



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of August 16, 2021

### Upcoming Programs:

August 18, 2021

**Dr. Sam Taggart**  
**Small Town Doctors**

August 25, 2021

**Gwen Moritz, Arkansas Business**  
**News Source Online Presentation Update**

September 1, 2021

**Christopher Crane, Arkansas Film Commission**  
**Getting Movies/TV to film in Arkansas**

### Dr. Joe Thompson, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement



**Rotarian Dr. Gene Shelby** introduced our returning speaker Dr. Joe Thompson, the President and CEO of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement (ACHI).

ACHI serves to advise the public as well as the legislature on health initiatives.

Dr. Thompson says that Arkansas has done a lot of good things regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, but we are now in a worse situation than ever before. A year and a half ago, we were fighting a novel coronavirus - something our immune systems had never

seen before. Now the virus has mutated into the "delta variant", which is more than twice as infectious and more deadly than the original virus. With Arkansas' low vaccine rates, thus less protection, "we've lost control".

While there is no "knock out drug" to heal those with the virus, we do have a great offensive strategy - the vaccines we have available. The technology used to create the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines was unique and quite remarkable, and went through the three stages of testing by the FDA showing a 95% effective rate on the "parent virus". While the vaccine may not prevent the delta variant of Covid, it is showing that it is effective in preventing hospitalization and more severe effects from the virus.

While the elderly in Arkansas have been vaccinated, we are seeing more of the younger folks who have chosen not to be vaccinated being hospitalized. Three Arkansas children have died from the virus. The largest group succumbing to the illness is now less than 45 years of age.

The ACHI website provides information that is sorted by zip code, school district, age and more. Also available are weekly email updates. Register or go to <https://achi.net/covid19/>.



### Club Leaders



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Club Director  
Community Service Chair

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### The 4-Way Test

Invocation - **Justin Nicklas**

Pledge ♦ **Tim Metcalf**



The 4 Way Test ♦ **Renee Bartholomae**



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Assistant Governor

## Covid reminder and update

The CDC updated their recommendations on Tuesday, July 27 that **even vaccinated people should wear masks in indoor, public settings** if they are in parts of the U.S. with substantial to high transmission. Unfortunately, Arkansas fits that criteria at this time because of the surge of the Delta variant. Here is what we are doing to help keep our members safe:

- A sanitizing station is set up prior to entering the ballroom and picking up your badges
- We request that you wear a mask while not eating or drinking during our meetings.
- Masks are available at Donna K's table
- Our tables are set for 5 people (instead of 8)
- The buffet has gloves available for each member

Our board will continue to monitor the CDC and State of Arkansas guidelines regarding COVID protocols during our meetings and activities. Please reach out to **President Tiffany** or any of our board members if you have any concerns or suggestions for us. Thank you.

## Prospective Members

The Board and the Membership Committee have approved the following prospective members. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 3 days of this second publication, they will become members at our August 18 meeting if they are able to attend.

### **Diana Strong**

Owner - Diana Strong Empowers  
Sponsored by **Tim Metcalf**

### **Mary Metcalf**

Owner/Publisher - Lakeside District Living  
Sponsored by **Tim Metcalf**

### **James Frierson**

Safety Specialist with CenterPoint Energy  
Sponsored by **John Hoefl**

### **Svetlana Simmons**

Managing Broker with McGraw Realtors  
Sponsored by **Alan Spraggins**

## Birthdays

Tiffany B. Rogers  
August 14th

Wade Naramore  
August 15th

Donna Jared  
August 17th

Stephanie M Nehus  
August 22nd

Courtney C. Crouch Jr.  
August 24th

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

James A Carney  
September 6th

Danny Bradley  
September 7th

Nicole Herndon  
September 10th

Richard W. McGrew  
September 12th

## Celebrate these Rotarians

**Rotarian Dr. Jack Porter** has been named to the board of directors for Arkansas

Community Foundation. Dr. Porter has served on the local Hot Springs Area Community Foundation affiliate for nearly 20 years and is chairman of the Oaklawn Center on Aging board of directors. He is currently working to save the Army Navy Building (the ACTI building).

The Arkansas Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization fosters smart giving to improve communities. By making grants and sharing knowledge, the Foundation supports existing charitable programs that work for Arkansas and partners to create initiatives that address unmet needs.

Congratulations, Dr. Porter!



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The Hot Springs Metro Partnership held their awards banquet on Tuesday and we'd like to congratulate the following winners:

Historic Preservation Champion of the Year - Cheryl Batts and The John Lee Webb House  
Downtown Trailblazer- Machine Gun Grotto  
Economic Force Award - Our new home: **DoubleTree by Hilton Hot Springs**  
Economic Leadership Award - **Rotarian Mayor Pat McCabe**  
Chairman's Award - **Rotarian Gary Troutman**

Also the 2021 Chairman of the Board for the Partnership is **Rotarian Dr. John Hogan**.

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## Guests

Our **Assistant District Governor and HSNP Rotarian Michelle Ratcliff** introduced guests:

**Tim Metcalf** introduced Diana Strong and **John Hoefl** introduced James Frierson, both of whom are prospective members.

