



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of November 9, 2020

Upcoming Programs:

November 11, 2020

Nate Todd, Arkansas Secretary of Veteran's Affairs
[CLICK HERE](#) for the program

November 18, 2020

James Bullard, President & CEO
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

November 25, 2020

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY/NO MEETING

Holiday Schedule



The Holiday Season is about to begin, folks! Here is our schedule of meetings for the next two months:
November 11 and November 18 we WILL have Zoom meetings
NO MEETING on November 25

December 2 and December 9 we WILL have Zoom meetings
December 10 at 6:30 pm, we will have our **HOLIDAY ART EVENT** (see info below)
NO MEETING on December 16, December 23, and December 30

Club Leaders



[Chuck E. Launius](#)
President



[Tiffany Tucker](#)
President-Elect
Club Programs Chair



[Neal C. Gladner](#)
President-Nominee
Vice President
Membership Chair



[Gary McQuin](#)
Secretary



[Courtney W. Moore](#)
Treasurer



[Rollin Caristianos](#)
Club Director - Community Services



[Harmony Hurst Morrissey](#)
Club Director - Meetings & Activities



[Justin Nicklas](#)
Club Director - Administration



[Tiffany B. Rogers](#)
Club Director
Youth Services Chair

[Arthur D. Floyd](#)

Mark Holt, Riceland Foods VP of Sales

President-Elect **Tiffany Tucker** introduced our speaker, Mark Holt, who is VP of Sales for Riceland Foods. Since he had a technical issue and we couldn't see him on the Zoom link, your editor hopes that he looks like his picture at right.

Riceland began in 1921 as a co-op by 7-8 farmers who wanted to



sell their rice crops for a fair price. The previous year, their crops had been taken to New Orleans by a broker for sale and by the time the crops arrived, the market had taken a swift downturn. Instead of receiving a check for their crops, they were presented with an invoice. That motivated them to take action and Riceland



Foods was born.

Today, they employ over 2,000 people and have over a \$1 billion in revenue. Any rice that we purchase in our grocery stores today (other than basmati and jasmine rice) are likely to be a Riceland product. The Covid pandemic led to a huge boost in demand as rice was one of the things that people were stocking up on. Holt said that they had plenty of product, but that transportation was the main issue during that period. Finally in July, the demand subsided and things have returned somewhat to normal. With their research and tech centers, different types of rice are being planned and Holt said he thinks that there would be a low-carb rice in the future.

Riceland Rice is not only sold as just rice, but is also used in Budlite and Michelob Ultra beers. They also sell to several restaurants, including Chipotle.



Sergeant-at-Arms



[Donna K Smith](#)
Club
Executive Secretary



[Stephanie Alderdice](#)
Webmaster



[Michelle Ratcliff](#)
iPast President



[Candace M Young](#)
Assistant Governor

The 4-Way Test



Invocation - **Raymond Wright**

Pledge ♦ **Paulette Johnson**

The 4 Way Test ♦ **Richard Herrington**



Birthdays

- Marcia Hearnberger
November 7th
- James Michael Tuohey
November 7th
- David M. Bush
November 8th
- Ronnie G. Allison Jr.
November 18th
- Kathy H. Taylor
November 18th
- John H. Brunner
November 18th
- John P. Hoefl
November 22nd
- Valerie Williams
November 24th
- Clay P. Farrar Jr.
November 27th
- Linda L. Ragsdale
November 28th
- Holly Haggard
December 7th
- Roxanne Butterfield
December 7th
- Larry A. Bailey
December 8th
- Dana M. Lambert
December 8th
- Kim Carter
December 9th
- Maria Woodward
December 10th

Student Guests



Student Guest Committee Chair **Linda Ragsdale** introduced **Joshua McEarl**, a student guest from Jessieville High School for his first visit. We look forward to hearing him speak during our Zoom meeting next week.

Kaylee Mitchell, a Senior from Jessieville High School, addressed our club to describe how her Senior year has "not been as expected" due to Covid. As a teacher's aide for a Kindergarten Class, she tries to work through this by helping those children deal with all the changes. Kaylee plans to pursue an Early Education Degree at either Ouachita Baptist University or the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. She also plans to get her Masters Degree in Education, as well.

