



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of February 27, 2023

Upcoming Programs:

March 1, 2023

Bitty Martin, Author
"Snake Eyes"
Murder in a Southern Town (Hot Springs)

March 8, 2023

Dr. Joe Thompson, Director ACHI
Covid: 3 years later (and more)

March 15, 2023

Rotarian and City Manager, Bill Burrough
State of the City

Shawnee Cooper, Rotary Action Group Against Slavery



L-R: President Neal, Speaker and Rotarian Shawnee Cooper, and Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff

Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff introduced our speaker, **Shawnee Cooper**, a Saline County After Hours Rotarian and the Arkansas Ambassador for the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery. A grandmother of 12, Shawnee is very passionate about bringing attention to a global problem of trafficking children, whether for labor, sex, organ trafficking, child soldering or child marriage. The frightening statistics are that one in five children will be approached at some point by a trafficker online and every 30 seconds a child is sold for sexual purposes here in the United States. While there is a common misconception that human trafficking does not happen here in the US, the estimates are that 199,000 incidents occur here EVERY YEAR.

Shawnee provided data, but the most frightening is that Arkansas has the #8 highest rate per capita. The larger metro areas have the highest statistics, but those are only the incidents that are reported. There are many more that go unreported.

Traffickers are exceptionally good at luring their victims into a trusting relationship, then turn on them when things have gone too far. Some signs of grooming to look for are:

- sudden increase of money, clothes, other expensive items
- new friends

Club Leaders



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- unexpected absences
- changes in behavior
- becoming withdrawn
- unexplained injuries, bruises, cuts, tattoos, etc.

Communication with your children is so important. Some good questions to ask are:

- Where are you going?
- Who are you going to see?
- What are you doing?
- How are you feeling?
- How was your day?
- How are your friends?
- What's new?
- What plans do you have (immediate and in the future)

Children should be encouraged to have at least THREE trusted adults in their life, so that if something uncomfortable should happen to them, they are comfortable telling at least one of those trusted adults. And if that adult doesn't help, they can tell another one. They need to be encouraged to keep telling one of their trusted adults until someone gives them help.

The Rotary Action Group Against Slavery is committed to connect, empower and equip Rotarians to engage their communities to eradicate all forms of modern slavery/human trafficking locally and around the globe. You can join this group for \$30/year or \$75 for 5 years by going to www.ragas.online.com/membership to help "End Slavery Now".

What else can you do?

- Tell 3 people about this program
- Call 911 and report any suspicions you may encounter
- Program the hotline number into your phone: 888-373-7888 for help 24/7/365
- Share missing person posts on social media (be sure to check the date and status before sharing)

If you have more questions or want more information on how to help, reach out to Shawnee at 870-904-8757 or shawneecooper13@gmail.com. This is not a comfortable subject to discuss, but it certainly is one that everyone needs to be aware of and educate themselves to help our innocent children.



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



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Assistant Governor

Birthdays

Will Warren
February 28th
Matt Barrett
March 2nd
Billy J Burrough Jr.
March 11th
Robert C Gronwaldt
March 15th
John S Stobaugh
March 16th
Justin Nicklas
March 21st
E. Brad Hudgens
March 25th
S. Robert Zunick
March 30th

The 4-Way Test

INVOCATION

David Fleming



PLEDGE

Gail Greenberg



4 WAY TEST

Jane Phillips-Jolly



Student Guest Speaker



Honorary Rotarian Kala Rogers introduced our Student Guest Speaker, AnnaClaire Berry, a senior from Fountain Lake High School. AnnaClaire is headed to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville after graduation to major in biology and will further her education in medical school. After doing her surgical residency, she plans to return to Hot Springs to provide medical care here as a cardiovascular surgeon.

Rotary Foundation Matching Points Opportunity

The Rotary Board recently approved a proposal by the TRF Fundraising Committee, chaired by **Mark Fleischner**, to have a matching points opportunity for members during the month of March, 2023 as described below:

This will be a 1:1 match of donated dollars to The Rotary Foundation for an equal amount of points to be matched by the club. There is a minimum of \$100 donation per club member, at which the club will match the \$100 in points.

For example: If a member currently has a total of \$800 in donations to the Rotary Foundation, and makes a \$100 contribution, then the club would match the 100 in points to give the member a total of \$1,000 so they would receive their Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Another example: If a member only has \$200 in their donations, they can then make a \$400 donation to the Rotary Foundation and the Club would match the 400 in points, to give the member \$1,000 for their PHF. Or if a member has \$2,500 in contributions and makes a \$250 donation, the club will match with 250 in points and the member will reach their PHF +2 level.

Again, the minimum amount is \$100 donation from the club member and the total amount must get the member to either the initial Paul Harris Fellowship amount (\$1,000) or a "plus" level (\$1,000 increments).

