



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of October 25, 2021

Upcoming Programs:

October 27, 2021



**Eric Jackson, Sr. Vice President Oaklawn
Hot Springs Economy**

November 3, 2021

**Scott Smith, CEO
National Park Medical Center**

November 10, 2021

**Col. Nate Todd, Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Day Program**

Club Leaders



**Tiffany Tucker
President**



**Neal C. Gladner
President-Elect
Club Programs Chair**



**Harmony Hurst
Vice President
Membership Chair**



**Gary McQuin
Secretary**



**Courtney W. Moore
Treasurer**



**Tim Metcalf
Club Director
ADM**



**Justin Nicklas
Club Director
Youth Services Chair**



**Tiffany B. Rogers
Club Director
Community Service Chair**

**William Solleder
Club**

Rex Nelson, Hot Springs' Next Decade



President-Elect Neal Gladner introduced this week's speaker, Rex Nelson. Originally from Arkadelphia, Nelson has a strong bond with our wonderful city and often writes blogs and columns about Hot Springs. One of his most viewed blogs was written on February 21, 2014 titled "The Shame of Hot Springs" (which can be read [HERE](#)). He didn't mince words about the old buildings downtown sitting empty and one of his main concerns was the plywood that had recently been put up on the Majestic Hotel's windows and doors. Six days later, the Majestic burned. This is a critical part of Hot Springs history, as Nelson says that we now refer to things that happened "before the fire" or "after the fire".



Great progress has been made since Nelson wrote the "Shame" blog, but there is so much more that needs to be done. This is not a time to rest on our laurels, but to challenge ourselves and our town to not only "think BIG" (ala our late Rotarian **Clay Farrar**,) but to "THINK BIGGER". We need to ask "what can we do?" Then get serious and "make it happen". Hot Springs owes it to Arkansas and the rest of our country because we are unique - we have a National Park inside our city. Nelson is crossing his fingers for a Netflix series of "The Vapors" by David Hill (*see **TheBath Tub 07 13 2020***). How exciting that would be and how many people could that bring into our community! Nelson closed with these words: "There is work to be done. Don't screw it up!"

The 4-Way Test



Invocation - **Bryan Brinlee**

Pledge ♦ **Joyce Whitfield**

The 4 Way Test ♦ **Kirstie Kendall**



Director Meetings & Activities



[Arthur D. Floyd](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Chuck E. Launius](#)
iPast President



[Donna K. Smith](#)
Club Executive Secretary



[Michelle Ratcliff](#)
Assistant Governor

Guests

Rotarian and Past President Jared Zeiser introduced guests:

Scott Green introduced prospective member Casey Richmond; **Maria Woodward** hosted her husband, Dr. Philip Woodward; **Gary Troutman** hosted Mark Graham; **John Brunner** hosted his wife, Sue Brunner; and **Neal Gladner** hosted Matt Barret.



Birthdays

Svetlana Simmons
October 25th
Paulette S. Johnson
October 25th
Doug Ross
October 29th
Michael D. Helm
October 30th
James Michael Tuohey
November 7th
David M. Bush
November 8th
Thomas W Roberts
November 14th
Kathy H. Taylor
November 18th
Ronnie G. Allison Jr.
November 18th
Kala Rogers
November 18th
John H. Brunner
November 18th
John P. Hoefl
November 22nd
Johnna Galloway
November 22nd
Valerie Williams
November 24th
Linda L. Ragsdale
November 28th

Student Guests



Rotarian Dana Lambert introduced our first student guest of the year: Kerianna Collins, a Senior at Cutter Morning Star High School. Kerianna will join us again next week and she will speak to our club during her third visit on November 3. Welcome, Kerianna! It is so great to have our student guests returning to our club in person!

Prospective Members

The Board and Membership Committee have approved the following prospective member. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 3 days of this second publication, she will become a member at our October 27 meeting.

Casey Richmond
Attorney
Rainwater, Holt and Sexton

Holiday Schedule



Yep, it is already time to look at the Holiday Schedule. Here's what we have thus far:

No Club Lunch Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 24** due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

The evening of **Wednesday, December 15** will be our **Holiday Party at the Elks Club**. Please mark your calendars now so we can have a great turnout. Members and one guest are invited to attend. More info to come!

No Club Lunch Meetings will be held on December 15, December 22, or December 29.

Club Lunch Meetings will resume on **Wednesday, January 5, 2022** at the DoubleTree.

Announcements

STUDENT GUEST PROGRAM

We started the Student Guest Program this week! If you know of a special Senior who would make a great student guest and speaker, please reach out to **Diane LaFollette, Student Guest Committee Chair**, so she can schedule them. You can reach Diane at: dianel@midamericamuseum.org.

RETURN OF SCHOLARSHIP TRUST DRAWING!!!

