



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of August 10, 2020

Upcoming Programs:

Zoom Meeting

August 12, 2020

Mike Dugan, Hot Springs Baseball Weekend

[CLICK HERE](#) for the program

August 19, 2020

Rotarian Cindy Wagstaff, Executive Director
 Habitat for Humanity

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](#)

Dr. Stephanie Nehus, Hot Springs School District Superintendent



Vice President **Tiffany Tucker** introduced the Superintendent of Hot Springs School District, Rotarian **Dr. Stephanie Nehus**.

According to Dr. Nehus, HSSD is a "Diverse, Dedicated, and Unified place for everyone" with staff working tirelessly to prepare for a safe, effective and successful school year starting August 24. Dr. Nehus says that classes will begin at grade level learning but they will also incorporate anything missed during the last 9 weeks of the past school year. Nehus said that staff is much more prepared and confident now than they were last March when they were in crisis mode due to the pandemic.



With an enrollment of 3,579, HSSD is the second largest school district in Garland County. Having 14 languages spoken among the students, they have highly a trained ESOL (English as a second language) team.

For the upcoming school semester, they will be following the Arkansas "Ready to Learn" model and offering 3 learning options for families: *Full time classroom*; *Blended Learning* (part virtual, part classroom), and *Full Time Virtual*. Dr. Nehus also thanked President **Chuck Launius** and Resort Cable for helping provide internet service for all families in the school district.

HSSD has earned the National Beta Club District of Distinction Award; they were the first school in Arkansas to feed their students during the pandemic and now have the "Trojan Eats" Food Truck that provides four sites in the community where students can receive daily lunches, as well as a bagged breakfast for the following day. With the help of a matching grant from Kamo's Kids, the school district provides the "Trojans Read" Mobile Book Bus which allows students access to library books.

There has been tremendous building and remodeling in the HSSD, which will be complete before the return of students on August 24. Among the new buildings is the Langston Elementary Leadership Academy, which is a large, beautiful building at 300 Silver Street that opened within the last year. Just

last week, the Hot Springs Junior Academy had their ribbon cutting to open an amazing new campus next to the High School campus. The Junior Academy's new building consists of a three-story classroom building, a multi-use Lobby/Cafeteria, a huge new Arena that seats 2,200 and a beautiful new Auditorium that seats 1,000 named after former HSSD Superintendent and Rotarian, **Joyce Craft**. The auditorium will be available to the public for rental.

Dr. Nehus is pleased that the campuses are in place to ensure smaller transitions for the students, as all decisions made in HSSD are "for the kids".

Her presentation ended with a request for prayers for educators, kids and families as they begin this new and very different school year.

The 4-Way Test



Invocation - **Stephanie Alderdice**

Pledge ♦ **Christi Nation**

The 4 Way Test ♦ **Donna Jared**



Sergeant-at-Arms



Donna K. Smith
Club
Executive
Secretary



Stephanie Alderdice
Webmaster



Romeo Arroyo Lopez
Chairman



Michelle Ratcliff
iPast
President



Candace M. Young
Assistant
Governor

Birthdays

Lloyd (Don) Gooch
August 6th

Neal C. Gladner
August 8th

Joyce Parker Whitfield
August 9th

Dennis C. Smith
August 10th

Tiffany B. Rogers
August 14th

Wade Naramore
August 15th

Donna Jared CFRE
August 17th

Stephanie M Nehus
August 22nd

Courtney C. Crouch Jr.
August 24th

Chris Chapmond
August 25th

Christina Lynn Nation
August 31st

Chuck E. Launius
August 31st

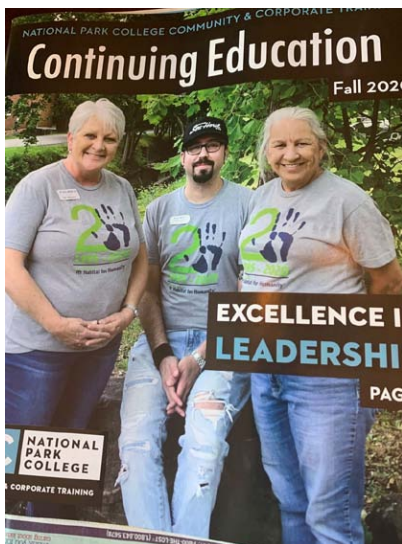
Richard Gladden
September 2nd

Jay Edwin Sanders
September 4th

Ray Owen Jr.
September 5th

Satellite Club News

Satellite Chair, **Romeo Lopez**, made the cover of the New National Park College Fall 2020 Continuing Education publication.



