



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of May 24, 2021

Upcoming Programs:

May 26, 2021

Mid-America Science Museum

June 2, 2021

TBD

Imagination Library



President-Elect Tiffany Tucker introduced speaker, Dr. Penny Beed, who serves on the board of Imagination Library of the Ouachitas. Beed immediately thanked our club for the instrumental role we played in founding this local chapter in 2012.

Dolly Parton, whose father was illiterate, knew the impact that illiteracy played in poverty. Growing up in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, she developed a love for reading and in 1995 started a foundation to fund a program to provide free books for young children. This program, Imagination Library, now provides over 1.5 million books per month to children from birth - 5 years old in five different countries.

Studies show that the single most important activity for building knowledge for eventual success is reading aloud to children. Babies and toddlers who are read to show a higher aptitude for learning in general. 85% of a child's language structure is developed in the first year of life and 85% of their thinking skills are formed before the age of 5. Yet 61% of low income families have no age appropriate books in their households, and these children have maybe 25 total hours of reading prior to attending Kindergarten.

The books provided for free are age appropriate and of high quality materials. The first book for all children is always *"The Little Engine That Could"*. The last book they receive when they turn age 5 is *"Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come"*.

Currently our local affiliate of Imagination Library (serving Garland, Montgomery and Pike Counties) have 4,000 children registered; 3231 in Garland County alone. 145,359 books have been mailed from June 2012 - May 2021! At a cost of \$25 per year per child, the Imagination Library of the Ouachitas is always accepting sponsorship assistance. For more information, to register a child, or to send financial assistance, go to www.imaginationlibrary.com or to *Imagination Library of the Ouachitas, PO Box 482, Mt. Ida, AR 71957*. **Rotarian and Past President Gary Troutman** was unable to attend this program, but wanted to convey his support for this program by saying *"That program is so vital to getting our little ones off to a running start with life and in their development (and ultimately their careers)"*. Thank you, Dr. Beed, and to **Gail Greenberg**, who also serves on their Board and was partially responsible for this week's program.



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The 4-Way Test

Invocation - **Greg Quinney**

Pledge **Michelle Ratcliff**



The 4 Way Test ♦ **Michelle Switzer**

Music - **David Fleming**



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Guests

Rotary Secretary Gary McKuin introduced our guests after entertaining us with one of his best jokes....

Gail Greenberg introduced her guest, Salli Forbes, a board member with Imagination Library and **Tiffany Rogers** hosted Diana Strong.



Birthdays

Daron C. Praetzel
May 21st
Bradley Kurt Hargis
May 23rd
Harmony Hurst
Morrissey
May 26th
Mary E Zunick
May 29th
Elizabeth L. Robbins
May 29th
Michael J. Lipton
May 30th
Bill G. Creason
May 31st
Rafael Martinez
June 1st
William T Harris IV
June 2nd
Darla Thurber
June 5th
Tiffany Tucker
June 8th
Donna K Smith
June 10th
H. W. Davenport
June 11th
James R. Mazzanti
June 13th
Lance B. Garner
June 13th
Jimmy M. Pate
June 16th

Rotary Minute



Rotarian **Dick Gladden** brought us another great message about how Rotarians have an impact all over the world and right here in the USA.

In 1907, Homer Allen, a teenager from Elyria, Ohio, was injured by a street car. With no hospital in town, he lost both legs then later died because he couldn't get adequate medical care. His grief stricken father, Edgar Allen, sold his business and began raising money to build a local hospital. One year later, the Elyria Memorial Hospital opened.

Allen then learned that many children with polio and other disabilities were often hidden away at home due to no available treatment, so he spent the rest of his life creating services for these children. He also raised funds to enable these kids to attend school and still get treatment.

About 10 years after Allen's son died, a Rotary Club was chartered in Elyria and in 1919, Edgar Allen joined. With support from fellow Rotarians, he founded the "International Society for Crippled Children", with the first

chairman of this organization being Paul Harris.

Today this organization is known as "Easter Seals", and is helping over one million people each year.

