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This Week's Program - May 19, 2020



Students Helping Students

The purpose of the Arkansas State University Student Philanthropy Council is to serve A-State by building, cultivating and sustaining relationships within the A-State community and to educate the student body about the impact and importance of charitable giving while encouraging a culture of philanthropy on campus.

This past year, Sarah Hall, has served as president of SPC. Under her leadership, the council established Student Emergency Fund, which is a crowdfunded financial award for A-State students undergoing financial hardships whose education is at risk. This is intended to help students who have an unexpected financial crisis like a laptop breaking, textbook fees, car breaking down, etc., that would jeopardize the student

continuing his/her college experience.

This past year has put the SEF to the test. With the COVID-19 virus and the tornado that hit Jonesboro, the SEF has proven even more than the usual needs. Sarah's leadership raised \$50,000 for the fund. Come hear how this student group helped the students at ASU.

Italian club uses expertise to aid in coronavirus fight

Members help launch site so merchants can sell goods, organize supplies to make sanitizer, and provide food to health care workers.



by **Ryan Hyland, Rotary International**

While Italy has been largely locked down to fight the coronavirus, members of the Rotary Club of Morimondo Abbazia have galvanized support **◆** and a measure of hope **◆** for people and businesses reeling from the effects of the pandemic.

Their efforts are addressing both immediate and long-term needs: donating meals to health care workers, organizing a supply chain to get the ingredients for liquid sanitizer, and helping businesses that depend on in-person commerce move their operations online.

Italy has been hit hard by COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, with more than 183,000 cases and 24,000 deaths, mainly in its northern region. The government took sweeping action in early March, essentially prohibiting all movement of people in the northern region and closing all nonessential businesses. Soon after, it expanded those restrictions to the entire country.

Italy's **◆** economy will be badly damaged, with small and medium-sized businesses affected the most. Club members in Morimondo, a town in northern Italy near Milan, wanted to help shops and merchants through the crisis.

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Good News, May 12, 2020

For a moment, it looked like our benefactor was getting off easy, but we knew our club would come through.

Dana Kennedy's 102-year-old grandmother started showing symptoms, got tested for the coronavirus, and came our negative. Also, Dana gave a shout out to the staff at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home for the conscientious job they are doing.



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Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Emelda LaVonne Williams
May 18th

Will Branch welcomed a baby boy into the family. His name is William Andrew.

Emelda Williams had good news -- she is still alive! -- and bad news, she won't tell how old she is.

Cherrise Jones-Branch turned in all her grades for the semester.

Hatton Weeks announced his 16-year-old made the Valley View cheer team.

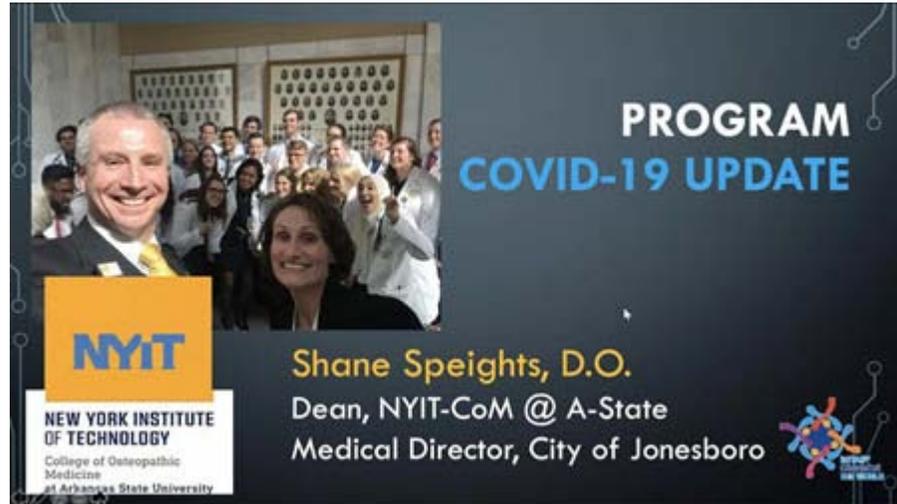
Jill Clogston went out to dinner for the first time since the pandemic and had a great time.

Marvin Day's oldest son finished his junior year in college. For four semesters in a row, he made all A's and one B, and is getting two degrees, one in finance and one in business marketing.

May 12, 2020 Online Meeting Video featuring Dr. Shane Speights

Our May 12, 2020 meeting featured Dr. Shane Speights, D.O., Dean, NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro Arkansas & Medical Director, City of Jonesboro presented our online meeting program on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - COVID-19 Update.

You can view the meeting by clicking below:



Last Week's Program, May 12, 2020



Dr. Shane Speights, Dean of NYIT and Medical Director of the City of Jonesboro, gave an excellent program on the COVID-19 update.

Basic information: the coronavirus enters through the body through the nose. From there it migrates to the lungs and the heart. Since it is a virus, antibiotics don't work on it. It is very contagious and can be spread though the host is asymptomatic. Those at risk are people over 65; those with chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity; and younger persons who can get Cytokine storm and Kawasaki Disease. The protocol for preventing COVID-19 are handwashing, not touching the face, wearing masks, and keeping social distance of 6 feet or more.

There are few medicines to treat COVID-19, such as remdesivir for critical patients. Over 300 trials are now ongoing. There is no vaccine and probably won't be until mid 2021.

Will we be immune to COVID-19 if we get it? Probably but that depends on the extent that we had it. The immunity will last for 2-3 years, but it is not clear.

When we flatten the curve, we will have the same number of people infected with the virus, but that infection will be spread out a longer time. Flattening the curve preventing our health care system from being overwhelmed. To date, Craighead County has 97 positive cases.

Right now we are in phase one of reopening the economy. What can we expect?

James R. Peachey
May 19th
Gerard T. Connors Jr.
May 25th
Michael R. Weaver
May 28th
Jonathan Smith
June 1st
Lori Chandler
June 2nd
Barbara J. Widner
June 5th
Erika Krennerich Chudy
June 11th
Mike Downing
June 14th

- there will be peaks and valleys into 2021
- there will be a vaccine sometime in 2021
- there will be better testing by August
- schools will open in August
- we will have to protect the most vulnerable
- we will have to fight Public Pandemic Fatigue

People won't tolerate another lockdown.

The information about the coronavirus changes every day.

Dr. Speights illustrated his points with several graphs. He promised to come back in a month for another update.

For more detailed information, click on the YouTube video of the May 12 meeting.

Report Card - May 12, 2020

Membership

Total Active Members - 144

Active members - 49

Active-Modern - 11

Active-Partner - 6

Active-Service - 50

Active-LOA - 0

◆Active Rule of 85◆ members - 28

Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 55

Active Members - 51

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 2

Guests - 2

Honorary - 0

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