



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of November 16, 2020

### Upcoming Programs:

November 18, 2020

*James Bullard, President & CEO  
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the program*

November 25, 2020

*THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY/NO MEETING*

December 2, 2020

*Eric Munson,  
Arkansas Securities Commissioner*

### Club Leaders



[Chuck E. Launius](#)  
President



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



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Club Director - Administration



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Club Director  
Youth Services Chair

[Arthur D. Floyd](#)

### Colonel (U.S. Army, retired) Nathaniel "Nate" Todd



President-Elect **Tiffany Tucker** introduced the **Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs, Col. (U.S. Army, retired) Nathaniel "Nate" Todd.**

According to Todd, Arkansas Veterans are doing very well. With support from the last two governors, Mike Beebe and Asa Hutchinson, Veteran benefits have improved. Prior to this (Hutchinson) administration, VA benefits were only available in Little Rock. We now have 8 offices statewide to bring assistance closer to the vets. Arkansas ranks #6 of veterans who receive benefits, but it hasn't



always been that way, as things have greatly improved over the last 10 years. Todd says that the VA benefits need to be comparable to the American way of life. Arkansas now has two Veteran Houses: one newer "state of the art" house in North Little Rock that consists of 8 cottages and houses 12 residents. In Fayetteville there is a more traditional home. There are 40 nursing homes that are contracted in AR for veterans so they can remain closer to their families. Here in Hot Springs, we have a community out-patient clinic where Veterans can enroll in VA health care and Garland County is also supported in the Little Rock office. Garland County has approximately 10,000 veterans with an economic impact of \$94 million.

We have three Veteran cemeteries in Arkansas: the one in Little Rock is closed to new interments; Fayetteville and Fort Smith are open to new interments.

Todd commended Ouachita Behavioral Health & Wellness for their counseling services and program assistance (also see in "Announcements" below) and is very proud of the new middle school Flag Education program that has begun in Arkansas. He wants everyone to know that Veterans are still serving in our communities. They are proud Arkansans, proud Veterans and proud Americans.

*Thank you to all who have served.*



Sergeant-at-Arms



[Donna K. Smith](#)  
Club Executive Secretary



[Stephanie Alderdice](#)  
Webmaster



[Michelle Ratcliff](#)  
iPast President



[Candace M. Young](#)  
Assistant Governor

## Holiday Schedule



The Holiday Season is about to begin, folks! Here is our schedule of meetings for the next two months:

November 18 we WILL have a Zoom meeting

**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 Virtual **HOLIDAY ART EVENT** (see info below)

**NO MEETING on December 16, December 23, and December 30**

**We will resume our weekly Zoom meetings on Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

## Birthdays

- John H. Brunner  
November 18th
- Ronnie G. Allison Jr.  
November 18th
- Kathy H. Taylor  
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
- Dana M. Lambert  
December 8th
- Larry A. Bailey  
December 8th
- Kim Carter  
December 9th
- Maria Woodward  
December 10th
- Forrest L. Spicher II  
December 10th
- Parth Patel  
December 14th
- Lance A. Porter  
December 18th

## The 4-Way Test



Invocation - **Larry Levi**

Pledge ♦ **Chris Franklin**

The 4 Way Test ♦ **Scott Lauck**



## Student Guests



Student Guest Committee Chair **Linda Ragsdale** introduced **Alina Hendrix** from Mountain Pine High School for her first visit. We look forward to hearing her speak during our Zoom meeting next week.

**Joshua McEarl**, a Senior from Jessieville High School, has adapted to his unpredictable Senior year and is most thankful that he was able to continue with his AP classes and clubs, including the Beta Club, where he is Vice President; Student Council, where he serves as Secretary; FBLA and take some college level classes. He plans to go to UCA to major in either Biology or Ecology and would like to work with the Forestry Service or the National Park Service.

Gene R. Hall  
December 18th  
Chris Franklin  
December 21st  
Roger Giddings  
December 25th  
Lynn E. Endicott  
December 25th  
Cecil W. Cupp III  
December 26th  
Les A. Warren  
December 29th  
Gary McKuin  
December 30th

## Holiday Art Event



Our **2020 Holiday Virtual Art Event** will be held on **December 10 at 6:30 pm** via Zoom. 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. Please respond to Donna K at [hsnprotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:hsnprotaryclub@gmail.com) ASAP if you are interested in participating so we can get an accurate number of folks. You are welcome to have immediate family members join you, so please let Donna K know how many kits you will need by December 2 at 5:00 pm.

