



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of February 15, 2021

Upcoming Programs:

February 17, 2021

Arkansas Lt. Governor Tim Griffin
 President's Day

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96036563924>

February 24, 2021

Laura Miller and Ashley Waymouth
 Hot Springs National Park 100th Anniversary

Dr. David Rankin, President Emeritus Southern Arkansas University



President Chuck introduced speaker **Dr. David Rankin**, President Emeritus of Southern Arkansas University, where he served 46 years, with 13 of those years as President. He has served as the Economic Advisor to Arkansas Governors since 1976 and currently is Chairman of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors. In addition, the Americanism Educational League Award for excellence in teaching Free Enterprise Economics was awarded to Rankin multiple times. Dr. Rankin's message concentrated on the economy during the Covid crisis. Quoting *A Tale of Two Cities*, Rankin considered



2020 as "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times", as January and February, 2020, our economy was extremely strong and then in March, Covid created the biggest economic dislocation since the Great Depression. Many state governments shut down their whole economy by creating lockdowns. Arkansas was fortunate that our governor chose not to do that, as Rankin is convinced that lockdowns do not work. As Elon Musk is quoted: "If you don't make stuff, there is no stuff". By March, the economy was in trouble. The bipartisan Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020 bringing a \$2 trillion economic relief package providing fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families and small businesses, thus preserving jobs for our American industries. This was necessary as the shutdowns are what broke the economy and it was up to the government to fix it. Rankin is concerned with the current administration's proposed stimulus, especially the \$15 minimum wage, as it does not take into account the cost of living in certain areas. To have the same minimum wage in New York City and in small town Arkansas is not fair due to the cost of living differences. "The federal government needs to get out of the minimum wage business and let the states do it."

Dr. Rankin feels that the best way to get the economy completely open is to get the vaccine to the right groups first. Looking at the survival rates, it is obvious those over 65 have the highest mortality rates and he hopes that by March, we will have everyone over 65 vaccinated. Since youth and younger adults have an extremely high survival rate, Dr. Rankin feels that we need to get all schools open now. Rankin also feels individuals need to pay attention to the **5 Principles of Capitalism**:

- * Private Property
- * Competition
- * Supply and Demand (The Price System)

Club Leaders



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 President



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 President-Elect
 Club Programs Chair



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 President-Nominee
 Vice President Membership Chair



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 Secretary



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 Club Director - Community Services



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 Club Director - Administration



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 Club Director Youth Services Chair

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*** The Role of Profit
* A Limited Economic Role for Government**

The economy can be crashed by violating these principles so we need to pay close attention to these gauges or bad things can happen. And remember first and foremost that "**freedom is key**". For more information including his book that he has offered to autograph, go to Dr. Rankin's website at: www.DavidFRankin.com

The 4-Way Test



Invocation - **Richard Herrington**

Pledge ♦ **Dana Lambert**

The 4 Way Test ♦ **Cheryl Stafford**



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iPast President



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Assistant Governor

Birthdays

Neal Harrington
February 12th

John D. Selig
February 20th

Jared Zeiser
February 22nd

Michael Raub
February 28th

Scott Green
March 1st

Carol Hollingshead
March 2nd

Billy J Burrough Jr.
March 11th

Jean E. Wallace
March 15th

John S Stobaugh
March 16th

Justin Nicklas
March 21st

Brenda Brooks
March 22nd

E. Brad Hudgens
March 25th

S. Robert Zunick
March 30th

Student Guests



Rotarian **Christi Nation** introduced her niece, Lauren Boston, who is a Senior at Lakeside High School. Lauren will be our student guest speaker next Wednesday, February 17.

Rotarian **Cheryl Stafford** introduced our student guest speaker, Sydney Crabtree, pictured left and a senior at ASMSA. Sydney was joined at our meeting by Ms. Ernestine Ross, an Oaklawn Rotarian and one of Sydney's teachers. Sydney came to ASMSA from her hometown of Lavaca, which is outside of Ft. Smith. She was a very active student before coming to ASMSA, being part of Beta Club, FBLA and the Gifted and Talented program. At ASMSA, she is an admissions delegate and has submitted work to the Governor's Young Artist program. She loves reading, movies, being with her friends and taking naps.

Obviously she doesn't spend a lot of time napping, as she will graduate this spring having completed 40 collegiate hours! She plans to stay in Arkansas for college.

Guests

Rotarian **Tiffany Tucker** introduced our guest, Beth Ann Rankin, daughter of our speaker and former Miss Arkansas 1994.

Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held **via Zoom on Tuesday, March 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.