Easter Seals also led support for the Disabilities Act, which became law in 1990. They continue to advocate for the rights of people who are disabled and are driven by Edgar Allen's purpose: "To change the way the world views disability".

Quite a great example of "Service Above Self".

Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the **Hot Springs Country Club** on **Tuesday, June 8 at 11:45**. This will be a meeting with current and upcoming members of the Board. As always, all

membership is invited to join us, especially new members who are trying to earn that coveted Blue Badge!

Charles H. Dante Jr.
June 23rd
David Trice
June 23rd
Gary A. Troutman
June 28th

Announcements

Hopefully you have received our **Annual Installation Banquet e-vite**. The Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, June 22** at the Hot Springs Country Club. The cash bar will open at 6:00; our program will begin at 6:30. RSVP's can now be sent to Donna K or get your name on the list at her table at our Club Meetings from now until the week prior to the banquet. You and one guest are invited to attend at no charge.

President Chuck Launius



As we just completed our third in person meeting this past Wednesday, please understand that your entire board is working on improving our meetings in every way. We still are under certain safety guidelines to protect our members, as well as our guests, and the value you find in the club through the payment of your dues is being reviewed. We appreciate each one of you and will keep you in mind while we consider some changes to increase the current value. You will hopefully see this in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, we are also working on the transition to our new leadership under new board members, as well as the leadership of **President Elect Tiffany Tucker**.

This planning and transitioning comprises of setting our goals, budget, projects, membership recruitment, socials, as well as further development of new members and our satellite club.

Please know that the value you find in our club, as well as your precious continued membership, is always at the center of our attention. Thank you for your continued patience.

Service Above Self

Absence

We missed you!			Active R85
Alderdice, Corey	Harris, William T IV	Ragsdale, Linda L.	
Alderdice, Stephanie	Herndon, Nicole	Raub, Michael	
Allison, Ronnie G. Jr.	Hoefl, John P.	Ross, Doug	
Bartholomae, Renee	Hogan, John A.	Sample, William H.	Arnold, Douglas A.
Bennett, Delores C.	Hollingshead, Carol	Sellman, Kathleen A.	Bailey, Larry A.
Bradley, Danny	Kelly, Judith Heikes	Shelby, Gene	Brunner, John H.
Britton, Beau	Kerst, William L.	Smith, Janet E.	Bush, David M.
Brown, Daniel	Lipton, Michael J.	Spicher, Forrest L. II	Craft, Joyce L.
Brown, Jeremy W	Martinez, Rafael	Stafford, Cheryl Lynn	Creason, Bill G.
Burrough, Billy J Jr.	Matone, Chad DDS	Stobaugh, John S	Cupp III, Cecil W.
Caristianos, Rollin	McGrew, Richard W.	Taylor, Kathy H.	Davenport, H. W.
Dante, Charles H. Jr.	McGuire, Patrick J.	Thurber, Darla	Endicott, Lynn E.
Davin, Peter	Metcalf, Tim	Troutman, Gary A.	Fleischner, H. Mark
Dews, John Scott	Mouton, Alex	Tuohey, James Michael	Fleischner, Stuart Allen
Disney, Daniel E.	Naramore, Wade	Wagstaff, Cindy	Levi, Lawrence W.
Dodd, Nick	Nation, Christina Lynn	Wallace, Jean E.	Mazzanti, James R.
Garner, Lance B.	Nehus, Stephanie M	Warren, Les A.	Owen, Ray Jr.
Gladner, Neal C.	Patel, Parth	White, Michael	Porter, Jack C.
Gooch, Lloyd (Don)	Patricio, Joe K.	Whitfield, Joyce Parker	Smith, Dennis C.
Green, Scott	Pitard, Toddy	Woodward, Maria	Smith, Scott A.
Hall, Kevin R.	Porter, Lance A.	Wright, Raymond	Woosley, Joseph L.
Hargis, Bradley Kurt	Praetzel, Daron C.	Zeiser, Jared	
Harrington, Neal	Pratt, John A.	Zunick, Mary E	
		Zunick, S. Robert	

Thought for the Week

**"Only a life lived for others
is a life worthwhile"
~Albert Einstein**
