

## THE 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

### The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches

Charter #892, 1 April 1921

"Nacogdoches is more than a place in space,  
Nacogdoches is a drama in time"

-----borrowed



#2041 - District 5910

The 14th of April 2021

## "Rotary Opens Opportunities"

Holger Knaack, President RI  
Home Club:  
Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln  
Germany

The district Herzogtum Lauenburg is named after the medieval Duchy of Saxe-Lauenburg, which was one of the remnants of the original Duchy of Saxony. The Duchy of Saxony was partitioned in a process started in 1269, nine years after in 1260 Albert II and John I had succeeded their father Albert I of Saxon.

RI President Holger Knaack's theme for Rotary Year 2020-2021 is based on his introduction, "Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth."

### Program Today

"The Village Nac"  
Laura Culpepper, AIA and  
Constance Engleking  
Introduction by Francis Spruiell

Laura Culpepper was raised in Massachusetts, graduated from Syracuse University, worked for large architectural firms in Washington D.C. and Birmingham, Alabama, and then made her way to Nacogdoches in 1996. She is the mother of six children (three boys and three girls) and started doing architectural work out of her house so that she could be home with her kids before later opening an office on Main Street where she works today. I hope you have seen her beautiful work!

Constance Engelking was raised in Little Falls New York, and came to Nacogdoches to attend SFA where she graduated with a degree in Nutrition. She owned a furniture refinishing business for 20 years, worked as a prison guard, and most recently was the manager of Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Home where she was employed for 14 years. Constance is the mother of four sons.

Constance and Laura met briefly 23 years ago when Constance was hired to refinish Laura's dining room table – neither of them knew that 20 years later they would meet again to embark on a life-changing journey together. They were re-introduced by a mutual friend who knew that Laura was trying desperately to find help for one of her sons who was struggling with deep clinical depression, and this mutual friend also knew that one of Constance's sons was fighting depression as well. These two mothers found a common bond in their love for their children, their desire to help them, and their frustration with not being able to find a long-term affordable solution.

In October of 2018, Laura's greatest fear became a reality when she lost her son Ross to suicide. Constance was on call at the funeral home when he was found, and she oversaw the funeral.

The presentation today is about a place that offers hope, healing and community to those who struggle with mental health issues and homelessness. It is an affordable place that does not impose a time limit on getting well. Constance and Laura have fulfilled a great need, and have co-founded The Village Nac as an answer.

### Rotary Programs Miles McCall President-Elect and Program Chairman

April 2021 Programs  
Francis Spruiell, Program Chairman

- 21 April Wayne Lawrence, PhD, Executive Director, Nacogdoches Neighborhood Strong
- 24 April Saturday Stone Fort Bike Ride  
Ray Mitchum and Juan Gonzalez  
Ryan Blackburn, Sponsorship Chairman
- 28 April Michaela Overturf, MD,  
US Dermatology Partners  
Skin Cancer Awareness

#### 2020-2021 Program Leaders

Miles McCall, President-Elect  
If you have a suggestion for a speaker/program, please  
contact Miles McCall or the monthly  
program leader.

2021

May - Ron Collins June - Ken Deppisch

**District Governor's Visit  
to the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches  
Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Noon**

### Last Week

President Donna Finley with the gavel, James Standley and Bob Guilbeau manned the Rotary Table, MaryAnn Bentley gave the "Family of Rotary" report, Ron Collins led the singing and the Pledge, Caroline Alders provided the music, Farrar Bentley gave the Invocation, Francis Spruiell introduced the guests and visitors, as well as introduced our speaker, Dawn Stover, Research Associate for the SFA Gardens. Dawn described the SFA gardens, illustrated plants, encouraged the propagation of native plants, and told us to be patient with our existing plants as they will return and flourish.

### We Welcome Last Week's Guest and Visitors!

Tom Belanger was the guest of Kathleen Belanger,  
Katie Blevins was the guest of Ray Mitchum,  
Blake Farrell was the guest of Chris Oglesbee,  
Jerry Roberts was the guest of Jim Roberts, and  
Cay Rose was the guest of Jim Roberts.

### Rotary April Birthdays A BIG April Rotary Happy Birthday to:

- 6 April David Alders
- 7 April Gordon Reynolds and Richard Richardson
- 10 April Heather Holland, J. Kevin Langford, and Miles McCall
- 14 April Jerry Saldaña
- 15 April Kim McDonald
- 16 April Lisa King
- 19 April George Wages and Todd Brown
- 23 April Sherry Morgan
- 24 April Trey Schroeder
- 27 April Christopher Hughes
- 29 April Jim Denman and Rick Craig
- 30 April David Kaiser



### Publication

Kathryn (Katie) Blevins

Classification: SFASU Campus Recreation  
Coordinator of Promotions and Sponsorships  
Coordinates marketing efforts  
Oversees promotions staff  
Coordinates professional development  
Plans events  
Sponsor: Ray Mitchum

In the Absence of MDC Chair, Kent Ferguson,  
Tim Bisping, Red Badge Chair, introduced two  
new members. They are;  
Bill Badders and Kathleen Belanger

Kathleen Belanger

Kathleen Belanger, MSW, Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus at Stephen F. Austin State University. She has taught at the university for almost 30 years, and has authored and co-authored 3 books, more than 30 publications, and numerous presentations on rural communities, and public and non-profit organizational development, management and evaluation. She served on the National Advisory Committee for Rural Health and Human Services, advising the Secretary of Health and Human Services on pressing rural issues during the Trump administration. Over the past 10-15 years she has consulted with states and local communities on collaborative problem-solving and strategic planning to find permanent homes for foster children. While finding homes for displaced children, Kathleen saved the taxpayer many dollars. She is the founding President of Love in the Name of Christ, and past chair of The United Way.

