



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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**Week of February 5, 2024**

### Upcoming Programs:

**February 7, 2024**

***Diane LaFollette, Exec Director  
Mid America Science Museum  
\*\*This meeting will be held at MASM\*\****

**February 14, 2024**

***Trey Berry, President  
Henderson State University***

**February 21, 2024**

***Matt Bell, CEO & President  
Origami Sake***

### Club Leaders



**Chris Franklin**  
President



**Sara Brown**  
President-Elect



**Tim Metcalf**  
Vice President



**Gary McQuin**  
Secretary



**Courtney W. Moore**  
Treasurer



**Renee Bartholomae**  
Club Director



**Diane LaFollette**  
Club Director



**Cheryl Lynn Stafford**  
Club Director



**David Trice**  
Club Director

### Birthdays

Daniel E. Disney  
February 5th

Mary Gail Greenberg  
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



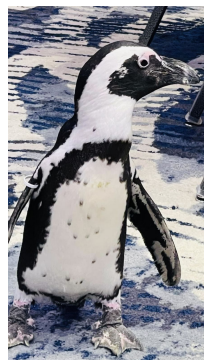
**L-R: President Chris Franklin, Speaker Susan Alturi, and Vice President Tim Metcalf**

**Rotary Vice President Tim Metcalf** introduced this week's speaker, Susan Alturi, who is the Director of the Little Rock Zoo. Alturi is also a Rotarian with Club 99 in Little Rock. One of Arkansas' largest attractions, the Little Rock Zoo is currently breaking ground with renovation and expansion of animal exhibits at the front entry. They just received a \$12 bond for the new renovation.

The Little Rock Zoo was founded in 1924 and still houses many of its historic buildings. They house over 400 animals, many who are threatened or endangered. It is the only zoo in AR accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, a designation that only 10% of facilities hold. We need zoos to inspire the next generation of conservationists. The Little Rock Zoo actively participates in conservation with the Species Survival plan and Saving Animals from Extinction (SAFE). They support conservation in the wild abroad as well as locally. Their newest local partnership is with the collared lizard. Other conservation programs are Wildlife SPS (with sloth bears), Cheetah Conservation Fund, International Rhino Foundation, Turtle Survival Alliance, South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds, Dian Fossey Gorilla fund International and MYCAT Malaysian Conservation Alliance for Tigers. Conservation issues are important as a mass extinction event is underway, as we are losing species at a rate of 10,000 times faster than before. Unfortunately, 99% of animal extinction is due to human activity.

Always moving forward, the new exhibits at the Zoo include the new Colobys Monkey Habitat, Serval Cat habitat, Conservation Learning Center, Collared Lizard Habitat. There are new pathways and a new nature play area, as well. Future plans include renewing and updating the Zoo to increase the impact, expand the educational reach, expand access and link to War Memorial Park. There are many more projects coming up and the best way that you can help is to visit the zoo! If you haven't been there in a while, please make a trip up to Little Rock and see what our state zoo has to offer.

Alturi then turned the meeting over to Heather Baker, who brought out the true star of the show: Benny, the African Blackfooted penguin from South Africa. This warm-climate cutie stole the show by waddling around and greeting everyone in attendance.



**Benny**

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## 4 Way Test

INVOCATION  
David Fleming



PLEDGE  
Ashley Thompson



4 WAY TEST  
Cheryl Stafford



## Student Guest Speaker

**Rotarian Joyce Whitfield** introduced this week's student speaker, Kendall Williams, a senior at Hot Springs World Class High School. Williams was all smiles after winning a rivalry basketball game the previous night. He plays football and basketball for Hot Springs High and is an all-state defensive end as well as an all-conference basketball player. He has attended Leadership Hot Springs, Boys State and is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Ouachita Baptist University to play football and major in accounting. He then plans to go into real estate. Kendall plans on coming back home after graduation to work and give back to his alma mater and community by raising money for school supplies, backpacks, clothing and sleeping bags for those who need them and will volunteer in local soup kitchens. He ended with a wonderful Mahatma Gahndi quote: "Be the change you wish to see in the world." And Go Trojans!

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## Rotary Night at National Park College



### ROTARY NIGHT AT NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE

Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, February 15 at 6:30** for NATIONAL PARK ROTARY CLUB'S ROTARY NIGHT at NPC Basketball Game. Admission is free for Rotarians; guests will be charged the \$5 admission fee. The Night Hawks will be playing the University of Arkansas - Cossatot. This will be our second and final fellowship event until our Installation Banquet in June, so please try to attend and support our local collegiate basketball team!

