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This Week's Program - August 10, 2021

Mitigating the Spread of the Delta Variant

As site dean for NYITCOM at Arkansas State University, Dr. Shane Speights leads faculty and students in academic and co-curricular activities while engaging in community outreach with hospitals and physicians in the Jonesboro and greater Delta region. Previously, Speights served as associate dean of clinical education for NYITCOM at Arkansas State.

Dr. Speights has talked to our club numerous times during the Covid pandemic, keeping us up to date and providing valuable information on what's being done to prevent Covid -19. Today he will provide us with the latest on the spread of the Delta Variant and what we can do to mitigate the spread.



Rotary projects around the globe

August 2021

by **Brad Webber**

Mexico

In Ciudad Juarez, one woman's work to protect children from street violence has blossomed into Soles de Anapra, a center serving some 80 young people. Since 2014, the Rotary Club of El Paso, Camino Real, Texas, had been donating goods to Lourdes Contreras for the after-school program she ran out of a small house. In 2015, the club decided to find her a bigger, better space. With \$25,000 donated by the 16 clubs in Ciudad Juarez and two partners in New Mexico — the Rotary clubs of Los Alamos and Silver City, frequent contributors and visitors to the center — and \$10,000 raised from a 5K run sponsored by the Eaton Corporation, the club purchased a 6,000-square-foot warehouse in 2016 and went to work. In April, the club completed a refurbishment of the building, carried out even as the pandemic temporarily halted the after-school program.

United States

In October, about a dozen Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Eau Claire Morning, Wisconsin, along with some of their family members, used a product called Invisible Spray to stencil temporary, water-activated artwork on sidewalks throughout the city. Rainworks, manufacturer of the hydrophobic, nontoxic liquid spray, donated the product, which allows users to create designs that only appear when the sidewalks get wet. At a cost of about \$130, 16 ounces can cover up to 110 square feet. "We thought in the difficult times of the pandemic, we could bring smiles to our community and inspire other organizations to do the same," says Sarah Stackhouse, a co-president of the club. A "thank you" below an image of a firefighter's hat was traced outside a fire station, while a drawing at the entrance to a theater featured musical notes and suggested "singing in the rain."

France

The Rotary Club of Nice Riviera Côte d'Azur has tackled an outside number of projects in France and beyond in recent years. It worked with a sister club, the Rotary Club of Norwich, England, to install a rainwater recovery system in Ho, Ghana, and has done fundraising for cancer research. The Rotarians also donated to a charity that purchased garden planters valued at more than \$6,000 for local pediatric medical facilities in Nice. The club also raises funds for cancer research. At local grocery stores, in exchange for a donation of 1 €, club members offer tokens used to unlock shopping carts.

South Africa

When COVID-19 shutdowns heightened hunger in his country, Rex Ifechukwude Omameh turned his



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Events

Meetings are online and in person.

August 10 ♦ Weekly
meeting. Dr. Shane
Speights, Dean, NYIT

family's living room into a sandwich assembly area to prepare food for those in need. Omameh, who is a member of the Rotaract Club of Blouberg and the Rotary Club of Blouberg, and his family members made the effort a Friday tradition. Fellow Rotaractors sometimes help prepare the sandwiches, and most of the food is given to the Milnerton Community Action Network for distribution. Omameh has spent more than \$1,500 on food, and a bread company has also pitched in to provide some of the bread and soup. Omameh also received contributions to defray the project's costs as a birthday present.

Sri Lanka

With 11,000 followers on Facebook and nearly 3,000 on Instagram, the Rotaract Club of Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT) collects clicks when it takes on a cause. In September, the 331-member club wrapped up an initiative to use those social media platforms, as well as its YouTube channel, to promote pandemic-stricken businesses in and around Colombo, one of the nation's two capital cities. The Rotaractors produced and posted 10 video interviews with the operators of various enterprises, including bakeries, an event-organizing company, and an auto parts supplier. ♦ Many small business owners faced a lot of downfalls in surviving the crisis, ♦ says Sharoni Anthony, a club member. ♦ We hoped to make the public aware of them and their amazing products and services. ♦

Good News, August 3, 2021

Al Poston carried the mic for Good News.

Kraig Pomrenke worked at a fundraiser last weekend for Stuff the Bus by holding a dog wash.

Nanette Heard thanked those who brought backpacks to donate to Stuff the Bus. Stuff the Bus will happen this weekend, August 7 near Wal-Mart.

Jill Clogston's son has purchased a new home in Jonesboro and will move in this Saturday.

Emelda Williams was glad to be at Rotary.

August 3, 2021 CASA Transition Program: Aging Out of Foster Care 8/3/21 with Jeremy Irvin & Michael

Our August 3, 2021 program was presented by Jeremy Irvin, CASA Advocate Coordinator for Greene and Clay Counties, and Michael Graham, Coordinator for Poinsett County.

Growing up in foster care can be challenging, but many of the biggest problems foster children face, occur after they age out of the system. Our local CASA organizations are working on a Transition Program to equip these young people with the various skills they need to be successful as they transition out of the system. This transition program will provide education and connections and most importantly help these young adults gain confidence and obtain self-sufficiency.

Jeremy Irvin, CASA Advocate Coordinator for Greene and Clay Counties, along with Michael Graham, Coordinator for Poinsett County, shared vital information to our club about this Transition Program.

Learn more about the Northeast Arkansas CASA programs including how to volunteer:
<http://www.neacasa.org>

You can view the meeting by clicking below:

College of Osteopathic Medicine- A-State. Update on the new COVID Delta Variant.

August 17 ♦ Weekly meeting. Club Assembly.

August 24 ♦ Weekly meeting. Michele Blasengame, member of Stuggart Rotary Club, will speak on the Arkansas Water Fowl Hall of Fame and Museum in Stuttgart and also a bit about her work in Rotary in Stuttgart.

August 31 ♦ Weekly meeting. Alan McClain, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner.

Birthdays



Carl M. Cates
August 8th



Milton Wayne Harbison
August 8th



Rick J. Terry
August 10th



Kristy L. Cates
August 16th



James L. Morgan
August 16th



Photos from the August 3, 2021 Meeting



Report Card 8/3/2021

Membership

Total Active Members - 127
Active members - 48
Active-Service - 44
Active-Partner - 4
Active-Modern - 8
Active-LOA - 0
♦Active Rule of 85♦ members - 23
Honorary members - 7

Total Attendance - 32
Active Members - 28
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 1
Guests - 3
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