Holiday Art Event

****PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE****

As you probably assumed, due to the pandemic, we will not be able to have our annual Holiday Dinner Party. But thanks to our Fellowship Committee's creativeness, we will have a **Virtual Art Event** at 6:30 pm on **December 10**. Artist **Anthony Tidwell** will



lead us in painting a holiday canvas via Zoom and it sounds like it will be so much fun! The Club will provide all members who want to participate with a canvas and supplies, so there will be no cost to members at all. There will be more info coming soon, but please respond to Donna K at hsnprotaryclub@gmail.com if you are interested in participating so we can get an accurate number of folks. You are welcome to have your children or family members join you, so please let Donna K know how many kits you will need! Thanks to **Sissi Bennett** (Chair) and the **Fellowship Committee** for their hard work and dedication to having a Holiday Social of another kind during this crazy time!

Forrest L. Spicher II
December 10th
Parth Patel
December 14th
Lance A. Porter
December 18th
Gene R. Hall
December 18th
Chris Franklin
December 21st
Lynn E. Endicott
December 25th
Roger Giddings
December 25th
Cecil W. Cupp III
December 26th
Les A. Warren
December 29th
Gary McKuin
December 30th

Celebrate these Rotarians



Congratulations to HSNP Rotarian **Richard McGrew** on his election to serve as Arkansas State Representative for District 22.

Economic Minute



Past President **Gary Troutman** gave the following update: Troutman, Past President **Michelle Ratcliff** and Cole McCaskill attended the virtual International Economic Conference; the Chamber hosted the One Voice Legislation conference to discuss issues on the ballot; Troutman met with new Representative Elect Rick McClure of Malvern; Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge held her Hot Springs/Garland County Roundtable meeting at the Chamber with attendees consisting of elected officials, law enforcement officials, and community leaders; Rick Neal, workforce guru, returned and spent some time with area Superintendents; and last but certainly not least.....the Chamber also hosted a **LIVE EVENT**: The 2020 Business Expo with 45 booths!

Announcements

We have begun hosting **student guests** in our Zoom world! 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.

Rotarian **Cindy Wagstaff**, Chair of the Community Enhancement Committee, announced that we are sponsoring a **Coat Drive** October 19 through November 14 benefitting the Salvation Army and Ouachita Children, Youth and Family Services (formerly OCC). Everyone can go through their closets and grab those coats that you and/or your family no longer wear. Drop off sites will be:

Resort Cable (410 Airport Road)
All Things Arkansas (610-C Central Ave)
OCYFS Prevention Programs Office (Rix Bldg, 1401 Malvern Ave., Ste. 22)
All Salvation Army Thrift Stores (115 Crescent St., 4409 Central Ave., and 4652 N Hwy 7)



Hot Springs National Park
Rotary 

Winter
**COAT
DRIVE**

OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 14

BENEFITTING




MENS ■ WOMENS ■ YOUTH | DROP OFF FRESHLY LAUNDERED OR NEW COATS AT ONE OF THESE LOCATIONS:

Resort TV Cable 410 Airport Rd. Suite H	All Things Arkansas 610-C Central Ave.	Salvation Army Thrift Stores 115 Crescent Ave. 4409 Central Ave. 4652 N. Highway 7	OCYFS Preventions Program Office Rix Building 1401 Malvern Ave., Ste. 22
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Rotarian Diane LaFollette announced that the TRF Grants Committee has a great volunteer opportunity for all Rotarians. Since we received a a \$1000 Grant for Project HOPE Food Bank, we will be hosting a "Thanks and Giving Thursday" from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm on these Thursdays in November: November 5, 12, and 19. We will help stock the pantry and pack food boxes during this two hour period. Please reach out to either **Judy Kelly** judykelly2009@gmail.com or judy.kelly@potlatchdeltic.com or **Diane LaFollette** dianel@midamericamuseum.org to schedule your time slot. *Please schedule at least one day to assist in this project and invite your Rotary friends to go with you!*

NOTE: *We would like to have at least 12 Rotarians volunteer for each Thursday.* As of publication of the Bath Tub, we have plenty of people signed up for **Thursday, November 5**; only **3 signed up for Thursday, November 12** and only **1 signed up for November 19**. **PLEASE** consider this great volunteer opportunity that will only take a couple hours of your time, yet make a significant difference for the hungry families in our area. The Project HOPE food bank is located at 915 Gaines Street.

