

The Rotary Spokesman

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff

Monday, January 13, 2025



Club Visioning Planned for January 25, 2025

WHAT is Club Visioning?

A Club Vision Facilitation is a four-hour session (typically 5:00 – 9:00), or 2 (2hrs each) sessions, that assists key leaders and interested members of a Rotary club in achieving continuity, consistency and consensus.

The facilitation session is intended for all interested Rotarians in our club—from our newest members to our most tenured. The breadth and depth of the facilitation exercise is optimized when club leaders (past, present and future) and member opinion leaders participate.

A District Vision Facilitation Team (3-4) typically commits approximately 25 hours of volunteer time to each event and therefore expects:

1. Attendance at the event by present board members, the current president, president-elect, president-nominee, immediate past-president, and two other past-presidents. Their collective involvement is essential, up to a total of 30 participants.
2. Participants are expected to commit to the entire 4-hour exercise.
3. The number of Rotarians committed to a session will be no less than 12 for smaller clubs, but no more than 30 (to maintain the time schedule and allow fair and full input from all present). For clubs over 40 members, the team expects attendance to be between 25 and 30. For clubs over 80, 30 members are expected in attendance.

NOTE: Given that the Facilitation Team is volunteering their time and traveling to visit your club, the Team has the latitude to reschedule should the above criteria not be met.

Each club requesting Vision Facilitation will designate a “Club Coordinator” who will work with the District Vision Facilitation Coordinator, providing all the information and direction that individual Rotarians will need in preparation for the session.

During the Vision Facilitation session, a team of facilitators (3-4) will lead a 10-Step process consisting of an overview presentation, a writing exercise, data collection, consensus voting and breakout exercise with sample action plan development. The Club will then be prepared to support development of Action plans for each goal under the platform of a 3-year Master Plan. This step becomes the Vision to Success.

It is our hope that our members will commit to making our planned Visioning session a success by planning to participate. More information will be shared later with the members.

If you have any questions, contact Robert at 870-540-9576

Pine Bluff Code Enforcement Presented

The city of Pine Bluff faces numerous challenges that hinder improving its attractiveness to outsiders. One of the city departments attempting to make the city more appealing and enhance the community's economic growth and development is the Department of Code Enforcement. Patrick Lockett, the department director, presented the January 2, 2025, program to the club and explained how his department is responding to the challenges that the city faces and making the community more appealing.

He began by expressing his commitment to fulfilling the requirements and responsibilities of the department. Since becoming the head of the department, he has attempted to enforce the laws that govern his work, accomplish his goals within the fiscal limits imposed upon department, and educate the public as to how the citizens and industry can help achieve optimal success. One of the challenges he mentioned is the failure of the



Club Meeting

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

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judiciary to help with code enforcement when he and his employees cite violators. There are specific guidelines for compliance written into the legislation that must be enforced in order to change the mindset of the populace.

MISSION STATEMENT

To protect the health and safety in the city of Pine Bluff through efficient and effective implementation and enforcement of residential codes.

CONTACT US

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Code Enforcement

Complaints regarding trash, high grass and weeds, overgrown lots, illegal dumping and non-running automobiles on private property are investigated by Code Enforcement Officers assigned to the Code Enforcement Department. Code Enforcement Officers also enforce ordinances regarding graffiti and vacant, unsecured, residential structures, as well as dilapidated structures. Citizens can report these violations to their Neighborhood Resource Centers or by telephoning the central complaint reporting number at 3-1-1.

Minimum Housing Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officers also investigate violations of the Minimum Housing Code. Examples of these violations include property owners who fail to maintain their residence or accessory buildings, allowing them to fall in to a state of disrepair or structures that have sustained fire damage.

Rental Property Inspection Program

Another component of Code Enforcement is the Rental Property Inspection Program. This program provides for inspections of rental properties located in the City of Pine Bluff. The purpose of this inspection is to insure that all rental units are maintained in a safe condition to meet Minimum Housing Code Standards.

Demolition of Unsafe Residential Structures

Residential structures that have been declared unsafe for occupancy by Code Enforcement are submitted to the City Council for condemnation approval. Once officially condemned, Code Enforcement Department solicits bids for the demolition of these structures and supervises the demolition process to ensure that each site is brought in to full compliance with the City Ordinance.

Common Code Violation of Pine Bluff

1. Accumulation of rubbish, trash and debris
2. Excessive weeds, grass, trees and vegetation
3. Storage and Parking of Inoperable and Abandoned Vehicles
4. Illegal Dumping

Additionally, the department has partnered with other departments, agencies, and private contractors to achieve its mission. There is only so much the department can do to make the city's appearance more appealing. The number of overgrown vacant lots and deteriorating empty structures is more than the department can handle alone. It takes all of us working together to make the city more attractive.

Polio Update - January 7, 2025



Nyeshia Aldridge
 Club Director



Roy W. Ferrell
 Club Director
 Sergeant-at-Arms



Santrice M. Kearney
 Club Director



ShaNeisha E. Robinson
 Treasurer



Scott Kirk Solomon
 Public Image Coordinator
 Public Relations Chair



Robert Jaye Thompson
 Secretary
 Sergeant-at-Arms
 Membership Chair



Linda F. Bateman
 Club Learning Facilitator

Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases								
	Full year total						01 Jan-31 Dec ¹		Date of most recent case
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	
Pakistan	12	147	84	1	20	6	6	68	08-Dec-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
Total (Type 1)	33	176	140	6	30	12	12	93	
Tot. in endemic countries	33	176	140	5	22	12	12	93	
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	39	
Total Male	15	104	81	4	20	8	8	54	

Polio this week as of 7 January

Officially reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 07 January 2025

Wild poliovirus (WPV)

- Total global WPV1 cases in 2023: 12
- Total global WPV1 cases in 2024: 93 (compared with 12 for the same period in 2023)

Remember to Donate to the Cause: www.Rotary.org

January 2025 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, To be rescheduled
January 16	J. J. Bayliss & Darissa Kalumas, UA Monticello Basic Education Pine Bluff, PB/JC Library
January 22	Club Board of Director Meeting, Donald W. Reynolds Building
January 25	Club Visioning, 10 AM - 2 PM, Donald W. Reynolds Building
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

Password: wpbrotary

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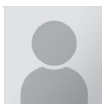
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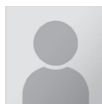
Birthdays



[Miloud Bahadi](#)
January 9th



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



[Carmen L. Barnes](#)
January 27th



[Jessica A. Guyer](#)
January 30th



[Booker T. Clemons Jr.](#)
February 2nd



[John A. Kuykendall](#)
February 2nd



[Santrice M. Kearney](#)
February 11th

District Leaders



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



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



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