



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of March 11, 2024

Upcoming Programs:

March 13, 2024

Melissa Capuano,
OBHAW 100 Families Coordinator

March 20, 2024

Joey Lauren Adams, Actress

March 27, 2024

Darryl Mahoney, County Judge
Garland County/Roads Update

Becca Ohman, Garvan Woodland Gardens



L-R: President Chris Franklin, Speaker Becca Ohman, Past President Susan Harper
Past President Susan Harper introduced our speaker Becca Ohman, interim Executive Director of Garvan Woodland Gardens. Ohman recently moved into this position with the retirement of long-term Executive Director, Bob Bledsoe.

Ohman provided us with a short history of the 210 acre gardens, which were started by Verna Cook Garvan back in 1955. The gardens were donated to the University of Arkansas's Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design in 1985. The Garvan Pavilion was constructed in 1993 and from 1995-2001, master planning began, and many architectural elements were built. Then in 2001, the first Holiday Light display was offered with very humble beginnings. Ohman said employees went from store to store in Hot Springs to purchase strings of lights for that first display. That is hard to imagine with over 5 million lights displayed this past year!

Ohman then outlined new partnerships and features of the garden including:

* A pilot program with All Children's Academy called Forest Fridays, allowing young students to be creative in the natural surroundings of the gardens.

* For 2 weeks in May and all of September, Garvan will partner with the Garland County Library for its Literacy Trail, encouraging parents and children to engage with the natural world and improve their literacy skills. Any Garland County Library cardholder will receive a reduced admission to the gardens for this program.

* The new 5,000 square foot Whipple Family Forest Education Center is under construction now, with the first portion of this project, a beautiful 42-foot tower called "Sensing the Forest" being dedicated this week.

*The Sharon Griffith Turrentine Falling Leaves Pavilion is expected to be completed later this month.

* Workshops, which were discontinued during the pandemic, are coming back this year.

Ohman says that the tulips and daffodils are in bloom right now, so it is a great time to go out and visit this beautiful botanical garden that we have in our community. Garvan is getting lots of recognition outside our area, also. Trip Advisor recently named Garvan Woodland Gardens Anthony Chapel as the Number 1 Architectural Landmark in the state of Arkansas, ranking it number 4 in the nation! You can also check this month's Southern Living magazine for a feature on the gardens.

With spring finally creeping in on us, this is the perfect time to go visit and experience the sacred spaces of Garvan Woodland Gardens.

Club Leaders



Chris Franklin
 President



Sara Brown
 President-Elect



Tim Metcalf
 Vice President



Gary McKuin
 Secretary



Courtney W. Moore
 Treasurer



Renee Bartholomae
 Club Director



Diane LaFollette
 Club Director



Cheryl Lynn Stafford
 Club Director



David Trice
 Club Director

Birthdays

Billy J Burrough Jr.
 March 11th

John S Stobaugh
 March 16th

Justin Nicklas
 March 21st

E. Brad Hudgens
 March 25th

Saddiq Mir
 March 28th

Jordan Stepka
 March 29th

S. Robert Zunick
 March 30th

Mary Metcalf
 April 2nd

Jane Phillips-Jolly
 April 5th

4 Way Test

Diane LaFollette
April 6th

Lawrence W. Levi
April 7th

Ralf Bailes
April 9th

Stephanie Alderdice
April 14th

INVOCATION
Roger Giddings



PLEDGE
Jim Randall



4 WAY TEST
Jack Porter



The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians Dennis Smith and Gene Shelby had the lucky numbers, but the luck stopped there. The Ace of Diamonds continues to hide out in the deck.

Tune in next week when we will start with:

\$269 in the pot
42 cards in the deck

Student Guest Speaker



Rotarian Sarah Richardson introduced this week's student guest speaker, Colburn "Cole" Felts, a senior at Cutter Morning Star High School. Cole, shown left with his mother, Kachera Felts, and Sarah.

Cole is a member of the Beta Club, Archery Club, Student Council, and the Gifted & Talented program. He plays the saxophone and is the current Student of the Month at CMSHS. He has been involved in planning the homecoming activities for the school and participates with Angel Tree and the Veterans Day program.

He is a dual-enrollment student with National Park College and will graduate from high school with 18 college credit hours. He is currently involved in NPC's career academy in the medical profession program and plans to go to University of Central

Arkansas to get a degree in biology, with hopes to be part of the UCA honors program. He plans to attend medical school to become a cardiologist, so he can move back to Hot Springs and serve his community.

Student Guests

Jim Randall introduced Arnav Karekar, a senior at ASMSA for his second visit; **Liz Robbins** introduced Bianca Thomas, a senior at Hot Springs World Class High School, who returned for her third visit after speaking last week, and **Mary Zunick** introduced Phoebe Trussel, a senior at Lake Hamilton High School for her first visit.

Welcome to all our student guests!

Guests

Rotarian Alan Spraggins introduced this week's guests:

Jackie Arrison introduced Christi Nation; **Mary Zunick** hosted Tori Gustafson; **Sarah Richardson** hosted Kachera Felts, mother of our student speaker; Magnolia Rotarian Larry Gay visited our club again; **Tiffany Tucker** introduced a new proposed member, **Jay Winters**; and **Gary Troutman** also introduced a new proposed member, **Noel Williams**.

Welcome to all of our guests!



New Members

We welcomed our newest member to the club this week:

Mitchell Lowe

Financial Advisor for Brown Comstock Private Wealth Advisors

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Mitchell is sponsored by **Forrest Spicher**

Mitchell looks forward to meeting fellow Rotarians and finding new ways to get involved in our community. He is a musician who also enjoys the arts.

Welcome to the HSNP Rotary Club, Mitchell!



