

# The Rotary Spokesman

## Newsletter of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff

Wednesday, January 1, 2025



### Connecting the Community Through Rotary



Pictured above l to r - Michael, Carmen, Dora, Myra, Linda, Samarra "Sam", and Miloud

At our December 5th meeting at the PB/JC Main Library, four new members were inducted by Club President Miloud into active membership in the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff and the fellowship of Rotary International. The new members are Carmen Barnes sponsored by Michael, Dora Sanders sponsored by Robert, Myra Woolfolk and Samarra "Sam" White sponsored by Santrice Kearney. They were all presented with their certificate of membership and welcomed into our club by those who were present. We look forward to serving our community with these new members.

### West Pine Bluff Rotarians Serve the Community

A few of the members of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff and family members endured near freezing temperatures to serve visitors to the community Land of Lights and Legends on Saturday, 21 December 2024. There was steady stream of visitors for about one and a half hours before the traffic slowed. Even the adults wanted the mini candy canes that the members provided for visitors, and the supply was depleted a little after 8 P.M. Nonetheless, the dauntless members continued providing smiles and holiday wishes to those who came through until the close at 9:00 PM.

Thanks to Kevin and his wife, Karleah; to new member Sam and her husband, Kurwin, and Dora; and to Michael, Neisha, Scott Solomon, Alan, Jason, and Robert. Thanks to David Sims, even the dogs that came through the display received a treat, doggy treat, that is. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and service.



#### Club Meeting

West Pine Bluff Meets at Pine Bluff Country Club with Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 882 2017 7860 Password: wpbrotery 1100 W. 46th Avenue Pine Bluff, AR 71603 Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

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#### Club Leaders



[Miloud Bahadi](#)  
President



[Kevin Harris](#)  
Club Programs Chair  
President-Elect



[Michael S. Heisler](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Service Projects Chair



## Polio Update - December 18, 2024

Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases								Date of most recent case
	Full year total						01 Jan-17 Dec <sup>1</sup>		
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	
Pakistan	12	147	84	1	20	6	6	63	29-Nov-24
Afghanistan	21	29	56	4	2	6	6	25	05-Nov-24
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	10-Aug-22
Malawi	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19-Nov-21
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
<b>Total (Type 1)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>88</b>	
Tot. in endemic countries	33	176	140	5	22	12	12	88	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	
No. of countries (endemic)	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	
Total Female	18	72	59	2	10	4	4	36	
Total Male	15	104	81	4	20	8	8	52	

### Polio this week as of 18 December

#### Wild Polio Virus Summary:

The number of wild polio cases for **2024** as of December 18, 2024 is **88**. There were 63 in Pakistan and 25 in Afghanistan.

The total number of wild polio cases for **2023** were **12**. There were 6 in Pakistan and 6 in Afghanistan.

## Donations Made to Local Non-profits

After our December meeting of the club board of directors, we took the time to make our annual donations to three local non-profits: Children's Advocacy Center, Neighbor to Neighbor, and the Women's Shelter. Michael and Neisha made the presentation to the CAC, and Michael made the donation to Neighbor to Neighbor. Every little bit helps.

