



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of January 23, 2023

### Upcoming Programs:

January 25, 2023

*Suzanne Herron,  
TRI Lakes CASA*

February 1, 2023

*Steve Arrison,  
Hot Springs Convention Center*

February 8, 2023

*Liz Robbins,  
Garland County Historical Society*

### Matt Bell, Origami Sake



**Rotarian Mary Zunick** introduced our speaker, Matt Bell (shown right with **President Neal**), who is President and CEO of Origami Sake, a new sake brewery in Hot Springs. Sake is not a beer, wine or spirit but a fermented beverage that is brewed from rice, water, yeast and koji, that is most popular in Japan. Bell and his stellar team chose Hot Springs for their production facility due to our pure water and close access to Isbell Farms in England, AR, which produces the perfect sake rice.



Bell bought the former Tex America facility on Hwy 270 East and is completely remodeling the facility with 100% solar power. He also dug a 680 ft. deep well to get the most pristine and perfect water, which is a key for good sake, along with good rice. Next month, they will be completed with the construction of the Koji Room, which is walled with imported Japanese cypress wood to ferment the rice.

Origami Sake is the first sake brewery in Arkansas and will be the largest domestically-owned sake brewery in the US. With a start date of March, 2023, they will produce 1.25 million liters of sake annually.

They named the company "Origami" because it is a familiar Japanese term to Americans. The packaging is beautiful (see photo below) and is bottled like wine. It should also be served like wine. Plans are to also make a canned option later that will be available in 4 packs.

Bell's goal is to make Hot Springs the "Napa Valley of sake".



### Club Leaders



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Chair



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Club Director  
Youth

### The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians Larry Levi and Chris Franklin had the lucky numbers, and look what Chris Franklin drew: the Ace of Diamonds! Congratulations, Chris! He won \$87.50! We'll start over with a new deck next week, so we'll have

**\$50 in the pot**

**52 cards left in the deck**



[Donna K Smith](#)  
Club Executive Secretary



[Tiffany Tucker](#)  
iPast President

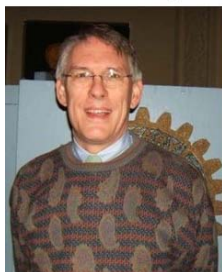


[Michelle Ratcliff](#)  
Assistant Governor

## The 4-Way Test

### INVOCATION

David Fleming



### PLEDGE

Robert Gronwaldt



### 4 WAY TEST

Scott Dews



## Birthdays

Karol Bailes  
January 21st  
Jack C. Porter  
January 29th  
Mary Gail Greenberg  
February 5th  
Daniel E. Disney  
February 5th  
William Solleder  
February 6th  
Blake O. Bartholomae  
February 7th  
Michelle Ratcliff  
February 9th  
Neal Harrington  
February 12th  
Kelsey B Blackmon  
February 15th  
John D. Selig  
February 20th  
Jared Zeiser  
February 22nd  
Will Warren  
February 28th

## New Members

We welcomed our newest member to our club this week:

### Blake Bartholomae

Email: [bartholomaevo@gmail.com](mailto:bartholomaevo@gmail.com)

PH: 817-773-3538

Position: Freelance Voiceover Specialist and E5 Sergeant in the U. S. Army Arkansas National Guard (Air Traffic Control Specialist)

Blake enjoys fishing, DJ'ing, and learning/reading about real estate investing. He is sponsored by his mother, **Renee Bartholomae**.



**Welcome to the HSNP Rotary Club, Blake!**

## 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, he will become a member at our January 25 meeting.

### Loren Benedict

CEO, Sanlor Technologies

Sponsored by **Mary Metcalf**

## Congratulations to these Rotarians!

Congratulations to Rotarian **Chris Chapmond** on his appointment to Director of the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training! We are very excited that Chris will remain in Hot Springs and continue his membership in our Rotary Club with this state position!

Congratulations to our members who were nominated for the 2022 Chamber Awards:

Organization of the Year:

National Park College (**John Hogan, Darla Thurber and Nicole Herndon**)

OCYFS: **Ashley Thompson**

OBHAW: **Renee Bartholomae**

Rising Star:

**Ashley Thompson**

**Noelle Stephens**

**Libby Harrington (Satellite Club)**

**Nicki Sessions (Satellite Club)**

**Loren Benedict (Prospective member)**

Woman of the Year:

**Ashley Thompson**

**Renee Bartholomae**

Man of the Year:

**Bill Sample**

**Justin Nicklas**

**Neal Harrington**

**Scott Dews**

**Tim Metcalf**

Small Business of the Year:

Gross Funeral Home (**Justin Nicklas**)

US Stations (**Neal Gladner**)

Large Business of the Year:

AR Beverage (**Ralf Bailes**)

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## Student Guests

**Kala Rogers** introduced Serenity Bagley, a senior from Lake Hamilton High School, for her first visit and **Mary Zunick** introduced Autumn Herron, a senior from Cutter-Morning Star High School, for her second visit. We look forward to hearing from Autumn next week.

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## Guests

Rotarian **Tanya Mitchell** introduced our guests this week:

**Mary Metcalf** introduced prospective member, Loren Benedict, **Gary Troutman** introduced Saddiq Mir, **James Frierson** hosted Rick Koite, **Will Harris** introduced Maggie Culp and **Gary McKuinn** introduced Oaklawn Rotarian Lori Erickson.



