



## The Big Wheel

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## This Week's Program - November 24, 2020



### *This week is Club Assembly!*

Having a weekly program can be very informative, but sometimes we have personal club business to take care of, such as inducting new members, recognizing Paul Harris fellows, and talking about what we plan to do in the coming months.

Tune in to hear what's going on in our Rotary club.

## Bring Your Coffee

Don't forget about our service project! We are collecting coffee donations for Helping Neighbors to put in Senior Packs. Senior Packs are food donations given to senior citizens. They consist of basic foods to help seniors make ends meet. Coffee is most requested.

Take your coffee donations to Focus Bank on Red Wolf. Or send checks made out to Rotary Club of Jonesboro to either Focus Bank, 2525 Red Wolf Blvd. (72401) or the Club ♦s P. O. Box 654, Jonesboro, AR 72403. Please write ♦Helping Neighbors♦ or ♦Senior Pack♦ in the memo line.



On Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, our club will deliver the coffee and donated funds to representatives of the Pantry. Because the coffee is part of a ♦Senior Pack♦, the packages need to be somewhat uniform (10-14 oz.?). The least expensive brands sell for \$2.49 at Bill ♦s, Food Smart, and Harps (see photo).

Donations such as this are especially important during the pandemic. Let ♦s make Christmas a little bit better for some of our neighbors.

## Hunger hits home: The pandemic reminds us that food insecurity isn't just ♦over there♦

### Hunger and malnutrition unleashed by COVID-19 could carry the impact of the pandemic far into the future

by **Roger Thurow**

Late 2019, just before the coronavirus began its relentless march around the world, I joined a group of fourth graders in their crowded classroom in an Ethiopian village. Their teacher posed an adventurous question to the students: What would you like to be one day?

- ♦I would like to be a nurse and help people.♦
- ♦A doctor!♦
- ♦A teacher or a businessman.♦

They were answers you might hear in any fourth grade classroom, anywhere in the world. But this was no ordinary group of elementary school pupils, so I asked a follow-up question: How old are you?

The answers: 18, 18, and 21.

At the time of my visit, I saw this classroom ♦ with half of its students aged 18 and older ♦ as an indictment of humanity ♦s past neglect of nutrition and agricultural development, which had allowed



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## Events

All face-to-face events have been postponed due to the coronavirus.

Weekly meetings online.

**November 24** -- Weekly meeting. Club Assembly

**December 1** -- Weekly meeting. Polio Discussion, NYIT Dr. Bhavesh Joshi

**December 8** -- Weekly meeting. Cathelene Gray, principal of Nettleton STEAM and her STEAM facilitator Kelli Cochran

**December 15** -- Weekly meeting. Phil Shupe, North Little Rock Rotarian, water project in Brazil

## Birthdays



Orville Albert Guinn  
November 22nd

Chad Chadwick  
November 27th

hunger to persist in our world. Many of these students were young children in 2003 when, in the first great hunger crisis of the 21st century, 14 million Ethiopians, many of them children, faced starvation. For the children who survived, this severe early malnutrition often resulted in stunted bodies and brains.

In this classroom, I saw how stunting can become a life sentence of underachievement. It is highly unlikely that any of the students I met ◆ teenagers and young adults just now learning simple math and struggling to read ◆ will fulfill their ambitions of professional careers and their desires to help others. Lost potential is the consequence of a stunted generation: What might these young people have accomplished for themselves, their families, their community, their country ◆ for all of us ◆ had they not been malnourished as children?

Several weeks after my visit, the coronavirus pandemic shifted my perspective of what I had seen in this classroom. These students aren't simply showing us the effects of past malnutrition. They are giving us a glimpse into our post-pandemic future, a view of how the hunger and malnutrition unleashed by COVID-19 could carry the impact of the pandemic far into the future.

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## Good News, November 17, 2020

**Hatton Weeks** gave a shout out to educators. He told members that when they meet students face to face, teachers try to cram as much information into their lessons plans because they don't know when or if they will meet again.

**Sam Hummelstein** thanked **Hatton Weeks** for his recent Better Region 8 encouraging our state and national leaders to lead during the pandemic.

**Brian Rega** gave out a link telling about satellite Rotary clubs. For those who are interested in learning more about this medium, the link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91511986314?pwd=ZmZkdzZ0dzR5aUd5eU9vOUI0dz09>

## Nov 17, 2020 34th Online Meeting Izzy Jones, TeleHealth Access for Seniors

Our November 17, 2020 meeting featured Isabelle Jones, the Arkansas State Lead for the Nonprofit TeleHealth Access for Seniors. She's a sophomore Presidential Scholar at Boston college majoring in International Studies, with the goal of eventually attending medical school and working in the public health field.

TeleHealth Access for Seniors is a student-lead nonprofit founded by students at Yale in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides smartphones and tablets for elderly and low-income communities so they can connect with their physicians, friends, and family. Along with the devices, we provide comprehensive print-out guides and free virtual tech support to educate seniors on how to set up devices, telehealth apps, and FaceTime.

Click below to view the meeting.



Bill Skinner  
November 30th



Eugene J. Wing  
December 4th



Jennifer Hannah  
December 6th



Beverly C. Parker  
December 8th



Norman Edward  
Stafford  
December 8th



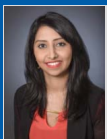
Al Poston  
December 9th



Julienne Pollard Penter  
December 11th



Neelam Joshi  
December 12th



Cherrisse R. Jones-  
Branch  
December 17th



Joy Vaupel  
December 20th



## November 17, 2020 Member Vocational - Chad Chadwick

Rotarian Chad Chadwick joined the Rotary Club of Jonesboro on March 12, 2019 under the classification of Banking / Management. As the Vice President and Branch Manager for Unico Bank in Jonesboro, Chad says his job is to make customers' lives a little easier. Chad reminded the club that his wife Cindy is a teacher at Valley View High School and serves as the Interact Sponsor which our club sponsors.

You can view the video by clicking below:



## Report Card - November 17, 2020

Membership  
Total Active Members - 130  
Active members - 49  
Active-Service - 43  
Active-Partner - 4  
Active-Modern - 9  
Active-LOA - 0  
◆Active Rule of 85◆ members - 25  
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 42  
Active Members - 40  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 0  
Guests - 2  
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