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:

- * host the meeting of the Arkansas District Export Council
 - * honored Eric Jackson with his induction into AR Business Hall of Fame
 - * met with friends in Jones Mill while the site is remediated
 - * Hot Springs Board of Realtors recently held their annual Banquet - **Rotarian Karol Bailes** was installed as the new Board of Realtors President
 - * He & Gary Jackson taught 8th graders at Lake Hamilton
 - * Oaklawn enjoyed the recent Rebel Stakes day with 14,000 in attendance
 - * Received notification that the Greater Hot Springs Chamber and Metro Partnership have been approved for state recertification for Economic Development
 - * Nominated several quality Hot Springs folks for 40 under 40 and 20 under 20.
 - * The 5th broadband company is coming to Hot Springs: HyperFiber
 - * Congrats to **Rotarian Mary Zunick** and everyone involved with the Sake Festival and the Apple Blossom Festival
 - * Publicly thanked **Rotarian Jack Porter** for leading the chamber efforts on the property of the Army-Navy Hospital. For the past 48 hours, he has been meeting with several decision-making people from DC about this property. THANK YOU, JACK PORTER!
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Announcements

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STARTS NOW!

The Membership Committee, chaired by **Brent Atkins**, and the Rotary Board of Directors announced a new membership drive for the months of March and April. Any Rotarian who brings a proposed member to a meeting during this time period will be able to do so without having to pay the guest's lunch fees. Also, the one member who brings in the most new members between now and the end of April will have the choice of either getting credited for three months of dues OR receiving points for a Paul Harris Fellowship (or subsequent level, depending on the member's current PHF level).

DEADLINE FOR FOUNDING MEMBER STATUS WITH THE NEW HSNP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

As **President Chris** announced earlier this year, our club has started a new 501c3 Community Foundation that will have a lasting impact on our entire community. As a reminder, you have until June 30 to make a \$1,000 donation that will make you a Founding Member of this foundation. As a Founding Member, you will also receive a commemorative coin from President Chris.

USED PERFUME OR COLOGNE COLLECTION

On April 3, Tanya Smith of the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge will be our guest speaker. Evidently the "big cats" that they have at the refuge like highly scented colognes. So if you have any old or leftover colognes or perfumes that you no longer enjoy, please consider donating them to the refuge. Bring them to any meeting between now and then.

POLIO PLUS SOCIETY

If you have made a donation to the Polio Plus Society this year, please notify **Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff or Donna K**, so our club can receive the appropriate credits for these donations. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROAD TO RECOVERY

The American Cancer Society is bringing back a favorite volunteer opportunity that was discontinued during the pandemic. Road to Recovery is a program where volunteers provide transportation for cancer patients to and from their treatments (at local clinics). For more information, please contact Lexie Matherne at Lexie.matherne@cancer.org or 225-465-7457.

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.

Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, March 12 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.

President Chris Franklin



We had so much going on this weekend, from our members participating in JFLA, to the Sake Festival, the Cherry Blossom Festival, the dinosaur marathon in Little Rock, and I'm sure there were many other activities I am not aware of. Since I had a ridiculous number of family in town this weekend, I am sure I missed something, but I appreciate the video of our very own **Don Gooch** in his Sumo debut that was texted to me. I hear Don is going to go on the international Sumo circuit later this year.

With this week's meeting featuring Garvan Woodland Gardens, I have reflected on my early childhood memories of helping my dad work in my grandmother's garden. I remember her growing strawberries, tomatoes, and green beans. I'm sure there were other things that I don't recall, but I remember planting those

things, and I remember how good they were when we harvested them. I also remember in Jr. High working on a farm, spreading "fertilizer" on the garden. I was doing organic gardening before it was trendy. Since then, I've visited many types of gardens, everything from the immaculately manicured estate gardens with impossibly well shaped hedges and flowers, to butterfly gardens planted to attract a variety of colorful visitors, to Japanese gardens laid out to maximize the peacefulness and energy of the setting. Gardens are magical places that allow us to slow down and enjoy the outdoors, feed our families or just connect with growing things in a way we don't often get to in our hectic lives. We have a truly remarkable garden here in Garvan Woodland Gardens, I encourage you all to visit, whether it is the holiday lights, the tulips, or just a stroll through the outdoors. We are blessed to have this jewel in our community, and I hope you all make some time to go see it as often as possible.

"No single sort of garden suits everyone. Shut your eyes and dream of the garden you'd most love, then open your eyes and start planting. Loved gardens flourish, boring ones are hard work."
~Jackie French

Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Atkins, Brent Bailes, Ralf Bennett, Ashley Bennett, Delores C. Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Burrough, Billy J Jr. Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Davin, Peter Dews, John Scott Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Frierson, James Galloway, Johnna	Gladden, Richard Gooch, Lloyd (Don) Harrington, Neal Harris, William T IV Helm, Michael D. Herndon, Nicole Hogan, John A. Jarmon, Nadine Kerst, William L. Kleinman, Ira M. Koller, Rob Launius, Chuck E. Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael Mir, Saddiq Moore, Courtney W. Moore, Whitney C Mouton, Alex Nehus, Stephanie M.	Northern, Martin Patel, Parth Peine, Brett Phillips-Jolly, Jane Poole, Richard Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Simmons, Svetlana Sims, Gefer Stobaugh, John S Thompson, Ashley Thurber, Darla Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Whitfield, Joyce Parker	Active-R85 Aldridge, Susan G. Bailey, Larry A. Craft, Joyce L. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, Stuart Allen Levi, Lawrence W. Mazzanti, James R. Payton, Richard Active-LOA Rogers, Kala Smith, Janet E.
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Thought for the Week

Every day focus on your purpose.
Remember why you do what you do.
We don't get burned out because of what we do.
We get burned out because we forget why we do it.

~Jon Gordon