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On The Agenda

MONTHLY LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 13TH

"NUTRITION AND EARLY SIGNS OF
A HEART ATTACK"
CHARITY HALL
OCH - EVERGREEN CLINIC

11:30 - 1:00 PM
COX COLLEGE - FOUNTAIN ROOM

LUNCH \$12
BRING A GUEST

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In The Future

MONTHLY LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 12TH

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
BRING A GUEST

11:30 - 1:00 PM
COX COLLEGE - FOUNTAIN ROOM

LUNCH \$12

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IT'S ALL ABOUT NSBA

We enjoyed a great crowd for what we had hoped would be our return to the Fountain Plaza Room at Cox Hospital, but construction delays set back our expectations. Nonetheless, as they say, "The show must go on" and it did, thanks to the facilitation of Dr. Matt Hudson, NSBA Vice-President.

Hudson opened the meeting with a big thank you to the DoubleTree for the hospitality shown to us while renovations have been underway at Cox. He explained the board



Dr. Matt Hudson, NSBA Vice-President explained the sentimentality of Cox for our monthly luncheons.

significance, the board chose to return to Cox, which has been the home of NSBA since 1987.

Terry Allcorn, a history instructor by trade at Baptist Bible College, opened the presentation about all things NSBA with a historical account of the association.

The first meeting was convened by Ralph Slavens on April 30, 1970. However, the first formal luncheon was held on May 14 and some of the discussion at that first event centered around, Civic Involvement; Drugs & Crime in Greene County; College, Church & Community; debate about Springfield's form of government - council vs. mayoral; lights on Kearney and park improvements.



Terry Allcorn, NSBA Secretary gave a history lesson on NSBA.

Some of the other highlights of Allcorn's included the origin of the Beautification Award (now called Betterment), the launch date of the first Northsider Newsletter, some talk about fundraisers from the past and about how NSBA was at one time well known for its redistribution of tulip bulbs, donated each year by Cox Hospital.

Board member Kim Rippy briefly discussed the Annual Attendance

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An "Almost" Homecoming for NSBA

We returned to Cox College for our January luncheon, but didn't make it as far as the newly remodeled Fountain Room. We have been promised the room will be ready in time for the February meeting.

We hope you can join us for lunch and our presentation by Charity Hall from OCH - Evergreen Clinic. Bring a guest and introduce them to our association.

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Party and announced to the group this year it will be held Tuesday, May 5th at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E-Plex. She explained to the audience the significance of this effort, to increase school attendance and high school graduation, as how exciting it is to see improvement over the years.



Rick Fay invited the lunch crowd to share in a toast to the memory of Ralph Slavens.

Rick Fay talked about our Founding President Ralph Slavens who died in September of last year, and how his vision for a North Springfield Betterment Association is now celebrating its 50-year longevity. Fay mentioned the impact that Slavens had on people, and his deep love to all things north Springfield.

The meeting closed with Dr. Hudson distributing a membership survey and by issuing a challenge to the membership to bring a guest to the February luncheon.

NSBA Board members Rita Silic is seen presenting a Commercial Betterment award at our January Luncheon to *Jums African Market and Deli Store*. Pictured is Fola Sodade, who along with his wife Jummy, opened this unique foods store last September on east Kearney.



The NSBA Betterment Awards recognize efforts to improve properties in north Springfield. If you'd like to nominate a property owner contact NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap.

David Jalaly, pictured far right, thanked NSBA for recognizing his *Harvest Grow Supply* store on north Glenstone. NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap presented the Betterment award.



Who We Are



Our Purpose:

To encourage and promote worthwhile and honorable endeavors which will make North Springfield a better place in which to work and live. Our intent is to be alert to our community's needs and well-versed and knowledgeable in order to take constructive action for community betterment.

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Letter from the NSBA President



As the board has been going through 50 years of NSBA records, we've noted how much has been accomplished since Ralph Slavens' initial idea for a betterment association took hold back in 1970. Personally, some of my fondest memories are of the tulip distribution, balloons over the Ozarks, and the launch of the initiative to improve school attendance. I also spent many years writing this very newsletter, and have been a board member for over 15 years. What I'm trying to say is, just like our founding president, "I love north Springfield" and am so proud of the work we've accomplished. We have some very exciting things planned for our 50th Anniversary celebration and we hope you'll join us as we reminisce about the past and look to the future. So please take the time to renew your membership for another year.



As always, thank you to everyone for what you do to make north Springfield a great place to live, work and raise a family!

Jacque Breedlove-Harness, NSBA President

Nate's Notes



While chronic absence presents academic challenges for students not in class, when it reaches high levels in a classroom or school, all students may suffer because the resulting classroom churn hampers teachers' ability to engage all students and meet their learning needs.

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Become an NSBA Member Today! Membership Dues

- Retired Individuals: \$25
- Neighborhood Associations: \$25
- Single Membership: \$75
- Corporate for 2 individuals: \$125
- Corporate for 3 individuals: \$150

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noun

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synonyms: improvement, amelioration, advancement, change for the better, furtherance, upgrading, enhancement...

- the enhanced value of real property arising from local improvements. "a betterment charge"

