



The Big Wheel

Club 2520, District 6150 March 17, 2025 Volume 107, Issue 34 Rotary Club of Jonesboro P.O. Box 654 Jonesboro, AR 72403 Chartered August 1, 1919

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<u>Chad Chadwick</u> President-Elect



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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

<u>Shine</u>
<u>Speaker:</u> Jamie Couch, Co-Owner, Soul Shine Studios
<u>Subject:</u> Let Your Soul Shine

Birthdays



<u>Daniel Lee Cole</u> March 20th

<u>Jim Washam</u> 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 Elphingstone 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



<u>David B. Beasley</u> April 11th



Stuart Shaw April 12th



<u>Cheryl L. Primm</u> 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

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

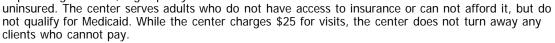
Last Week's Program -- March 11, 2025

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



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.

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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

