

### The Big Wheel

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### Club Leaders



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Chad Chadwick  
President-Elect



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Secretary



Jeremy Todd Watson  
Treasurer

### Events

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

March 25th  
**Jonesboro Club Meeting**  
**March 25- Jamie Couch, Soul Shine**  
**Speaker:** Jamie Couch, Co-Owner, Soul Shine Studios  
**Subject:** Let Your Soul Shine

### Birthdays



Daniel Lee Cole  
March 20th

Jim Washam  
March 21st

### This Week's Program -- March 18, 2025

#### ***Craighead County Historical Society Living Museum***

The Craighead County Historical Society wants to steer away from exhibits and create a living museum that recreates historical settings to simulate the past. Historian and fellow Rotarian **Claudia Cathcart Shannon** is leading the charge on this plan. Our own fellow Rotarian, **Dr. Ruth Hawkins** is working on this project as well.



Craighead County is the only county in the Delta without a museum, aside from the A-State Museum. A location has not been selected yet and a good deal of money must be raised by the Historical Society to make this happen.

These ladies have some good ideas to share with the club. Come hear what they have to say and join their efforts to build a living museum. Bring a friend or colleague. It should prove to be an interesting program.



### Very Last Call -- Soles for Souls

#### ***This is the last meeting before the PETS training on March 18.***

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 -- March 11, 2025

**Bonnie May** carried the Mic for Good News. **Shaila Creekmore** took notes.

**Norman Stafford** celebrated the Lady Red Wolves going to the NCAA tournament for the first time and the men competing in the conference tournament.

**Nancy Elphinstone** gave to the Good News Bucket in support of what ASU's basketball teams did and both teams playing in the Sun Belt championship games.

**Wes Eddington** said the new courthouse annex was open and, more importantly, it is ADA compliant.



Aaron Bell  
March 23rd



Brock Wooldridge  
March 27th



Ruth A. Hawkins  
March 31st



Guy Patteson III  
April 2nd



Gregory Hansen  
April 8th



Terry D. Daley  
April 8th



THOMAS L. WELLS  
April 9th



Alan W. Pillow  
April 10th



April L. Leggett  
April 10th



David B. Beasley  
April 11th



Stuart Shaw  
April 12th



Cheryl L. Primm  
April 15th

**Michael Roberts** had a great trip to Greece and Turkey.

**Al Poston** said, "Warning, I'm back!" which was met with applause.

**Gregory Hansen** announced the 10th annual Arkansas Roots festival will be held on Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m. at the boyhood home of Johnny Cash. Tickets are available at [dyesscashastate.edu](http://dyesscashastate.edu)

**DG Brian Rega** said his \$5 going into the Good News Bucket became \$15 with help from the Bill Gates Foundation.

## Last Week's Program -- March 11, 2025

By Shaila C Creekmore

### Jonesboro Church Health Center Provides Care for the Uninsured

Founded in 1991, the Jonesboro Church Health Center (JCHC) has been providing medical services for those without insurance for more than three decades. Charlott Jones, treasurer for the nonprofit, and Kim Metcalf, executive director, spoke on Tuesday about the mission and needs of the center.

The idea for JCHC was first seen as a need by Dr. Weldon Rainwater, Pastor Emil Williams, and Flo Jones, RN, who saw a need and decided to do something about it. They formed a board and invited 42 other individuals to join them in helping put together the center. JCHC opened in 1992 with a mission of providing low-cost, high-quality healthcare for the uninsured. The center serves adults who do not have access to insurance or can not afford it, but do not qualify for Medicaid. While the center charges \$25 for visits, the center does not turn away any clients who cannot pay.

The center serves as the primary care provider for most of its patients who go to the center for typical illnesses like sinus infections, but also chronic illnesses like heart disease and diabetes. When patients visit, care is handled by nurse practitioners who are employed part-time by JCHC. If more care is needed, they can be referred to physicians who visit the clinic or to local specialists. JCHC pays the referral fee to allow them to be seen. Lab work is collected in-house, and the center has a partnership with a lab that runs the labs at cost.

For medicine, JCHC prescribes the lowest-cost medications available. For those needing more expensive medications, the center works with programs that help low-income individuals with medications.

Charlott said one of the main goals of the center is to provide education about the patients' diagnosis, helping them understand their illness and how to manage their care.

"Our goal is to get them healthy so they don't have to be seen so often," said Charlott.

In 2024, Jonesboro Church Health Center saw 2,007 total patients with 2,335 primary care visits. Of those, 34% were extremely low income, 40% were very low income, and 21% were low to moderate income.

Many of the patients JCHC cares for are diabetic patients who often cannot afford their testing supplies. These supplies are also difficult for JCHC to find funding to purchase for their clients. To help meet this need, Rotary will be collecting money now through April 8. Each box of test strips costs the clinic around \$10. Click the link to donate online or donate cash at a meeting: [JCHC Donation](#)



## Report Card -- March 11, 2025

Total Members = 113  
Active=76  
Active-Modern=3  
Active-Partner=2  
Active-R85=15  
Active-Service=15  
Staff Position=2



Active-Service: 4  
Active-Modern: 2  
Active-R85: 5  
Active: 27  
Active-Partner: 1  
Guest: 4  
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