



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of July 5, 2021

### Upcoming Programs:

July 7, 2021

*Barry Brandt, KATV  
 Weather Forecasting  
 (At the Arlington Hotel)*

July 14, 2021

*Myron Means,  
 Arkansas Game & Fish Commission  
 Bears in Arkansas  
 (At the Arlington Hotel)*

July 21, 2021

*Kat Robinson,  
 Food Writer  
 (Final meeting at the Arlington Hotel)*

### Club Leaders



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President



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President-Elect  
Club Programs Chair



[Harmony Hurst](#)  
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Club Director  
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Club

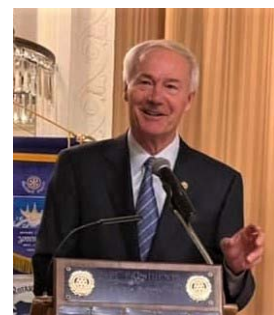
### Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson



President-Elect **Neal Gladner** introduced our special guest, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson to a full house crowd this week.

The Governor first recognized and expressed appreciation to our elected state officials in attendance: **Rep. Les Warren, Rep. Richard McGrew and Sen. Bill Sample.**

The Governor went on to say how much he loved Hot Springs and our sense of hope and optimism about the future, as well as our history, entertainment venues, tourism, manufacturing....."Hot Springs really has it all" and made a strong come-back after the pandemic.



While speaking about the pandemic, he says one of his best decisions was to keep the schools open during the last school year. Even though there was a lot of pressure to close businesses, Arkansas was one of 5 states that did not have a shelter in place order. With schools and businesses open, our economy was not shut down.

Arkansas was the third state to do away with the extra \$300 per week of unemployment benefits, and now 22 other states have followed.

While the vaccine rate isn't as high as he'd like, the adult population is over 50% vaccinated. The 30-50 year old sector is not being vaccinated at a good rate, but there is a limit to what the government can do. They cannot force the vaccine, but they can ensure that it is available, which they are doing. He did note that 98% of those hospitalized with Covid are not vaccinated.

Hutchinson also spoke about teacher's pay increases; helping low-income school districts and making computer science a requirement for high school graduation - all decisions that will help Arkansas' future.

When he came into office, the state did not have any money in savings. With his leadership and transformation program, we now have \$1.2 Billion in savings to help with the uncertain future.

And while putting those dollars in reserve, taxes in Arkansas have reduced from 7% when he became

Governor; to 5.9%. He will be introducing a plan in the fall session to reduce it even more to 5.5%. This puts more money in Arkansan's pockets and makes Arkansas more competitive for growth. Redistricting will be on the agenda once the census data is received, hopefully before September. This will ensure fair representation in each legislative district. The Governor says there is still more work to do in healthcare, mental health, drug addiction counseling and workforce training. While he has 18 months left in office, it has been a great joy serving the people of Arkansas and he hopes he has made a difference. Thank you, Governor.



**President Tiffany Tucker with Governor Asa Hutchinson**



**Director Meetings & Activities**



**Arthur D. Floyd**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Chuck E. Launius**  
iPast President



**Donna K. Smith**  
Club Executive Secretary



**Candace M. Young**  
Assistant Governor

## Birthdays

- Mary Anne Couch  
July 3rd
- Susan Allen Harper  
July 6th
- Sara Brown  
July 15th
- Kathleen A. Sellman  
July 16th
- John A. Hogan  
July 18th
- William L. Kerst  
July 18th
- John A. Pratt  
July 19th
- John Scott Dews  
July 25th
- Patrick J. McGuire  
July 30th

## The 4-Way Test



Invocation - **David Fleming**

Pledge ♦ **Forrest Spicer**

The 4 Way Test ♦ **Bill Burrough**



## New Members

Introducing our newest Rotarian:

**Thomas "Tom" Roberts**

Email: Tomwroberts@gmail.com  
PH: 312.805.4280

Position: Business Consulting

**Tom** is Founder and Principal of Cranberry Leadership International and was sponsored by **Robert Zunick**, who says that Tom has many skills and is a great collaborator and coach/leader.



**Welcome to HSNP Rotary Club, Tom!**

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## Prospective Members

The Board and the Membership Committee have approved the following prospective member. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 10 days of this first publication, she will become a member at our July 14 meeting.