Satellite Club News

The HSNP Rotary After Hours Satellite Club met on Tuesday, February 9 featuring speakers **Dr. David Montague and author Paige Bowers**.

Dr. David R. Montague is the Executive Director of Online Learning and Faculty Mentoring at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and is a tenured, Full Professor of Criminal Justice. In this role under the university's provost, he oversees all aspects related to administration and innovation for online learning at the university and the university's program to mentor new faculty. He earned a PhD at Howard University in Political Science, an MA at The George Washington University in Crime and Commerce, and a BA at Morehouse College in Political Science.

Dr. Montague completed federal investigations for fourteen years in law enforcement and intelligence capacities working for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as a federal drug diversion investigator, the United States JFK Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) as the agency's senior investigator, and later as a consultant on national security matters with US Investigations Services, Inc. He has lectured on Asset Forfeiture at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia and was a member of the founding faculty of the PhD Program in Organizational Leadership at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. [◆ \(David Montague - School of Criminal Justice \(ualr.edu\)\)](http://ualr.edu)

Paige Bowers is the author of *THE GENERAL'S NIECE: The Little-Known de Gaulle Who Fought to Free Occupied France*. Paige is a nationally published news and features writer whose work has appeared in TIME, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, People, Allure, Thomson Reuters, Glamour, Pregnancy, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Atlanta Magazine and Palm Beach Illustrated.

◆ A lifelong Francophile, Paige earned a master's degree in Modern European history from Louisiana State University in 2012, and has taught French history classes for LSU Continuing Education. She is represented by Jane Dystel of Dystel, Goderich & Bourret, L.L.C. [◆ \(paigebowers.com\)](http://paigebowers.com)

Dr. Montague (son of the late Raye Montague) and Paige Bowers co-wrote the book, *Overnight Code: The Life of Raye Montague, The Woman Who Revolutionized Naval Engineering*. They did an awesome job discussing the book and the life of this amazing lady. To be truly inspired by Raye's courage and tenacity you should buy the book!

Overview from Barnes and Noble [◆](#)..

◆ The inspiring story of a groundbreaking African American woman engineer who created the first computer-designed ship for the US Navy

"Overnight Code is a must-read for anyone seeking inspiration to overcome social barriers and to shatter glass ceilings." [◆ Carolyn Porter, Marcel's Letters: A Font and the Search for One Man's Fate](#) The inspiring story of a groundbreaking African American female engineer who created the first computer-designed ship for the US Navy Raye Montague was an ambitious little girl in segregated Little Rock. She grew to be a woman who spent a lifetime educating herself, both inside and outside of the classroom, so that she could become the person and professional she aspired to be. Where some saw roadblocks, Montague only saw hurdles that needed to be overcome. Her mindset helped her become the first person to draft a naval ship design by computer, using a program she worked late nights to debug. She did this as a single mother during the height of the Cold War, all the while imbuing her son with the hard-won wisdom she had accumulated throughout the years. Equal parts coming-of-age tale, civil rights history, and reflection on the power of education, Overnight Code is a tale about persistence and perseverance when the odds against you seem insurmountable. [◆](#)

At their January 28, 2021 meeting, the After Hours Satellite Club voted on Club Officers for Rotary year 2021-2022. The new Club Officers are:

Richard Burke- Chairman

Jamie Launius-Secretary

Carter Zeiser- Treasurer

The Chair [◆](#) Elect will be voted on in December of this year.

Thank you for those who participated and congratulations to our upcoming leaders!

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

Operation L♥VE

Food Drive for First Responders & Medical Staff

Please help and donate today.

Jan 15th-February 13th.



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 or for more information, please reach out to Satellite Chair **Romeo Lopez** at 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.

The next project will be "**Adopt a Street Program**" once it is approved. There is a requirement of at least 6 times a year and preferably one of those on **Arkansas Trash Bash** day, which is around Labor Day weekend. The street of interest is Mountain Valley St. off Park Avenue. The service will be cleaning up in the area and bagging up trash with city provided supplies and pick up. Please reach out to **Chair Romeo** if you'd like to participate with this Program.

Rotary Minute



Rotarian **Dick Gladden** brought us another message about how Rotarians have an impact all over the world.

In 1996, polio had paralyzed more than 75,000 children across Africa. Rotary International realized they needed a champion to help kick polio out of Africa. They found that champion in Nelson Mandela. They went village to village to hand deliver the vaccines and held soccer matches to help fund the program. By the end of the year, over 60 million children had been vaccinated. Ending polio became an obligation; not an option. Since that year, billions of oral polio vaccines have been provided, averting an estimated 1.8 million cases of the polio virus.