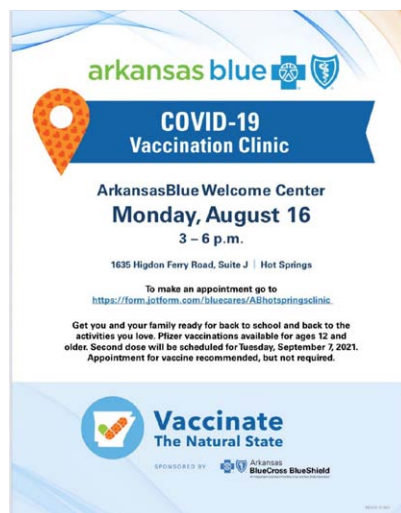


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## Announcements

**Rotarian Jeremy Brown** invited any and all to the Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic on Monday, August 16 (see flyer below). Appointments are required, please go to:

[form.jotform.com/bluecares/ABhotspringsclinic](https://form.jotform.com/bluecares/ABhotspringsclinic)



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**Rotarian Liz Robbins** invited everyone to the Garland County Historical Society's 2021 Hidden Hot Springs Home Tour on Sunday, September 26 from 2pm until 4pm. Two fascinating homes will be available to tour: Hilltop Manor at 2009 Park Ave. and the Peter Dierks Joers House at 2111 Park Ave. Tickets are \$75 per person and all proceeds benefit GCHS.

Go to: <http://garlandcountyhistoricalsociety.com/2021-hidden-hot-springs> or call 501-321-2159

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**Rotarian Ernie Hinz** invited everyone to the "Crowns and Boots Bash" benefitting the Faces Foundation. There is limited seating available for the event on September 9 from 6pm until 10pm at Crystal Ridge Distillery. For more information visit: [www.Fixfaces.org](http://www.Fixfaces.org)

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Please be patient with us as we are asking for you to continue RSVP'ing to Donna K for our meetings at this time. Please RSVP for next week's meeting by **Friday at noon**. We understand the inconvenience of this requirement, but it helps the DoubleTree plan better while offering the ability to socially distance as best we can.

## President Tiffany Tucker



Thank you to the Sentinel Record for continuing to cover our meetings and give us publicity in the newspaper. Thank you also to Cassidy Kendall with the Hot Springs Post, an online publication, for also covering our programs. Congratulations to Dr. Jack Porter for being named to the Arkansas Community Foundation's State Board (see "Celebrate These Rotarians" above) On this day in 1929, In a game against the Cleveland Indians, Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees hit his 500th career home run, becoming the first baseball player to reach that milestone. Congratulations to Friends of Majestic Park, who have announced a bronze Babe Ruth statue is being planned for the entrance of the new Majestic Park.

Please join us next week, as we have Dr. Sam Taggart joining us, who has written a book about Country Doctors in Arkansas. Please remember to RSVP to Donna K by noon on Friday for next week's meeting. As you leave today, I'll leave you with this: Rotary has decades of experience in supporting the distribution of polio vaccines as well as highlighting their power and efficacy, which is a critical reason why polio is on the brink of eradication. If you have not already gotten the COVID vaccine, I would urge you to do so, for the safety of both yourself and others. If you are hesitant or have questions that need to be answered, please reach out to a trusted medical advisor. I am sure Dr. Shelby and Dr. Thompson would welcome your questions or concerns. Fellow Rotarian and State Medical Director for Immunizations Dr. Dillaha also welcomes your questions. I am proud to have received the COVID vaccine to protect myself and my son, who is not eligible for the vaccine.

## Absence

We missed you!			Active R85
Alderdice, Corey	Harrington, Neal	Pratt, John A.	
Alderdice, Stephanie	Harris, William T IV	Raub, Michael	Aldridge, Susan G.
Allison, Ronnie G. Jr.	Helm, Michael D.	Roberts, Thomas W	Brunner, John H.
Bennett, Delores C.	Herndon, Nicole	Ross, Doug	Bush, David M.
Bradford, Jay	Hogan, John A.	Sample, William H.	Craft, Joyce L.
Bradley, Danny	Hollingshead, Carol	Smith, Janet E.	Creason, Bill G.
Britton, Beau	Kelly, Judith Heikes	Solleder, William	Davenport, H. W.
Brown, Daniel	Kendall, Kirsten A	Stafford, Cheryl Lynn	Endicott, Lynn E.
Brown, Jeremy W	Kerst, William L.	Stobaugh, John S	Fleischner, H. Mark
Brown, Sara	Lipton, Michael J.	Switzer, Meredith Blaise	Fleischner, Stuart Allen
Carter, Kim	Matone, Chad	Taylor, Kathy H.	Hudgens, E. Brad
Dante, Charles H. Jr.	McGrew, Richard W.	Thurber, Darla	Levi, Lawrence W.
Davin, Peter	McGuire, Patrick J.	Trice, David	Mazzanti, James R.
Dews, John Scott	Moore, Courtney W.	Wagstaff, Cindy	McKuin, Gary
Disney, Daniel E.	Naramore, Wade	Warren, Les A.	Owen, Ray Jr.
Dodd, Nick	Nehus, Stephanie M	Whitfield, Joyce Parker	Payton, Richard
Gooch, Lloyd (Don)	Northern, Martin	Wright, Raymond	Smith, Scott A.
Graham, Joseph P.	Phillips-Jolly, Jane	Zeiser, Jared	Woodsley, Joseph L.
Hall, Kevin R.	Pitard, Toddy		

## Thought for the Week

**You can't reach for the skies  
if your hands are still full with yesterday's junk.**