### **Kirstie Kendall**

Owner, "A Narrow Escape"

Sponsored by Michelle Ratcliff

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## Guests

**Rotarian Rep. Les Warren** introduced these guests of Governor Hutchinson:

Jordan Bearden, Economic Development Policy Advisor

Shealyn Sowers, Director of Communications

Randall Lee, Photographer

Nikita Venugopal, Intern for Governor's Office

and asked the following member's guests to stand and be acknowledged:

**Michelle Ratcliff** hosted Kirstie Kendall, who is now being proposed for membership,

**Nicole Herndon** hosted Oaklawn Rotarian, Steve Trusty; **Darla Thurber** hosted her

son, Marshall Thurber; **Mary Zunick** hosted her son Robert Lewis Neilson and Kala

Rogers; **Scott Green** hosted former HSNP Rotarian Doug Gulley; **Joe Patrico** hosted

Pete Blakeslee; **Lynn Endicott** hosted his wife, Cheri Endicott; **Dick Gladden** hosted his wife, Pat

Gladden; **Joyce Craft** hosted her husband, Curtis Craft; **Chuck Launius** hosted James Dale; **Johnny**

**Hoefl** hosted James Frierson; **Roxanne Butterfield** hosted her daughter, Erika St. John; **Cindy**

**Watstaff** hosted former District Governor **Dennis Cooper**; new member **Tom Roberts** hosted his

wife, Michelle Roberts; and **Mark Fleischner** hosted Eric Jackson. Assistant District Governor **Candace**

**Young** was also in attendance and she hosted Ernestine Ross.

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## Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the **Hot Springs Country Club** on **Tuesday, July 13 at 11:45**. As always, all membership is invited to join us, especially new members who are trying to earn that coveted Blue Badge!

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## Satellite Club News



The HSNP Rotary After Hours Satellite Club recently held their first annual installation banquet for the 2021-2022 officers at the Hot Springs Country Club. Joi Burton was the guest speaker and music was by Sylvia Stems. **Chair Romeo Lopez** handed out awards and celebrated the tremendous success of the Club's first year. **Incoming Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff** did the swearing-in of the 2021-2022 officers pictured above from left to right: **Past Chair Romeo Lopez, Secretary -Jamie Ivy-Launius, Treasurer - Carter Zeiser, Ratcliff, District Governor Jamie Higgins, and Chair-Richard Burke. Chair Romeo** also awarded the inaugural "Clay Farrar Rotarian of the Year" award to **HSNP Rotary Club President, Chuck Launius.**

## President Tiffany Tucker



While traveling to Florida recently, I was sad to leave the beach until I got back and looked out at beautiful Lake Hamilton. I drove downtown and got to see all of these tourists who are enjoying our lovely downtown. My next door neighbors use their lakehouse as a VRBO rental for part of the summer. A couple of weeks ago we had neighbors from Ohio and they were asking me for restaurant recommendations. While talking about Hot Springs, I asked what motivated them to drive here from Ohio with their two fishing boats. He told me his daughter got on VRBO and just searched for a lake within driving distance and this is what they found. They had never been to Arkansas and are already booking their

return trip next year.

On Monday I open the paper and on the front page was an article about sales tax collections surpassing pre-pandemic levels. March and April, 2021 collections were up 33.73% from 2020 (obviously because of the pandemic), BUT they were up 30.62% over 2019 numbers. There are big things going on in Hot Springs. Let us celebrate that and welcome these tourists into our town with open arms during this holiday weekend.

Let us serve together to change lives today and every day. Enjoy your long weekend celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

## Absence

We missed you!			Active R85
Alderdice, Stephanie	Hall, Kevin R.	Naramore, Wade	
Allison, Ronnie G. Jr.	Harrington, Neal	Nation, Christina Lynn	
Britton, Beau	Harris, William T IV	Patel, Parth	
Brown, Daniel	Helm, Michael D.	Pitard, Toddy	
Brown, Jeremy W	Hollingshead, Carol	Porter, Lance A.	
Brown, Sara	Kelly, Judith Heikes	Raub, Michael	Cupp III, Cecil W.
Carney, James A	Kerst, William L.	Ross, Doug	Davenport, H. W.
Carter, Kim	Kleinman, Ira M.	Sellman, Kathleen A.	Fleischner, Stuart Allen
Dante, Charles H. Jr.	LaFollette, Diane	Stobaugh, John S	Smith, Scott A.
Davin, Peter	Lipton, Michael J.	Switzer, Meredith Blaise	
Dews, John Scott	Martinez, Rafael	Taylor, Kathy H.	
Disney, Daniel E.	Matone, Chad	Tuohey, James Michael	
Dodd, Nick	McGuire, Patrick J.	Woodward, Maria	

## Thought for the Week

**"We waste our lives waiting on ideal paths to appear in front of us.**

**But they never do.**

**Because we forget that paths are made by walking, not waiting."**

**~Author unknown**

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