the Rotary Club will purchase the shoes. The check is payable to the Blytheville Rotary Club, PO Box 1303, Blytheville, Arkansas 72316. In the memo, denote "Shoes for Orphan Souls".



The Rotary Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser is taking place this Saturday! Please bring your ticket money and the items you signed up for to the meeting tomorrow. Ticket money should be given to Holly Jo.
