



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of January 16, 2023

Upcoming Programs:

January 18, 2023

*Matt Bell,
Origami Saki*

January 25, 2023

*Suzanne Herron,
TRI Lakes CASA*

February 1, 2023

*Steve Arrison,
Hot Springs Convention Center*

Felipe Cano, Ouachita National Forest Service



L-R: Rotarian Michael White, President Neal Gladner and Speaker Felipe Cano

Established in 1907, the Ouachita National Forest Service is a federal agency under the US Department of Agriculture. They manage 193 million acres of public land and employ 229 people in Arkansas and Oklahoma. The two national forests in Arkansas are the Ouachita National Forest and the Ozark National Forest, which make up nearly 1.8 million acres in 15 counties of AR and OK.

The forest service has a commitment to the public. While they do fight fires, they use science to protect our national forests and prescribed burning is imperative for the health of our forests. Healthy forest ecosystems make everything happen: they purify the air, provide clean water, reduce the effects of wildfire, store carbon, provide wildlife habitat, maintain biodiversity and a variety of outdoor recreational experiences.

The forest service does a lot of timber sales that bring in billions of dollars, as the cost to run the forest service is \$7.2 Billion. Cano says that we are all stakeholders in the national forest and every time they have a project, they request public input.

In order to properly manage the public lands, Cano emphasized that everything they do is based on science. Ouachita NF is a national leader in prescribed burning and the model of fire prevention. In the western part of the United States, prescribed burning and timber sales have been stopped. The result has been major wildfires, burning millions of acres. If they had continued to follow science, the forests would have been more protected.

Cano mentioned Eagle Rock Loop on the Little Missouri River, which is less than an hour away from here, is beautiful. Also, the Red Slough Wildlife Management Area, a wetland project, has very interesting birds and alligators. He encouraged us to go out and enjoy these natural areas.

The Ouachita National Recreational Trail spans 192 miles across the Ouachita National Forest from Talihina, OK into Iron Springs, AR (just north of Jessieville).

Canos says that the National Forest Service can no longer afford the old Job Corps Center, which is right on the Ouachita River (upper Lake Hamilton). They have reached out to other organizations for interest, but so far, nobody is showing interest. He says that a decision will be made very soon about a potential

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sale of that property.

If you'd like more information about Ouachita National Forest Service, go to their website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/ouachita> or visit their office in the Federal Building at 100 Reserve Street, downtown Hot Springs.



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Birthdays

Karol Bailes
January 21st
Jack C. Porter
January 29th
Mary Gail Greenberg
February 5th
Daniel E. Disney
February 5th
William Solleder
February 6th
Michelle Ratcliff
February 9th
Neal Harrington
February 12th
Kelsey B Blackmon
February 15th

The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians **Stephanie Alderdice** and **Chris Franklin** had the lucky numbers, but when it came to drawing the cards, they weren't so lucky. The Ace of Diamonds continues to hide out in the deck. Tune in next week, when we will have:

\$110 in the pot

45 cards left in the deck

Paul Harris Fellow Awards



Rotarian and Past President **Mark Fleischner** presented Rotarian **Bill Sample** with a special Paul Harris Fellow +1 pin, given in honor by the following Rotarians for his outstanding service and contributions to our community during his tenure since 2005 in the State House and State Senate:
Neal Gladner, Richard McGrew, Gary Troutman, Les Warren, Mark Fleischner, Tiffany Tucker, Jeremy and Sara Brown, Bill Burrough, Diane LaFollette, Jim Randall and Forrest Spicher.

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS, BILL!

Prospective Members

The Board and 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, he will become a member at our January 25 meeting.

Loren Benedict
CEO Sanlor Technologies, LLC
Sponsored by **Mary Metcalf**

Student Guests

Mary Zunick introduced Autumn Herron, a senior from Cutter-Morning Star High School, for her first visit.

Guests

Rotarian Kevin Hall introduced our guests this week:

Mary Metcalf introduced prospective member, Loren Benedict, Gary McKuin introduced prospective member, Blake Bartholomae, and Gary Troutman hosted Gary Jackson.