### ART EVENT SPECIAL INFORMATION:

- **Wednesday, December 2 at 5:00 pm - Deadline for registration**
- **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm** - Pick up party supplies from Harmony Morrissey's office at City Hall (133 Convention Blvd.) Pull into the parking lot and call or text Harmony at 501-620-8961. She will bring your supplies to you in your car. If this time is not convenient, call Harmony and make other arrangements to pick up.
- **Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 pm** - Virtual Art Event (link will be provided to all who register the week of the event)

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 tiime!

## Committee Chair Highlight



**President Chuck Launius** introduced our After Hours Satellite Club Chair, **Romeo Lopez**, who told us about our active new group. Since they started in April, this group has held several service projects including a pet food drive, where they collected over 500 pounds of dog and cat food; they are currently hosting a Toys for Tots Drive; next will be a Christmas stocking collection of 60 personalized Christmas stockings for the children served at the Cooper-Anthony Mercy Child Advocacy Center and after that: Adopt-A-Highway. This group is doing an outstanding job with community service projects!

## 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.



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## Celebrate these Rotarians

Congratulations to HSNP Rotary **President Chuck Launius** on his recent promotion to Vice President/Regional Manager with WEHCO Video, Inc. We are very proud of you, President Chuck!



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## Rotary Minute



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

In Wales (UK) three different Rotary Clubs sponsored a 40 mile/1 day hike that raised \$22,000 for charities. The hike ended at the Anchor Inn Pub where Rotarians provided food for people aged 13-elderly.

In India Rotary members collected supplies including food, household goods and clothing for those displaced by flooding.

In the United States, one Rotary Club got to hear from a 1952 survivor of Polio before the vaccine when "iron lungs" were part of treatment. His left and right arms are still impacted. As we have recently heard, polio is now considered eradicated in all countries except two worldwide. But it can still spread in those countries where vaccines are not provided. We can pray that we will find the next "Dr. Salk" that will provide the vaccine for Covid-19.

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## Announcements

Rotarian **Renee Bartholomae** announced that Ouachita Behavioral Health and Wellness is providing a **Veterans Outreach program**. Please reach out to Katie at 501-762-9049 for more information. Their goal is to provide essential support to Arkansas Veterans who are impacted both by health and economic stress during the holidays. This program will be available only from **November 3rd- December 30th**. Services included are: funding assistance for housing, utilities, food, and gas cards, bus passes, case management and counseling/support services. Participants will need a Veteran ID Card.

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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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Rotarian **Cindy Wagstaff**, Chair of the Community Enhancement Committee, announced that we are sponsoring a **Coat Drive** October 19 through **THIS SATURDAY 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.

## LET'S GIVE THIS A BIG PUSH FOR THESE LAST FEW DAYS!

Drop off sites are:

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)



**Rotarian Diane LaFollette** announced that the TRF Grants Committee has a great volunteer opportunity for all Rotarians. Since we received 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 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](mailto:judykelly2009@gmail.com) or [judy.kelly@potlatchdeltic.com](mailto:judy.kelly@potlatchdeltic.com) or **Diane LaFollette** [dianel@midamericamuseum.org](mailto: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 are in need for more volunteers for **Thursday, November 12** and **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](mailto: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!

## Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held **via Zoom** on **Tuesday, December 8 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



In this week's meeting we recognized Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. To all of you who served in our military various branches, thank you for your service. It is an honorable day for us (both citizen and visitor) to simply say **Thank You** for providing us the basic freedoms and rights we enjoy each day in the great country The United States of America. Many of us serve in the military for various reasons. Most for patriotic reasons, some for careers, adventure, and benefits, but once you join and you become a soldier, you soon realize the reason you are enlisted -- and that is to serve and protect your country. An 18 year old typically does not fully understand how serving in the military is elite, a privilege and very difficult which in turn, when you do serve in the military that journey instills a pride of being an American Soldier. So this week's meeting was simply about saying, **Thank You**. Your service was not easy but by serving; you provided us with what we enjoy today, our freedom and the rights to enjoy that freedom.

Thank you so much.

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## Links to view previous Rotary Zoom Meetings

To view this week's meeting:

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the November 11, 2020 Veteran's Day presentation by **Nate Todd, secretary of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs.**

*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](mailto:hsnprotaryclub@gmail.com) for the link.

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## Thought for the Week

*Your mind is a garden.  
Your thoughts are the seeds.  
You can grow flowers  
Or you can grow weeds.*

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