Board Notes

The HSNP Rotary Club Board of Directors will hold their next meeting **via Zoom** on **Tuesday, August 11 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.

James A Carney
September 6th
Nicole Herndon
September 10th
Richard W. McGrew
September 12th
Joseph P. Graham
September 13th
Douglas A. Arnold
September 14th

Announcements

President Chuck Launius wants to be sure everyone knows that we CAN invite guests to our Zoom meetings. Simply forward your Zoom meeting invitation to your guest, then please let President Launius know they are attending so that he can make the proper introduction during the meeting. Thank you!

Economic Minute



Chamber President, Rotarian **Gary Troutman**, updated the Club with a quick rundown of current events in and around our great city since the abrupt interruption in March by the Covid pandemic:

Chamber Staff Cole McCaskill and Mara Kuhn, along with Rotarians **Joyce Whitfield** and **Kim Carter**, successfully implemented and ran a new program, "Support Spa City", which generated \$81,000 for community businesses and families that were financially impacted by Covid-19.

Rotarian **Toddy Pitard** joined forces with the Chamber for a campaign to allow community input on a new business two doors down from Lauray's Jewelers. The community voted to open a Boutique Grocery Store, coming soon.

Micah Travis became the first student in Garland County to receive his diploma from high school and college on the same day, graduating from Mountain Pine High School and National Park College.

Projects with McCaskill, Kuhn and Rotarian **Michelle Ratcliff** will be featured next Monday in Arkansas Business.

Troutman has been elected to be the 2024 President of the Arkansas Economic Developers and Chamber Executives, so Hot Springs will be the host for that year's state meeting.

The Metro Partnership Awards Banquet was recently held virtually. The winners are:

Trending Upwards Award - Radius Aerospace

Economic Force Award - Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort

Historic Preservation Champion - Hotel Hale (Rotarian **Pat McCabe** and his wife, Ellen)

Economic Development Leadership Award - Vince Signorelli (Tanners Sports)

Downtown Trailblazer - Crystal Ridge Distillery

The Chairman's Award went to Hill and Cox Corporation

President Chuck Launius

As we all know, our motto is **Service Above Self** but let's dig a little deeper into **Service** and what that exactly is as a Rotarian.

There are actually 4 areas of service; all are quite simple and apparent but let's recap each one and see how it relates to each of us as Hot Springs National Park rotarians.

First, there is club service. This is what you do within our club to make it successful. It is as small as attending the meetings and as



large as spending multiple hours in a week on a project. It is being a committee chair or being on the board of directors.

a. Next there is vocational service. This is your craft, skill and profession. It is how you represent the dignity and utility of your profession whether past or present to fellow members. It can be assisting a fellow member with a need he or she might have that is in your profession. In addition, it is being an ethical and respected professional in the community.

Thirdly, there is community service. This pertains to those activities which rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It can be a specific rotary project for the community or it can be a community project not tied to rotary. This is where our club excels since all of you are involved in multiple community projects.

Lastly, there is international service. This is one I hope to do one day and it is serving as a rotarian in other countries to promote goodwill, peace and charity and Hot Springs National Park Rotary has such members.

Thank you for serving in such a way whether club, vocational, community or international, the efforts you put forth as rotarians does matter. Have a great rest of the week.

Links to view previous Rotary Zoom Meetings

If you were not able to join us live for this week's meeting,

[CLICK HERE](#) for Zoom meeting August 5, 2020. The program was **Rotarian Dr. Stephanie Nehus**, HSSD Superintendent with an update on the school district.

For previous recordings:

[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM MEETING JULY 8, 2020](#) The program was **David Hill**, author of *"The Vapors"*

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ZOOM MEETING JULY 15, 2020](#) The program was **Rotarian Rollin Caristianos** telling us about one of our International Projects, **"One Block at a Time"**.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Zoom meeting July 29, 2020. This program was **Rotarian and HSPD Police Chief, Chris Chapmond**.

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