

The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program -- October 29, 2024

Providing Food to Our Neighbors

Helping Neighbors began operations in the spring of 1995 to provide food to our neighbors in need. In that year the Pantry served 9,000 clients and distributed over 93,000 pounds of food. In recent years, food distribution has nearly tripled. The average number of pounds distributed in 2007 and 2008 was over 280,000 annually, providing needed nutrition to about 21,000 individuals. Since it opened its doors, Helping Neighbors has provided area residents in need with well over 4.1 million pounds of food.



The Pantry is staffed and managed entirely by volunteers -- community members, mostly from sponsoring congregations. Ranging in age from senior citizens to teens, the volunteers donate nearly 8,000 hours a year. No one is paid, but all contribute their time and efforts for the benefit of the community. Donated funds permit Helping Neighbors to buy food from the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas or from local merchants who sell to the Pantry at cost. Donations of food and bags from the merchants have been essential to the success of the Pantry.

In addition, churches, civic organizations, and clubs often conduct food drives to support Helping Neighbors, and concerned individuals donate food. Through our supporters, Helping Neighbors has been able to provide nutritional balance for individuals and families needing food assistance.

Liz Ivener is on their Board of Directors and will share with us how we can help the food pantry. Come hear about this vital service in our community.

Last Day for October Service Project

Collecting Food for Helping Neighbors



For the month of October, we are collecting donations of coffee, canned fruit, sugar, and peanut butter for the Senior Pack Program at Helping Neighbors. We will collect these items until Tuesday, October 29. If you would rather donate, you can do so by [clicking here](#).

A Letter to Our Club

To: Jonesboro Rotary

From: Zoey Goodwin

10/22/2024

Dear Jonesboro Rotary,

Club Leaders



Jennifer Hannah
President



Chad Chadwick
President - Elect



Alicia Dyer / Benson
Secretary



Jeremy Todd Watson
Treasurer



Berl A. Smith
President - Nominee
Rotary Foundation
Chair

Events

October 29th
Jonesboro Club Meeting Oct 29- Liz Ivener

Speaker: Liz Ivener, Helping Neighbors Food Pantry

Subject: Providing Food to our Neighbors

November 5th
Jonesboro Club Meeting Nov 5 - Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church

Subject: How to Nurture Reconciliation in Divided Times

November 12th
Jonesboro Club Meeting Nov 12 - Lyle Waterworth, Lieutenant, JPD

Speaker: Lyle Waterworth, Lieutenant, Jonesboro Police

Department

Subject: Jonesboro's Real-Time Crime Center: Ensuring Our Community's Welfare

November 19th

Jonesboro Club Meeting Nov 19 Brian Rega, District 6150 Governor

Speaker: Brian Rega, Rotary District 6150 Governor

Subject: Celebrating the Magic of Rotary

Birthdays



Brenda S. Fasulo
October 28th



Christie Matthews Mink
October 28th



Monty May
October 31st



Todd S. Welch
October 31st



Nancy Elphingstone
November 3rd



Sam W. Hummelstein
November 5th



June Carole Morse
November 6th



Yaoska (Angy) Abaunza
November 10th



Justin McFarland
November 11th

Marie-Jose Patton
November 15th



I appreciate and thank you so very much for giving me the chance to experience one of the best moments of my life! On my way to camp I was terrified because I don't have the best track record with making friends or just talking to people in general. I have social anxiety so going into this camp, I knew absolutely nobody and I didn't know a lot of what we were going to be doing. So on my way there I had the highest case of butterflies in my stomach. When we got to camp they gave us our things and told us which cabins we were in. Later on we walked into the CAB and we were the last people there so it was embarrassing and awkward. At the beginning I was very unsure of whether I was going to be able to do it because we jumped right into introducing ourselves and ice breakers and other stuff. By the second day I felt like myself and the more I was around everyone and the more we did different trust exercises and other fun activities I felt like I had known everyone for forever. This camp has helped me learn more about myself. It has helped me learn not to be afraid of people. It has helped me learn that I am not alone even though sometimes I think I am, I'm not. Many of the activities showed me that we all struggle with similar situations and feelings. Other exercises and activities helped me with the thought of "I'm not alone" and if I fall back somebody is there to push me back up and help me keep going and if I fall forward someone is there to stable me. During this camp I learned so many good life lessons. It also helped me become a better leader. I feel as though now I could actually speak up instead of being quiet. I realized that what I'm saying might not be as important but it is still worth putting it out there. This camp gave me a chance to make friends with people I had never met before, I made a least seven really good friends which is crazy to me because I don't know if I have that many friends outside of camp. A year ago I never would have seen myself going to anything like that and talking to people as much as I did The camp was a safe place to let go of baggage and take in the new things life was sending my way. Thank you so much Jonesboro Rotary. This camp is going to be a big impact on my life. You're amazing people to put all of this together for kids to learn about themselves and overcome fears and become a better leader and I had so much fun and learned so much!