You've all been waiting for this, right? On **Wednesday, October 27**, we will bring out a new deck of cards and bring one more thing back to normal: our Scholarship Trust Card Drawing! Bring your dollars with you..... maybe YOU will be a big winner! You can purchase tickets for \$1 each; 3 tickets for \$2 or 10 tickets for \$5. Two tickets are drawn each week and those selected get to pick a card from the deck. If you draw the **ace of diamonds**, you get half of the money in the pot. The other half of the pot goes to the scholarship trust in support of our annual student scholarship awards.

OCTOBER BOOK DRIVE

The **Education Development Committee** is continuing the book drive during the month of October. Please share your pre-loved books to be donated to the local area school's book busses (Fountain Lake's Cobra Reading Pit, Hot Springs School District's Trojans Read Book Bus, and Lake Hamilton's Wolf Pack Reading Den). Donations will be accepted at Rotary meetings during the month of October. Check this week's Bath Tub and/or contact Stephanie Nehus for more info (nehuss@hssd.net)

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Chair Renee Bartholomae** will continue selling the new **Rotary T-Shirts for \$20 each at next week's meeting**. They are selling quickly, so be sure to stop by the desk when you enter the ballroom next Wednesday. We can add this charge to your November statement if you don't have cash with you!
 - On **Thursday, October 28**, we will have a booth at the **Business Expo**. Please come by the booth if you are attending the Expo. Thanks to everyone who signed up to work a session!
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AR LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS

Dinner and Program Tuesday, November 9 at 5:45 pm

Hot Springs Country Club

featuring First Lady Susan Hutchinson

Tickets are \$75/person or \$500 for table of 8

Contact Suzanne Kuch at 501-915-8016 or online: arkansaslit@gmail.com

The mission of this organization is to improve student achievement by integrating cultural arts into the educational experience. For more information, please reach out to **Rotarian Susan Aldridge**.

Board Notes

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

The next Board meeting will be held at the **Hot Springs Country Club** on **Tuesday, November 16 at 11:45**. As always, all membership is invited to join us, especially new members who are trying to earn that coveted Blue Badge! Please let Donna K know if you are planning to attend.

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
- A Zoom option is now available for any members who are not comfortable meeting in person

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.

President Tiffany Tucker



This year I have had fun looking at our members ♦ Rotary anniversaries and celebrating with them. Here are a few big anniversaries in October for us to celebrate:

Pat Mcguire ♦ 10 years
Carolyn Pierce, Jean Wallace and John Pratt ♦ 20 years
Neal Gladner ♦ 24 years
Holly Haggard ♦ 33 years

To our new members, I would love for you to reach out to some of these members who have been in this club or Rotary for a long time, and find out why. Let them help guide you through being a new member of the club.

As a fellow OBU alum, I really appreciate Rex Nelson joining us this week. He is always one of our most anticipated speakers of the year and we have waited to have him back for a long time. We appreciate that he is always the Spa City ♦s biggest cheerleader, but also thank him for the challenges he gave us. We are not at the point where we can let up. There is still work to be done. There is still so much potential for Hot Springs. My dear friend, **Clay Farrar**, always said to ♦think big ♦ and Rex has asked us to ♦think bigger. ♦ Together, we can do this!

Absence

We missed you!			Active R85
Alderdice, Corey			
Alderdice, Stephanie	Helm, Michael D.	Pratt, John A.	
Bradford, Jay	Herndon, Nicole	Robbins, Elizabeth L.	
Bradley, Danny	Hogan, John A.	Roberts, Thomas W	
Britton, Beau	Hollingshead, Carol	Ross, Doug	
Brooks, Brenda	Kelly, Judith Heikes	Sample, William H.	Bailey, Larry A.
Brown, Daniel	Kerst, William L.	Shelby, Gene	Bush, David M.
Brown, Jeremy W	Launius, Chuck E.	Simmons, Svetlana	Craft, Joyce L.

Carter, Kim	Lipton, Michael J.	Smith, Janet E.	Cupp III, Cecil W.
Chapmond, Chris	Martinez, Rafael	Spraggins, Alan	Davenport, H. W.
Couch, Mary Anne	McGrew, Richard W.	Stobaugh, John S	Mazzanti, James R.
Dante, Charles H. Jr.	Metcalf, Tim	Switzer, Meredith Blaise	Payton, Richard
Davin, Peter	Mouton, Alex	Taylor, Kathy H.	Smith, Dennis C.
Disney, Daniel E.	Naramore, Wade	Thurber, Darla	Smith, Scott A.
Dodd, Nick	Nation, Christina Lynn	Wagstaff, Cindy	Woosley, Joseph L.
Frierson, James	Nehus, Stephanie M	Warren, Les A.	
Gooch, Lloyd (Don)	Pierce, Carolyn J.	Warren, Will	
Graham, Joseph P.	Pitard, Toddy	Williams, Valerie	
Harrington, Neal	Porter, Lance A.	Wright, Raymond	
Harris, William T IV			

Thought for the Week

**If you are too busy to laugh,
you are too busy.**
