



## The Big Wheel

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## This Week's Program - December 8, 2020



### *Nettleton Students to Participate in International Space Station*

Cathelene Gray, principal of Nettleton STEAM, and her STEAM facilitator Kelli Cochran will be our speakers this week. STEAM is a 3rd-6th grade school that infuses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math into all areas of the curriculum. On December 10th their students will be participating with the International Space Station.

"We are so very excited to announce that Nettleton STEAM will be participating in an Educational In-Flight Downlink with the International Space Station. This means that a few of our students will be asking questions to astronauts

Kate Rubins and Shannon Walker live aboard the International Space Station. The event will take place on December 10th somewhere between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Watch our Nettleton STEAM Facebook page for updates on the exact time. The event will be broadcast live across the globe via NASA TV, NASA's website, Arkansas PBS's website, and Nettleton STEAM's Facebook live. We have partner schools across the globe that will be having watch parties."

"We hope you all will be able to tune in and join us for this historic event in Arkansas. "

Meanwhile, tune in Tuesday to our Rotary program for a preview.



## December 9 -- Christmas at the Park



On Wednesday, December 9, from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Rotary volunteers are needed to work Christmas at the Park. Rotarians are needed to serve as elves in the concession area. We need 10 volunteers. There is a training video that will be sent to volunteers. To register to volunteer for this event, click the link below.

[Christmas at the Park Volunteer Registration Link](#)

The event will be outdoors where we can socially distance and wear masks.

## Giving Tuesday has turned philanthropy into an event for everyone

**Participating in the online giving phenomenon makes altruism simpler**

by **Whet Moser**



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## Events

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

Weekly meetings online.

**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



[Jennifer Hannah](#)  
December 6th



[Beverly C. Parker](#)  
December 8th



[Norman Edward Stafford](#)  
December 8th

In 2019, the philanthropic event known as [Giving Tuesday](#) raised nearly \$2 billion. And eight years after its inception, what began in the United States as a day focused on monetary donations has expanded across the globe and transformed to include volunteering, finding ways to show gratitude, and educating people about the value of altruism. For Rotary, as for many other nonprofit organizations, Giving Tuesday has become an important part of the philanthropic calendar.

The idea came out of the [92nd Street Y](#) (short for the 92nd Street Young Men and Young Women Hebrew Association), a 146-year-old New York City institution similar to the YMCA that is well known for its cultural programming. The organization's reputation helped it get 1,400 other entities on board for the first Giving Tuesday. Several months before its 2012 debut on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving in the U.S., the idea was rolled out on Mashable, a tech news website that had partnered with the 92nd Street Y on previous undertakings.

The idea was extremely simple, says [Asha Curran, CEO of GivingTuesday](#), a spinoff nonprofit that organizes the event. Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday: a day to give following two days of consumption. The organizers reasoned that a weekday would work well because people are more likely to be in front of computers and on phones, making it easier to donate in response to a reminder. And the late-in-the-year date has another advantage: Research shows that philanthropists make a higher proportion of donations in the last three months of the calendar year, whether because they are focusing on tax write-offs or attuned to the arrival of the holiday season.

The event tapped into online giving culture by making the idea open to all. Giving Tuesday was shared and open-source: Beyond the event's thousands of partners, anyone could take up the Giving Tuesday banner and carry it forward for their own organization or any group they wanted to support.

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## Good News, December 1, 2020

Timothy Lee proposed to his girlfriend and she said yes!

## Last Week's Program, December 1, 2020



Dr. Bhavesh Joshi, DO, an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at NYIT-College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University, as well as Team Physician for Arkansas State University and Williams Baptist University Athletics, presented the program Tuesday, December 1. After first giving an update on polio in today's healthcare climate, Dr. Joshi paralled it with the coronavirus. The focus of his message was how advocacy will help us to overcome this deadly virus.

In 1900 the polio epidemic appeared in the United States. By 1940-50 polio had become widespread. Dr. Jonas Salk and Dr. Albert Bruce Sabin were the leaders in producing a vaccine. Salk produced a vaccine that had to be given as a shot; Sabin produced one that could be given orally. The oral vaccine was less expensive and could be administered by volunteers. Together these vaccines worked and in 1979 the United States saw its last case of paralytic polio. In 1994 there were no polio cases in the Americas. In 2020 polio was eradicated in Africa, leaving

only two countries that see polio: Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Polio was transmitted through fecal matter or the phelgm or mucus from an infected person. Of those infected 72% showed no symptoms, 25% showed flu-like symptoms, 3-5% showed symptoms which disappeared in 2-5 days, and a small number of people showed severe brain and spinal cord paralysis.

Parallels can be drawn in how the coronavirus attacks humans. Only a small number of people have symptoms so severe that they require hospitalization or that causes death. Vaccines are being developed to prevent COVID-19 but not everyone will take the vaccine. Reluctance or refusal to take the polio vaccine caused the illness to continue long after the cure was found.

Education is important in combatting the virus. We must promote personal hygiene. We must wash our hands often and thoroughly. We must wear a mask correctly, over the nose and mouth. We must take the vaccine. The public sector cannot provide all the education. Governments must help.

Advocacy is the biggest factor that will save lives.

## Report Card - December 1, 2020

Membership  
Total Active Members - 130



[Al Poston](#)  
December 9th



[Julienne Pollard Penter](#)  
December 11th



[Neelam Joshi](#)  
December 12th



[Cherisse R. Jones-Branch](#)  
December 17th



[Joy Vaupel](#)  
December 20th



[Jennifer L. Rega](#)  
December 25th



[Pamela Ann Haun](#)  
December 26th



[Robert S. Appleton](#)  
December 28th



[Jeremy Colton](#)  
December 28th



[Harry Puddephatt](#)  
December 30th

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 - 39  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 1  
Guests - 2  
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