

The Big Wheel

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Events

March 4th

Jonesboro Club Meeting
March 4- Dr. Brendan Kelly
Speaker: Dr. Brendan Kelly, ASU
System Office President
Subject: Ensuring Access to
Academic Excellence and
Educational Opportunities For All
Arkansans

March 11th

Jonesboro Club Meeting
March 11- Kim Metcalf &
Charlotte Jones
Speaker: Kim Metcalf &
Charlotte Jones, Jonesboro
Church Health Center
Subject: A Christian Ministry of
Healing, Help and Hope

March 18th

Jonesboro Club Meeting
March 18- Claudia Shannon &
Ruth Hawkins
Speaker: Claudia Shannon & Dr.
Ruth Hawkins
Subject: Craighead County
Historical Society Living Museum

This Week's Program -- March 4, 2025

Educational Opportunities for All Arkansans and Ensuring Access to Academic Excellence

Dr. Brendan Kelly became the third president of the Arkansas State University System on September 23, 2024, after being selected by the ASU System Board of Trustees on June 5, 2024. He joined University of Western Georgia (UWG) at one of the most extraordinary periods for higher education due to the COVID-19 pandemic and repositioner the institution for a successful future rooted in optimism and innovation in a rapidly changing higher education landscape. A practicing academic leader, Dr. Kelly's focus at UWG was innovative programming both inside and outside the classroom with an emphasis on creating valuable life and career outcomes for students, with a commitment to launch and advance student careers upon graduation.



Come to the meeting and introduce yourself to Dr. Kelly. Hear what plans he has for Arkansas State University. Bring a friend or colleague.

Soles for Souls

Dear Rotarians,

I am once again attending PETS training in March, as I prepare for the role of President. One of the wonderful opportunities this year is a shoe drive. Here is where you come in at. I am asking if you would consider donating a NEW pair of shoes: sizes 7-12 adult boy or girl, closed toe. These do not have to be the latest trending Jordans by any means. Any place that sells shoes. Walmart, Target, Shoe Carnival etc.

If you would bring them to our weekly meetings between now and March 18, I will take them from there. I drive a big truck with a big truck bed so don't be afraid to load me down for my trip to Fort Smith!

I appreciate all of you.

Thnak You,
Chad Chadwick

Good News -- February 25, 2025

Donald Cooper carried the mic for Good News.

PP Will Branch praised the good weather.

Stuart Shaw and his wife went with **Bob Appleton** and his wife to Las Vegas. On their way home, Bob Appleton dropped the party off at the door of the airport and then went to park the car.

Emelda Williams said that **Monty May** had a beautiful service last Saturday.

Wes Eddington proclaimed we made it through winter!

DG Brian Rega gave money to eradicate polio. He announced that the Harrisburg club was having a Pot o' Gold this Saturday; for \$100 you could still get tickets for two. Also, the University Club is having a Pot o' Gold, but the tickets were sold out.

Dave Flippin, from the University Club, encouraged everyone to vote for his office in the Best of NEA.

Last Week's Program -- February 25, 2025

Protecting & Improving the Health and Well-Being of All Arkansans

This week our program was presented by Taylor Bailey, the Community Health Educator in Northeast Arkansas for the Arkansas Department of Health. The focus was on cancer and what organizations and individuals can do to prevent different types of cancers.

Cancer affects one in two males and one in three females at some point in their lives. Cancer remains the second leading cause of death in our state. In 2020, an estimated 17,200 Arkansans learned that they have cancer, and an estimated 6,730 died from the disease. Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women.

Arkansas developed the Arkansas Cancer Plan (ACP) to serve as an outline for what can and should be done at the state and local levels for cancer prevention, early detection, and care efforts in Arkansas. It identifies activities for coordinated action by government, the private sector, the nonprofit sector, and Arkansas's citizens and communities. This plan is a living document and serves as a guide for individuals and organizations in the fight against cancer.

A copy of the complete plan is available at www.arcancercoalition.org



Report Card -- February 25, 2025

Total Members 114

Active=76

Active-Modern=3

Active-Partner=2

Active-R85=15

Active-Service=16

Staff Position=2

Active-Service: 4

Active-Modern: 2

Active-R85: 3

Active: 29

Active-Partner: 1

Guest: 3

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Birthdays



Don O'Neal
March 5th



Samuel Craig
March 9th



H. Steve Leslie
March 10th



Melissa Martin
March 12th



Daniel Lee Cole
March 20th



Jim Washam
March 21st



Aaron Bell
March 23rd



Brock Wooldridge
March 27th



Ruth A. Hawkins
March 31st