Economic Minute



Past President and current Chamber President Gary Troutman gave us a quick monthly update on all the recent happenings in Hot Springs including:

- * The Metro Partnership has been awarded the contract for marketing the Majestic site and have already met with 2 prospects and a new marketing packet is completed
- * In the process of working with AT&T for a work-ready community for Hot Springs and Garland County
- * There is lots of interest in the Diamondhead community, with 21 available lots
- * The Chamber hosted both Leadership Hot Springs groups: both the youth and adult groups.

* The Chamber said "goodbye" to Rita Koller after 20 years of service

* Troutman congratulated Rotarians Bill Burrough and Pat McCabe for the successful water project, which is a big win for the future of our community

* Gary Jackson has joined the Metro Partnership as the Economic Development and Workforce Manager

Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday February 14 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 plan to attend.

Announcements

BLOOD DRIVE FOR FELLOW ROTARIAN, ROXANNE BUTTERFIELD

As many of you know, **Roxanne** has had two surgeries and many complications over the past month. She has had to have over 30 units of blood to date. So our club will be sponsoring a blood drive in her honor and support.

A separate email will be forthcoming early next week with specific information and you are encouraged to please spread the word with your friends and family. Roxanne has volunteered for many other organizations in addition to Rotary for many years. She is a perfect example of "**service above self!**"

HSNP ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Chair Ira Kleinman and his committee have updated the scholarship application and it is available on our website: www.hsnprotary.org. Please spread the word for any Garland County students who may be interested. Deadline for application is February 1, 2023.

President Neal Gladner



So I have to ask, have you made new years resolutions? Have you managed keep your resolution so far?

If your resolution has fallen by the wayside, you are in good company. According to US News, 80% of resolutions don't see it to the second week.

The ancient Babylonians are said to be the first to make New Year resolutions, about 4,000 years ago. Hlstory.com reports that the Babylonians believed that if they kept to their word, their Pagan gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. If not, they would fall out of the gods' favor—a place no one wanted to be.

And if your resolution is still going strong, good for you.

Visit Hot Springs is starting the new year with some excitement:

- First: Hot Springs has been named as host for the 2023 Pan American Bass Fishing Tournament -and the 2026 Bass Fishing World championship. Both of those events will be on Lake Hamilton.
- The unveiling of the eight-foot bronze Babe Ruth Statue will be February 6th at Majestic Park – only the fourth statue of “The Babe” anywhere in the world.
- AND – The website Outside.com has named the Northwoods Trail System here in Hot Springs as the top mountain bike trail system in Arkansas. Outside.com reports on participatory sports like running and cycling. The top ranking is a result of voting on that website.

Please remember this week to imagine the change maker YOU can be, as we all imagine Rotary.

I leave you with the words today from Calvin of Calvin and Hobbs comic strip fame, who said: “Everyone seeks happiness! Not me. That’s the difference between me and the rest of the world. Happiness isn’t good enough for me. I demand euphoria.” So go out and find some euphoria.

Absence

Aldridge, Susan G. Barrett, Matt Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Burrough, Billy J Jr. Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dews, John Scott Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Gronwaldt, Robert C Harrington, Neal Harris, William T IV Hoefl, John P. Kelly, Judith Heikes Kerst, William L.	Lauck, Scott Launius, Chuck E. Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. McGuire, Patrick J. McNary, Mechele Mitchell, Tanya Moore, Courtney W. Mouton, Alex Nehus, Stephanie M Patel, Parth Patrico, Joe K. Peine, Brett Pierce, Carolyn J. Pitard, Toddy Poole, Richard Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C.	Pratt, John A. Ragsdale, Linda L. Roberts, Thomas W Shelby, Gene Simmons, Svetlana Smith, Janet E. Solleder, William Spicher, Forrest L. II Stephens, Noelle Stobaugh, John S Taylor, Kathy H. Terry, Tiffany P. Trice, David Tucker, Tiffany Tuohey, James Michael Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Zeiser, Jared Zunick, S. Robert	Active-R85 Arnold, Douglas A. Bailey, Larry A. Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Cupp III, Cecil W. Davenport, H. W. Endicott, Lynn E. Hudgens, E. Brad Levi, Lawrence W. Smith, Dennis C. Active-LOA Brown, Daniel Burleson - Popp, Brad Butterfield, Roxanne
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Thought for the Week

**When life gets hard, don't wish it to be easier,
decide to be stronger.**