Thank you!

Zoey Goodwin

Good News -- October 22, 2024

Skipper Smith carried the mic for Good News.

Mark Morrow still has two places on the Rotary District golf tournament team this Friday.

Gregory Hansen announced that the West End Neighborhood Association was holding its annual Weird Tales in the West End this Saturday.

Brenda Fasulo publicized the Souper Sunday where restaurants serve samples of soup and patrons vote on the best. It will be held Sunday, November 3 from 11:00 - 1:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites. Proceeds will go to help Habitat for Humanity.

Bonnie May said that **Don O'Neal** and his wife made her banana pudding and delivered it to her house.

Donald Cooper visited with RYLA students and had a great time.

DG Brian Rega gave to eradicate polio and to honor Westside student and RYLA attendant Zoey Goodwin.

PP Erika Chudy gave to eradicate polio and applauded ASU for winning the game last weekend. She also thanked everyone for their prayers and support for her dad, who broke his hip.

John Deacon traveled to Little Rock to watch his grandson play. Although the grandson's team lost, John said it was a loss with humility and respect.

Brenda Fasulo announced that the Yankees would be back in the series.

Ray Keller went out of town this weekend. When he announced he was from Wiener, several people stood up and applauded. They were from Vienna, which is also known as Wien.

President Jennifer Hannah read a thank-you letter from student Zoey Goodwin who had attended the RYLA this past week.



Last Week's Program -- October 22, 2024

A-State's Baseball Program

A-State baseball is going to be a winning team. That's what you can expect. It's going to mean something to put that jersey on. When they [the team members] go through with that State across their chest, it's going to mean something to them. And you're going to feel that. We're in the entertainment industry. When you come and buy a ticket to watch us play, our job is to make sure you're entertained to the point where you can't wait to come back. I don't want you to feel like you're just supporting it because you live here. I want to create an atmosphere where you're dying to come be a part of this.

This was the message the new baseball coach told the club last week. Mike Silva was named the sixth head coach of the Arkansas State baseball program on June 13, 2024.



Mike Silva led Nicholls State to an NCAA Regional each of the last two seasons. Silva comes to A-State after spending the last three years at Nicholls, where he led the Colonels to a combined 98 victories, back-to-back Southland Conference Tournament championships (2023 and 2024) and the program's first regular-season league title (2023). During his time leading the baseball program in Thibodaux, La., Nicholls had 16 all-conference selections, including three players who were tabbed the league's Player of the Year, Relief Pitcher of the Year or Freshman of the Year.

Before taking over as head coach at Nicholls, Silva served as the associate head coach at Louisiana Tech for three seasons, guiding the Bulldog pitching staff to unbridled success. Before his stint at Louisiana Tech, Silva served as the pitching coach at Little Rock for two seasons. He guided the Trojans staff to the fifth-lowest ERA in the Sun Belt in 2018 (4.61). The Trojans lowered their team ERA in each of Silva's two seasons in Little Rock. Silva coached his pitchers to a program-record 471 strikeouts in 2018, good for 8.5 strikeouts per nine innings to rank third in the league.

Silva also brings experience at the professional level after working as an area scout for the San Diego Padres in 2016. Prior to his time as a scout, Silva worked with pitchers at Texas State from 2013-15, guiding the Bobcats to the Sun Belt Tournament all three seasons and six players were selected in the MLB Draft. For his collegiate playing career, Silva served as a catcher at Northwestern Oklahoma State from 2001-03, leading the team to three-straight regional tournaments, a 49-win season in 2001 and the highest national ranking in program history at No. 11.

Silva is a native of Hull, Massachusetts. He earned his bachelor's degree in leadership at Bellevue University in Bellevue, Nebraska, before receiving his master's degree in education at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

Report Card -- October 22, 2024

Total members = 110 Members

Active=70

Active-Modern=3

Active-Partner=3

Active-R85=15

Active-Service=17

Staff Position=2

Active-Service: 6

Active-Modern: 1

Active-R85: 5

Active: 25

Guest: 8 [Read More](#)