President Chuck also reminded all members that as part of our effort to receive the 2020-21 Presidential Citation, we must have 100% of our members who contribute \$100 to The Rotary Foundation. Many of our members choose to be billed \$10 per monthly statement; others choose to write one check. If you would like to have your donation automatically billed on your monthly statement, please reach out to Donna K at hsnprotaryclub@gmail.com and she will get that set up. Thanks to so many of you who have already reached out! And thanks to **Robert Zunich** and his committee for being proactive in their efforts to achieve the 100% goal! And thank you to the many who have sent in your donation checks!

Satellite Club News

HSNP After Hours Satellite Rotary Club's current service project is **Toys for Tots**, which will run from October 1 through November 25. Boxes will be at all the Habitat ReStore locations.



Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held **via Zoom on Tuesday, November 10 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.

President Chuck Launius



A loyal person is supportive, respectful, trustworthy, sincere and full of integrity. This describes our Hot Springs National Park Rotarians. Therefore, loyalty is our value as a club and thus to each other.

While we have Rotarians leave our club usually due to life circumstances, it is rarely because of unsatisfactory reasons within our club or our membership. That is powerful.

Loyalty is important because it costs 6 times more to recruit a new member versus keeping a current member. Where does our member loyalty come from one might ask? It comes from strong member relationships, quality club meetings and quality club projects. But it is our relationships that really tie our members together as a club.

Loyalty is built one member at a time and each member is unique and different. Our human nature does not change but everything around us does - such as the times we live in today. Human nature causes us to do things to feel good and causes us to not do things that make us feel bad. If you feel bad after being with fellow Rotarians then you will not be a Rotarian for very long.

Why do we have such good feelings in our meetings and among fellow Rotarians? Well, good feelings come from relationships, convenience, feeling important, feeling you belong and having open communication with each other. What is even more powerful is that loyalty allows us to be forgiving of mistakes and understanding of others. That is why complaints are golden to our club's leadership. Of 100 members, only 4 might complain so to keep members loyal our club's leadership has to be aggressive toward complaints and resolve such complaints immediately.

We all know that loyalty starts with trust but it goes much deeper. Loyalty starts with people who are faithful to their own principals above all else. What makes this special? All Hot Springs National Park Rotarians share those same principals. As a club sharing these many principals, that makes this club a loyal club and I just want each of you to know that I certainly do not take it for granted.

Again: Supportive, Caring, Respectful, Trustworthy, Sincere and Integrity surrounded with Service Above Self ♦ That is Hot Springs National Park Rotary. Thank you for being loyal to each other as well as our great club ♦ Hot Springs National Park Rotary. I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

Links to view previous Rotary Zoom Meetings

To view this week's meeting:

We apologize, but due to technical difficulties, we cannot offer a recording of this week's program.

For these previous recordings:

[CLICK HERE](#) with passcode: **TnzqK&V3** to view the October 15, 2020 meeting with the presentation by **District 6170 District Governor Jamie Higgins**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the October 21, 2020 meeting with presentations by **Randy Zook**, President of Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and **Kenny Hall**, Chief Lobbyist at the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce discussing **Issues #1, #2, and #3** on the current election ballots.

[CLICK HERE](#) with passcode **oYU#77+f** to view the October 28, 2020 meeting. The program was **Dr. Houston Davis , President of the University of Central Arkansas**.

If you are interested in viewing earlier recordings, please reach out to Donna K at hsnprotaryclub@gmail.com for the link.

Thought for the Week

***Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening.
It just stops you from enjoying the good.***