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## Get Well Soon!

Rotarian **Dana Lambert** was thrilled with the flowers that our club sent her after her knee surgery this week. She said they were lovely and brightened her spirits. Her surgery went well and she has started Physical Therapy here in town. She is hoping to get back to Rotary by mid-February. Meanwhile, she is "zooming in".

Rotarian **Roxanne Butterfield** also sends her appreciation for all the cards and well wishes, not to mention the great reactions to the blood drive (the form and information flyer is attached to this newsletter). She is now rehabbing at Encompass in Little Rock and says they keep her very busy. She is still not ready for visitors, but she can receive emails and texts. \*Last minute update: Roxanne is tentatively scheduled to be discharged from the rehab center on February 2! She is feeling stronger every day and says "No resting on laurels here!" We have no doubt that Roxanne is giving it her all to get back to her active and healthy self!

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Best wishes to these two wonderful Rotarian friends for a complete and "uneventful" recovery!

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## 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.

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## Rotary Minute



**Rotarian Dick Gladden** provided the following Rotary Minute this week:

The first Rotary Foundation supported project that the Rotary Club of Pandan Valley, Singapore, had undertaken in 35 years happened because of one Rotarian, Munisamy. He had seen school children drinking unclean water, so he made a big well, built a filtration system and tank to pipe water into the school. The memory of children drinking clean water at school gave him a feeling of accomplishment. He has since been involved in providing pneumonia shots in Singapore to low income people 65 and older thanks to a global grant. He said: I saw Rotary and all the good things it does and it gave me a good platform.

Another Rotarian, Elmer Huffton of Michigan, relates that Rotary has given him so much he just wanted to give something back. So, when he sold his business, he made Paul Harris Fellow contributions of \$1,000 for each of the 24 past Presidents. He had started his tool and die business in his garage in the 1930's and it grew into a group of manufacturing firms that among its customers were Ford and General Motors. Lately, he has been involved in reconditioning vehicles like ambulances, school busses and a fire truck to send to Central America. And in addition to all of these achievements, he has a perfect attendance record of 55 years!

Both Rotarians are good examples of "**Service Above Self**".

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## 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 with specific information and you are encouraged to please spread the word with your friends and family. Roxanne has volunteered for many organizations in our area for many years. She is a perfect example of "**service above self**"!

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### 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](http://www.hsnprotary.org). Please spread the word for any Garland County students who may be interested. Deadline for application is February 1, 2023.

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## President Neal Gladner

- Hopefully you got the email and information about donating blood in support of our longtime member and friend **Roxanne Butterfield**. Attached to this BathTub is another copy of the flyer with the information you will need to get the proper credit for her.
- Congratulations to all the Rotarians who are personally nominated or part of an organization nominated for a community service award at the chamber. The banquet is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are still available at the chamber's website .
- Next Week we will have Suzanne Herron, the executive director of CASA, the Child Advocacy organization, who will be our program.



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

Particularly appropriate in light of our Rotary survey that showed the number one reason members like to attend in person is to see fellow members and friends

face to face:

"I would rather walk with a friend in the dark than walk alone in the light." These are the words of Helen Keller.

## Absence

Alderdice, Corey	Hoefl, John P.	Phillips-Jolly, Jane	<b>Active-R85</b>
Bennett, Delores C.	Hogan, John A.	Pitard, Toddy	
Bradford, Jay	Kelly, Judith Heikes	Porter, Lance A.	Aldridge, Susan G.
Brinlee, Bryan	Kerst, William L.	Praetzel, Daron C.	Bailey, Larry A.
Britton, Beau	Lambert, Dana M.	Pratt, John A.	Brunner, John H.
Brown, Jeremy W	Lauck, Scott	Roberts, Thomas W	Craft, Joyce L.
Brown, Sara	Launius, Chuck E.	Ross, Doug	Creason, Bill G.
Canales, Brian	Lipton, Michael J.	Sample, William H.	Cupp III, Cecil W.
Chapmond, Chris	Martinez, Rafael	Shelby, Gene	Davenport, H. W.
Dante, Charles H. Jr.	McGrew, Richard W.	Spicher, Forrest L. II	Endicott, Lynn E.
Dingler, Brett	McGuire, Patrick J.	Stobaugh, John S	Fleischner, Stuart Allen D.D.S.
Disney, Daniel E.	Moore, Courtney W.	Taylor, Kathy H.	Hudgens, E. Brad
Dodd, Nick	Nehus, Stephanie M	Terry, Tiffany P.	Porter, Jack C.
Gooch, Lloyd (Don)	Nicklas, Justin	Thompson, Ashley	<b>Active-LOA</b>
Graham, Mark T.	Northern, Martin	Wagstaff, Cindy	Brown, Daniel
Harrington, Neal	Pate, Jimmy M.	Warren, Les A.	Burleson - Popp, Brad
Helm, Michael D.	Patel, Parth	White, Michael	Butterfield, Roxanne
Herndon, Nicole	Peine, Brett		

## Thought for the Week

**Success is not measured by what you do  
compared to what others do.  
It is measured by what you do  
with the ability that God gave you.  
~ Zig Ziglar**