The Club has been authorized to use a total of 10,000 points during the month of March and they will be on a first come, first served basis. Once we reach 10,000 matched points, this opportunity will be over. This will only be available to members from March 1 through March 31 (or whenever the 10,000 points allotment is reached, whichever is first).

You can check your current contribution amount at www.rotary.org OR reach out to **Club Secretary Gary McKuin** or **Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff**. Your donation checks should be made out to the **HSNP Rotary Club** with "**matching TRF points**" in the memo line. You can bring them to Donna K's table at the weekly meeting beginning March 1 or mail them to our PO Box 909, HS, AR 71902, with receipt no later than March 31. Sorry, we cannot process credit card payments for this special opportunity.

Any questions, see **Donna K, Gary or Michelle**.

Guests

Rotarian Jeremy Brown introduced our guests this week:

Ashley Thompson hosted Cara Matthews; **Justin Nicklas** introduced Chad Newell; **J. J. Galloway** introduced proposed member, Christie Dawson; **Cindy Wagstaff** hosted Satellite Club members **Libby Harrington and Louis Jimerson**; **Kala Rogers** introduced our student speaker's mother, Emily Berry; **Mike Tuohey** hosted Blake Abston, a Rotaract member of Club 99; and Past District Governor and husband of our speaker this week, **Dennis Cooper**. We also had a visiting Rotarian, **Sam Lauderdale** of Hernando, MS.



Student Guests

Larry Bailey introduced John Taylor, a senior from Jessieville High School, for his second visit. **Nicole Herndon** introduced Madison Dengel, a senior from ASMSA, for her first visit. We look forward to hearing from John next week.

Red to Blue Badge

Congratulations to **Rotarian Rob Koller** who received his coveted blue badge from **Gary McKuin** in the manner that only Gary McKuin can pull off. Welcome to "Blue Badge-land", Rob!



For our newer members of the club, the list of requirements to move from a red badge to a blue badge are as follows:

1. Photo
 2. Meet with Sgt. At Arms after the first meeting
 3. Greet at the door 4 times
 4. Lead the flag pledge
 5. Sit at the head table one time
 6. Visit G.C.H.S. at 328 Quapaw
 7. Review Rotary New Member Kit
 8. Make-up at another club
 9. Attend a board meeting
 10. Lead the Four Way Test
 11. Attend a Rotary information meeting (if available)
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New Members

We welcomed our newest member to our club this week:

Lori Erickson

Email: lori.erickson@obi.org

PH: 501-258-0804

Position: Account Consultant for Arkansas Blood Institute

Lori is a former member of the Oaklawn Rotary Club and was instrumental in organizing the blood drive for our member and friend, **Roxanne Butterfield**.

She is sponsored by **President Neal Gladner**



Welcome to the HSNP Rotary Club, Lori!

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 March 8 meeting.

Saddiq Mir

Owner: J&S Italian Villa, Copper Penny Pub and The Ohio Club

Sponsored by **Gary Troutman**

Rotary Flag Presentation

Rotarian Rob Gronwaldt presented **President Neal** with the Rotary Flag of Memorial-Spring Branch in Houston, Texas. Thank you, Rob!



Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, March 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 couple of months. She has had to have over 30 units of blood to date. So our club is sponsoring a blood drive in her honor and support. There are still several dates and locations available, so please help us support Roxanne! Please call, text or email Lori Erickson at 501-258-0804 or lori.erickson@obi.org to schedule your time.

Roxanne has volunteered for many organizations in our area for many years. She is a perfect example of "service above self"!

ROTARY INFORMATION MEETING

The Past President's Council, chaired by **Gary Troutman**, will host a Rotary Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 1 at 11:00 am in one of the 7th floor meeting rooms at the Double Tree. If you are a new/newer member and you have not yet attended one of these meetings, PLEASE plan on doing so.

This is part of the Blue Badge requirement and since we are now hosting these on a regular basis, all new members will be required to attend in order to get the coveted Blue Badge! Please let Donna K or Gary Troutman know if you plan to attend. This meeting will be adjourned in plenty of time for you to walk down the hall and attend the weekly Rotary Meeting immediately following.

TROJANS LOVE READING PROGRAM

A vertical poster for the Trojans Love Reading Program. The background is dark with a subtle pattern. On the left, the words "TROJANS LOVE READING" are written vertically in a stylized font. In the center, the text "READ WITH A TROJAN STUDENT!" is prominently displayed. Below this, three dates are listed: "Friday, Feb 3, 1:30", "Friday, March 3, 1:30", and "Friday, April 14, 1:30". To the right of the dates are five chevron symbols pointing left. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text providing details about the program and contact information for barnesa@hssd.net.

Trojans Love Reading is an initiative to build community support and excitement around reading! When elementary students feel this village approach from Trojan families and individuals/partners/leaders from the Hot Springs community, they are more likely to maintain and grow their own interest in reading and developing literacy skills.