Her awards include the Champion for Rural Children Award from the Child Welfare League of America and the Distinguished Professor Award from Stephen F. Austin State University.

She is a wife, mother of four children and Grammy to two grands. She and her husband, Tom Belanger, chose Nacogdoches as their home before even looking for jobs because they love this community!

### Cole Badders

Cole Badders is a comprehensive Financial Advisor affiliated with Spectrum Financial Group based out of Dallas, Texas. Cole was born and raised in Nacogdoches attending Nacogdoches high school playing football, basketball, baseball, and track and was a member of key club and president of student council. After graduating from Nacogdoches, Cole attended Stephen F. Austin State University earning a bachelor's degree in Finance with a concentration in financial planning 2015-2018. While attending SFA, Cole played tight end for the SFA lumberjacks 2015-2017 and was asked to be a part of the Mast Student Investment Roundtable, while also being an active member of Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity. Cole enjoys spending time with friends and family, is an active fisher and hunter, and is extremely excited to have moved back to his beautiful hometown of Nacogdoches.

### Rotary Billing

If anyone has a Billing question, please contact:  
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If you are unable to contact Bob, please call or email the  
RCN Book Keeper: Lori Cotten  
936-676-8266  
Email: [lori.cotten@rocketmail.com](mailto:lori.cotten@rocketmail.com)

### Kent Ferguson, MDC Chairman

MDC Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the NEDCO board room in the Old Mize Building on North Street. Kent asks for all new member proposals be sent to him at [wkentferguson@gmail.com](mailto:wkentferguson@gmail.com) or by snail mail at this address: 3490 CR 258, Nacogdoches, TX 75965

Thank you in advance for your commitment to Rotary.

### Satellite Rotary Club

This message is for ALL active Nacogdoches Rotary Club members! Even though you may not be part of the Satellite Group, **YOU ARE ALWAYS INVITED!**

Second Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Napoli's Restaurant  
You are welcome to order food and drink, or just enjoy the fellowship along with the program.



### Rotary Club of Nacogdoches - April 7, 2021:

Dawn Stover, Research Associate at the SFA Gardens was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Ms. Stover provided an excellent overview of the SFA Gardens which contains approximately 128 acres of green space and displays trials of a wide range of herbaceous and woody plant materials. In addition, the Gardens disseminates information within the horticulture industry and the gardening public. Ms. Stover also noted the upcoming SFA Garden Gala Day Plant Sale which is to be held from April 10-14. The plant sale is an annual favorite among local and area residents and features a wide variety of Texas tough perennials, shrubs, trees, colorful annuals, exotic tropicals and a variety of edible plants. The presentation was educational and enjoyed by all in attendance. Kathleen Belanger, Professor Emeritus at Stephen F. Austin State University and Cole Badders, Financial Advisor with Spectrum Financial Group in Nacogdoches were introduced as new members of the club by Tim Bisping, Rotary Red Badge Chairman. Ray Mitchum, President Nominee, provided an update of the club's Old Stone Fort Bike Ride scheduled for Saturday, April 24th. The Bike Ride is the club's largest fundraiser and allows it to support many of its community projects throughout the year. Pictured left to right are Francis Spruiell, Program Chairman, Ms. Stover, Ms. Belanger, MaryAnn Bentley, Sponsoring Member, Mr. Badders, Barry Dobbs, Sponsoring Member, Dr. Bisping, Mr. Mitchum and Donna Finley, Club President.

### Find Opportunities that Interest you Ask about serving Remember: Each Rotarian has a talent!

Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pick-up Bike Ride	Contact: Milton Moorer _____ 552.1994 Contact: Ray Mitchum _____ 554.8156 Juan Gonzales _____ 903.530.1727
Calling on Rotarians	Contact: MaryAnn Bentley _____ 569.7447 or _____ 556.0268
Greeting Committee High School Exchange Program Literacy Committee Meet the Jacks Fish Fry Mobile Library	Contact: Kent Ferguson _____ 281.847.9880 Contact: Dave Wallace _____ 371.3033 Contact: Barbara Qualls _____ 972.351.7078 Contact: Ed Pool _____ 564.2622 Contact: Ed Pool _____ 564.2622 Larissa Philpot _____ 554.9980
Posting and Striking the Colors Interact/Rotaract	Contact: Larry Stanaland _____ 554.8738 Contact: Robin Thacker _____ 806.729.1066 Sam Smith _____ 369.6824
Rotary Readers RYLA Drivers Rotary Scholarship Applications	Contact: Jimmy Partin _____ 564.6816 Contact: Ray Mitchum _____ 554.8156 Contact: MaryAnn Bentley _____ 569.7447 or _____ 556.0268
Speakers and Programs	Contact: Miles McCall _____ Direct 715.4154 Cell 569.4790
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