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## Guests

**Rotarian Justin Ncklas** introduced this week's guests with the best zoo joke ever (you had to be there)

**Rotarian Stephanie Nehus** hosted Kiley Simms, Hannah Baker was a guest of our speaker, and Amy Snider was a guest of our student guest speaker.

Welcome to all of our guests!



## Student Guests

**Gary McQuin** introduced his granddaughter, Jamie McQuin, a senior at Lakeside High School, for her first visit. **Jim Randall** introduced Matthew Goodwin, a senior from Jessierville High School, for his second visit, and **Scott Dews** introduced Amelia Rogers, a senior from Lakeside High School, for her second visit. We will hear from both Matthew and Amelia next week.

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## Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, February 13 at noon**. 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. If you'd like to have lunch with us, please come 15 minutes early so you can order off the menu prior to the start of the meeting.

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## Announcements

### LITERACY COUNCIL OF THE OUA CHITAS "READ BETWEEN THE WINES"

**Rotarian Sarah Richardson** invites everyone to an evening of "words and wine" on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Embassy Suites. The evening will feature Eli Cranor, author of Ozark Dogs. For more information, reach out to Sarah.

### SOCIAL MEDIA INPUT

We want to increase the social media presence of our club and members. Since many of you are involved in several different events and activities, please submit to Matt Barrett, PR Chair, (mattb@riserauto.com) a photo and information regarding some of your current community activities. If you haven't yet "liked" our Facebook page, please [CLICK HERE](#) and do so!

### STUDENT GUESTS

**Student Guest Committee Chair Sarah Richardson** requests that any Rotarian who has a child or grandchild that is a senior at one of our local high schools that you would like to see attend and speak to our club during the school year, please reach out to her or any member of the Student Guest Committee.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REQUEST

The Membership Committee, chaired by **Brent Atkins**, has requested that all members please submit any potential member candidates to him or one of his committee members. Our membership numbers are down significantly this year! Let's brainstorm and invite some of our many community leaders to be a part of our club!

## President Chris Franklin



Despite our cold snap we had a couple of weeks ago, Wednesday was "National Hell is Freezing Over Day". You observe "National Hell is Freezing Over Day" by doing all the projects you said you would never do, "until Hell Freezes Over". So, get those lists out, because that cold front has made it to Hell, and it's time to get those unpleasant tasks done.

Some of my early childhood memories are from my mother taking us to the zoo. I remember being scared of the elephant that was eating from people's hands. I kept dropping the peanut when it reached for mine. I was probably not more than 4 years old at the time. Back then I didn't think about zoos as a place of controversy. Later I would hear people object to them for various reasons, and to be fair, not all zoos are created equal, and we have come a long way in our

understanding of the needs of the animals, both in their habitat and behavior. But today, I believe we have a great zoo that helps to contribute to conservation and is part of a network of zoos that are dedicated to species protection. When I think of a modern zoo, I think of a place that will turn that frightened child into the next research scientist or wildlife photographer. Zoos play an important role in connecting the public with nature in a way that is not possible for a great many people. And it is only through that connection with nature that we realize that we all play a role in the protection of the ecosystems that these animals need to thrive. So, enjoy the zoo, make lasting family memories, and while you're at it, donate a little to their conservation efforts.

"If it weren't for zoos, we would have so many species that would be extinct today" ~ Betty White

## Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Barrett, Matt Benedict, Loren J. Bennett, Ashley Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Brown, Jeremy W Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Crawford, Roger Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dingler, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Frierson, James Galloway, Johnna	Gooch, Lloyd (Don) Harper, Susan Allen Harrington, Neal Harris, William T IV Helm, Michael D. Jarmon, Nadine Kerst, William L. Koller, Rob Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. Moore, Courtney W. Mouton, Alex Pate, Jimmy M. Patel, Parth Peine, Brett Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Ratcliff, Michelle	Robbins, Elizabeth L. Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Shelby, Gene Simmons, Svetlana Sims, Gefer Smith, Janet E. Spicher, Forrest L. II Spraggins, Alan Stephens, Noelle Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Trice, David Tucker, Tiffany Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Zeiser, Jared Zunick, Mary E Zunick, S. Robert	<b>Active-R85</b> Aldridge, Susan G. Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, H. Mark Levi, Lawrence W. Payton, Richard  <b>Active-LOA</b> Quinney, Greg Rogers, Kala
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## Thought for the Week

"If you change the way you look at things,  
the things you look at change"  
~Dr. Wayne Dyer

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