iPast  
President



[David L. Sims](#)  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



[Nyeshia Aldridge](#)  
Club  
Director



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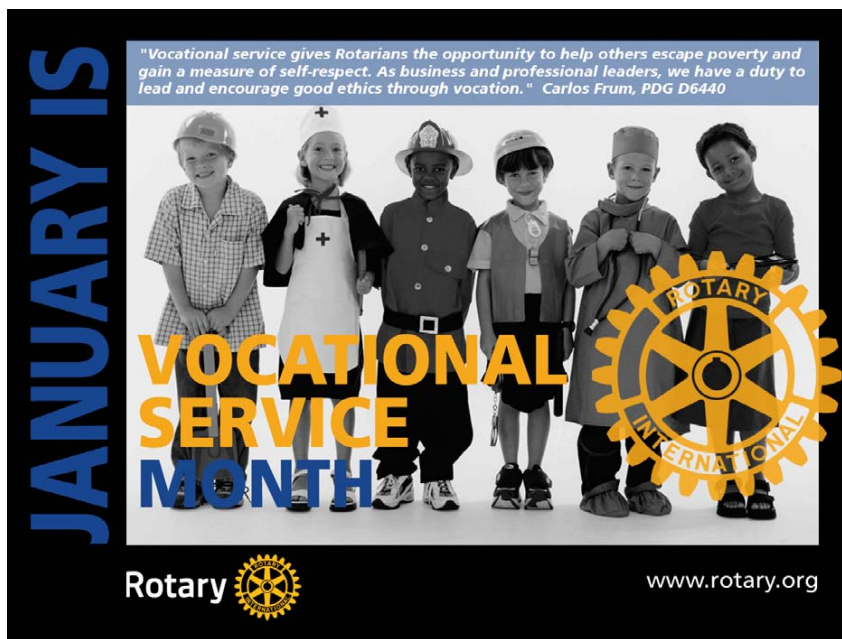


[Linda F. Bateman](#)  
Club  
Learning  
Facilitator





## January 2024 Schedule of Activities



Date	Program/Speaker/Activity
January 2	Patrick Lockett, Pine Bluff Code Enforcement Department, @ Reynolds Building
January 9	Service Project - 11:30 AM Lunch at Neighbor to Neighbor, 15th & Pine Street
January 16	J. J. Bayliss & Darissa Kalumas, UA Monticello Basic Education Pine Bluff, PBCC
January 22	Club Board of Director Meeting, Donald W. Reynolds Building
January 25	<b>Club Visioning, 10 AM - 2 PM, Donald W. Reynolds Building</b>
January 30	Club Fellowship Meeting at Indigo Blue on Barraque Street (Time TBA)

***Please plan to participate in our service project for the month. Michael is our Service Project Chair.***

### 2024-25 Program Coordination Chair

Kevin Harris

## Weekly Club Meeting Invitation

The Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff invites you to join us for our regularly scheduled meetings. Since the time of separation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have chosen to give members the option to meet virtually as well as in person. The invitation for our virtual meetings is below. All members are asked to place the meeting on their schedules and join us. Phone and computer connections are available. This is the weekly invitation that you should

save and share with others. Fellowship is one of Rotary's core values along with service. Our meetings allow us to fellowship with each other and build relationships that bridge the divisions that we create in our community. We know that you and others are busy, so we ask you to plan to join us even if only for a short while so we will know how things are going for you. Everyone is welcome to our time of fellowship.

Topic: RC of West Pine Bluff Zoom Meeting  
Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88220177860?pwd=bHdKL1VLaHUyREtadXlsa0RiYXhlZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 2017 7860

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## Rotary Direct: An Easy Way to Give to the Rotary Foundation

Did you know that our Foundation funded more than 1,400 global grants totaling over \$86 million last year? Or that, together with our partners, we've immunized more than 2.5 billion children against polio since 1988? As a Rotary Direct member, Rotarians make Doing Good in the World possible.

The recurring gifts of members help us address some of the most challenging needs in communities close to home and around the world. Because of the ongoing generosity of members subscribed to Rotary, no challenge is too great for us. I encourage every member of our club to become a subscriber to Rotary Direct. A recurring donation of \$10 each month will help open numerous opportunities to do good in the world. You can [DONATE](#) and subscribe now.

The Rotary Foundation team thanks you in advance for your support.

## Birthdays



[Miloud Bahadi](#)  
January 9th



[Myra L. Woolfolk](#)  
January 16th



[Carmen L Barnes](#)  
January 27th



[Jessica A Guyer](#)  
January 30th

## District Leaders



[Sherry E. Polsgrove-Taylor](#)  
District Governor



[Brian W Jones](#)  
DG-Elect / RI Convention  
Promotion



[Shawnee Michelle Cooper](#)  
DG-Nominee / District Grants  
Chair