



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of February 1, 2021

### Upcoming Programs:

February 3, 2021

*Dushun Scarbrough,  
Arkansas MLK Commission  
Black History Month*

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92352130589>

February 10, 2021

*Dr. David Rankin,  
Economics in the midst of Covid*

### Ted Thompson, Project HOPE Food Bank



**Rotarian Mark Fleischner** introduced our speaker, Ted Thompson, who is the Executive Director of the Project HOPE Food Bank. Having moved to Hot Springs from Wichita, Kansas, Thompson started the food bank 18 months after the original Project HOPE coalition folded.

Project HOPE is totally funded by grants and community support and distributes food to 45 non-profit agencies in 9 different counties.

They purchase food at wholesale prices in large lots to best utilize the funds available. Much of their food is distributed in their "Emergency Food Boxes", which contain 45 lbs. of food that will likely feed four people for one week. These are completely free to individuals and go to social agencies who can identify those most in need.

The Covid pandemic has increased the need for supplies in the Food Bank but they also found quickly that the food supply was also negatively impacted. Fortunately, Thompson was tipped by a supplier that this could possibly happen, so they were able to stock up on extra food. However, with some of the agencies shutting down and the volunteer base decreasing, the need for these emergency food boxes increased dramatically. In 2019, Project HOPE provided 890 emergency food boxes; in 2020 it almost doubled to 1,580. They also have a backpack program (backpacks filled with food) that are provided in 17 area schools. Those also increased from 112,000 in 2019 to 176,000 in 2020. In total during 2020, they distributed 1.1 million pounds of food in their 9 county area.

Thompson says every penny is squeezed toward food purchases and that volunteers are always needed at the Food Bank. If you'd like to help or for more information you can go to their website at [www.projecthopefoodbank.org](http://www.projecthopefoodbank.org) or call 501-623-3663.



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### The 4-Way Test



Pledge ♦ Corey Alderdice

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## Student Guests

Rotarian **Cheryl Stafford** introduced our student guest, Jacob Heffington, a Senior from Hot Springs World Class High School. Jacob, who is a member and Secretary of the Hot Springs High School Interact Club for the past two years, and feels very blessed to be an active participant in the Arts Community, including the Documentary Film Festival. Other activities include the National Honor Society, as well as the Robotics team where he is the Lead Programmer. He enjoys advanced computer classes and all robotics courses. His tentative plan is to attend Arkansas Tech, but no matter where he goes to college, he plans to major in Computer Science with an emphasis on Education.

## Guests

Rotarian **Dr. Jack Porter** introduced his guest, Ms. Kari Bars with Brookfield Senior Living and Memory Care.

## Satellite Club News

Congratulations to **Richard Burke III** on his recent election to Chair Elect for the HSNP Rotary After Hours Satellite Club. Burke will be the Chair for the Satellite Club for the Rotary Year 2021-22, beginning in July, 2021. Congrats, Richard!

### Operation LOVE

**Food Drive for First Responders & Medical Staff**

**Please help and donate today.**

**Jan 15<sup>th</sup>-February 13<sup>th</sup>.**



HSNP After Hours Satellite Rotary Club's February service project will be "Operation Love", a snack/food drive to help stock up the break rooms for the first responders and the nurses at CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs COVID ward. There are drop off locations at all the 3 Habitat For Humanity Restores as well at The Parlour, R&C Coffee and Collectables, and the lobby at Resort Cable. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Satellite Chair **Romeo Lopez** at [rlopez@garlandcountyhabitat.org](mailto:rlopez@garlandcountyhabitat.org)



Food drive held for medical workers fighting COVID-19

Food and other items are being collected around town as part of a drive to thank the first responders and medical staffs who have spent months fighting on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic at CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs.

## Birthdays

- Jack C. Porter  
January 29th
- Richard Herrington Jr.  
January 29th
- Daniel E. Disney  
February 5th
- William Solleder  
February 6th
- Michelle Ratcliff  
February 9th
- Neal Harrington  
February 12th
- John D. Selig  
February 20th
- Jared Zeiser  
February 22nd
- Michael Raub  
February 28th

## Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held **via Zoom** on **Tuesday, February 9 at noon**. All membership is invited to join us, especially new members who are trying to earn that coveted Blue Badge!

Please let President Launius or Donna K know that you are interested in joining us so we can send you the appropriate meeting link.

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## Announcements

Our **student guest program** is going great! But we need your help to schedule more students! If you have a relationship with, or know of a high school senior who would like to participate in our student guest program, please reach out to our Student Guest Committee Chair, **Linda Ragsdale** (lindarags6032@gmail.com). Linda is working with school counselors to get these arranged. Due to the Covid changes in our meetings, students will join us once via Zoom to observe our meeting and speak to us on their second virtual visit.

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The application for **HSNP Scholarships** is now online with a deadline for application of **February 1**. [CLICK HERE](#) for the scholarship application. Please share with friends and/or on social media!

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## President Chuck Launius



74 years ago today, the founder of Rotary, Mr. Paul Harris, passed away. Yet the impact he made lives on and grows through clubs like ours.

What this man began with four members in Chicago almost 115 plus years ago has now become the top service organization in the world with over 1.2 million members united in service and fellowship.

My favorite quote by Mr. Harris is one I consider to be the foundation of Rotary: *"It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement."*

This is why Rotary is a non-political, non-religious humanitarian organization concerned with, or seeking to, promote human welfare. First, we are non-political and non-religious and then we focus on matters for those in need. We are a humanitarian club.

What does being a humanitarian consist of? Well, it is assisting in providing "food, clothing, housing, education and medical care to those in need."

You see the government programs we know today did not exist 115 years ago, so the welfare for those in need were dependent on organizations like Rotary, as well as various religious groups.

Whether it is a food drive, vaccinating for polio, promoting scholarships for youth, volunteering for building homes or having a coat drive, it is all centered around people and providing those in need with assistance.

Other words for humanitarian are charitable, helper, generous, compassionate, good and kind. So going back to the previous quote of Paul Harris, ♦It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement." The matters in which we are in agreement are providing humanitarian aid to those in need.

Quite simple isn't it? And frankly, it is the reason we are the largest service organization in the world.

One Rotarian with one idea coupled with the resources of a club and a district in which we all find common agreement to provide resources for humanitarian need such as food, clothing, housing, education and health. Powerful isn't it?

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## Links to view previous Rotary Zoom Meetings

To view this week's presentation:

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the January 27, 2021 presentation by **Ted Thompson with Project HOPE Food Bank**.

*For these previous recordings:*

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the January 6, 2021 presentation by Rotarian **Dr. Gene Shelby** who gave us a **Covid update on Garland County**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the January 13, 2021 presentation by **Bonnie Swayze with Alliance Rubber Company**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the January 20, 2021 presentation by **Wayne Smith with Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort**.

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## Thought for the Week

*The best way to cheer yourself up  
is to try to cheer someone else up.*

*~Mark Twain*

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