On the two dates above, in March - April of 2023, we are inviting anyone in the Hot Springs community to support students in grades 1-6 at all four of our [#HSSD](#) elementary school campuses by committing to read a book to two or more Trojan classes.

---HSSD Elementary Schools and Locations:

Langston Elementary Leadership Academy (300 Silver Street)
Main Street Visual & Performing Arts Magnet School (701 Main Street)

Oaklawn STEM Magnet School (301 Oaklawn Boulevard)

Park Magnet, an IB World School (617 Main Street)

RSVP as an individual or group to barnesa@hssd.net if you would like to be assigned to a #HSSD school; OR if you have a connection with a Trojan student or staff member, feel free to attend that school as a reader and request to be assigned to that classroom.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY
May 19-20, 2023 at the DOUBLETREE BY HILTON - HOT SPRINGS**

We are in need of host family/families for **Enrique Garcia**, a Rotarian from Guadalajara, Mexico, who works with Rotary International through the *Heart 2 Heart* and other programs. He is planning on coming to the District Conference/Assembly, and hopefully will speak at the Foundation Banquet on Friday evening. He would like to spend a week, more or less, visiting clubs in our district. Please let **Donna K or Neal** know if you are interested in hosting Enrique for a night or two, which would include meals in addition to accommodations.

President Neal Gladner



This is a historic day – and you'll know what I mean by just these few words: *"Do you believe in miracles?"*. It was on this day in 1980 when sports announcer Al Michaels exclaimed those five words in one of the most famous sports calls in history. Just to remind you – the Soviet Union was a four-time defending gold medal winner and highly favored in the game against the US. The Olympics that year were hosted here in the US at Lake Placid, New York. That game was NOT for the gold medal. In fact, it was the first game in the medal round. The teams were tied 2-2 at the end of the first periodthe Soviets led 3-2 after the second period. Hockey has three periods – and in the third period, the US scored two unanswered goals and hung on to win 4-3. The Soviets took Silver, beating Sweden. Anyone remember who the US defeated to win the gold? Finland. Maybe for your calendar: Bitty Martin, who wrote Snake Eyes, Murder in a Southern Town, will be at "Between the Wines" tomorrow. It's at 6pm to benefit the Literacy Council. And a reminder that Bitty will speak to our club a week from

today.

Also, this Saturday at Oaklawn, the Rebel Stakes will be run. The three-year-olds will go a mile and a sixteenth – the purse: One Million Dollars. And that night, Country Artist Tracy Byrd will perform. You may recall he was, at one time, a celebrity endorser for Visit Hot Springs.

In this week's meeting, many opportunities were announced to be of service. So I'll end with my regular reminder to Imagine the change maker you can be as we all "Imagine Rotary".

And our parting thought today: *"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing"*. The words of.... Walt Disney

Absence

Alderdice, Corey	Johnson, Paulette S.	Praetzel, Daron C.	
Alderdice, Stephanie	Kelly, Judith Heikes	Pratt, John A.	
Benedict, Loren J.	Kerst, William L.	Robbins, Elizabeth L.	
Bennett, Delores C.	LaFollette, Diane	Roberts, Thomas W	
Bradford, Jay	Lambert, Dana M.	Ross, Doug	Active-R85
Brinlee, Bryan	Launius, Chuck E.	Sample, William H.	Aldridge, Susan G.
Britton, Beau	Lipton, Michael J.	Shelby, Gene	Craft, Joyce L.
Brown, Sara	Martinez, Rafael	Smith, Janet E.	Davenport, H. W.
Burrough, Billy J Jr.	McGrew, Richard W.	Spicher, Forrest L. II	Endicott, Lynn E.
Carney, James A	McNary, Mechele	Stobaugh, John S	Fleischner, Stuart Allen
Chapmond, Chris	Mitchell, Tanya	Taylor, Kathy H.	Levi, Lawrence W.
Dante, Charles H. Jr.	Moore, Courtney W.	Terry, Tiffany P.	Smith, Dennis C.
Dodd, Nick	Mouton, Alex	Thurber, Darla	
Echols, Taryn E.	Nehus, Stephanie M	Troutman, Gary A.	Active-LOA
Frierson, James	Northern, Martin	Tucker, Tiffany	Brown, Daniel
Gooch, Lloyd (Don)	Pate, Jimmy M.	Warren, Les A.	Burleson - Popp, Brad
Hall, Kevin R.	Patel, Parth	Warren, Will	Butterfield, Roxanne
Harrington, Neal	Patrico, Joe K.	Zeiser, Jared	
Helm, Michael D.	Peine, Brett	Zunick, Mary E	

Thought for the Week

**Staying positive doesn't mean that you have to be happy all the time.
It means even on hard days, you know that better ones are coming.**