This is another great example of the Rotary motto: "**Service Above Self**".

Announcements

Rotarian and Past President **Michelle Ratcliff** announced that there will be a warming shelter beginning tomorrow (Thursday, February 11) at First Methodist Church and there is a need for volunteers and/or financial support. The volunteer shifts will be in three hour increments: 9-12pm; 12-3pm; and 3-6pm. You can register to serve as a volunteer or make a financial donation at www.stlukeshs.org.

President **Chuck** congratulated President Elect **Tiffany Tucker** and the Scholarship Trust Board members for the strong leadership they have provided with the Scholarship Trust Fund. This board is separate from the Rotary Board and has done an outstanding job ensuring that we have funding available now and in the future for scholarships for our area students. Rotarian **Sara Brown** has been selected as the new Chair for the Scholarship Trust Fund Board.

The Scholarship Committee is in the vetting process of the 47 scholarship applicants. More information will be coming regarding this year's recipients and how the scholarships will be presented within pandemic guidelines.

The HSNP Rotary Club Board of Directors have made a slight change in our **Birthday Donation** letter. As most of you know, in the past we have requested that each Rotarian consider making a donation to the Boy Scout Troup 1, which our club was instrumental in starting many years ago. Beginning with the February birthdays, you will now have a choice between four programs that our Club has supported over the years:

- * *The Scholarship Trust Fund*
- * *The Polio Plus Program*

* *Imagination Library (which our club also helped start)*

* *Boy Scout Troup 1*

The process will be the same: you will receive an email notice during the month of your birthday and if you so choose, you can respond to the email with your selection of one or more programs and the amount you'd like to donate. Donna K will include that donation on your next monthly statement. If you have any questions, as always, you can reach out to Donna K at hsnprotaryclub@gmail.com.

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.

President Chuck Launius



The leadership of our city and county reached a monumental agreement this week regarding the water distribution throughout our county. This signals a new era of cooperation between the two governments. Many HSNP Rotarians serving in their community leadership positions were part of this accomplishment so thank you all for your hard work and commitment. We all know it was not an easy task but progress never is such an easy task. This accomplishment along with other infrastructure improvements such as our highway system with the recently completion of Hwy 70 East and the future extension of our bypass to Hwy 7/5 North; the continued expansion of lanes on Hwy 7 South; the expansion of lanes on Park Avenue North as well as the same for Hwy 270 West is another piece of the puzzle for Garland County and Hot Springs's future growth.

Then of course, we have the most beautiful water tower built behind Lowes for the future expansion of our water capacity that soon will come on-line. All of this makes me certainly **Bullish** on Garland County and Hot Springs.

I am also **Bullish** on the future of Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club. Our club remains strong, committed and serving even during a pandemic. As Hot Springs and Garland County continue to grow so will Hot Springs National Park Rotary. We continue to focus on membership value and service to others. We still have tasks this year that are not yet completed such as raising additional money for Polio Plus program as well as membership growth.

Though we have not gathered in person for almost 10 months, we have seen very little fall off in regards to membership and thank all of you for staying loyal to our Rotary club.

So I ask, why not grow our membership? I've always felt that all it takes is to **Ask** and many times by just **Asking** you can see someone receive the privilege to be part of our wonderful club.

You can ask yourself, does that person have our values?

Would this person enjoy good fellowship?

Would this person enjoy having access to dynamic speakers?

Does that person have the desire to serve others?

Think of someone you know personally that would benefit from being part of Hot Springs National Park Rotary or Hot Springs National Park Rotary After Hours Satellite Club and simply ask them if they would like to attend.

I think we might find that many out there long to be part of something bigger, something rewarding and something valuable to themselves. It only takes someone **Asking** and then it all falls into place from that point even if it is in a Zoom world.

So again, do they share our values, would they enjoy our fellowship and speakers and do they enjoy serving others? If so, then simply **Ask** them to be your guest.

Thank you for all you do and thank you for your always encouraging words during this Rotary year.

Service Above Self!

Links to view previous Rotary Zoom Meetings

To view this week's presentation:

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the February 10, 2021 presentation by **Dr. David Rankin**, President Emeritus of

Southern Arkansas University who spoke about **Economics in the midst of Covid.**

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.**

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

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the February 3, 2021 presentation by **Dushun Scarbrough, Executive Director of the Arkansas MLK Commission.**

Thought for the Week

*Spread love wherever you go.
Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.
~Mother Theresa*
