



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of March 26, 2024

Upcoming Programs:

March 27, 2024

***Darryl Mahoney, County Judge
Garland County/Roads Update***

April 3, 2024

***Bryan Smith
Alliance Rubber***

April 10, 2024

***Tanya Smith, President and Founder
Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge***

Club Leaders



[Chris Franklin](#)
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Club Director

Birthdays

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
Diane LaFollette
April 6th
Lawrence W. Levi
April 7th

Joey Lauren Adams, Actress/Writer/Director



L-R: President Chris Franklin, Speaker Joey Lauren Adams, Rotarian Scott Dews

Rotarian Scott Dews introduced this week's speaker, Actress/Writer/Director Joey Lauren Adams, who most recently reigned as Queen of our recent World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Adams, who was born and raised in North Little Rock, has starred in over 40 films, including *Dazed and Confused*, *Big Daddy*, and *Chasing Amy*, which earned her both the 1997 Chicago Film Critics Award and Las Vegas Film Critics Society Award for Most Promising Actress, and a Golden Globe nomination for Best Actress-Motion Picture Musical or Comedy.

Looking back, Adams noticed that a lot of her most pivotal moments in her life were some of her worst moments.

Her first of the "worst moments" memory was that of not being chosen as a cheerleader in 7th grade, which was devastating. But it forced her to take drama classes where she found her home and her people. It also enabled her to go to Australia as an exchange student, which deepened her love for drama.

After making a deal with her parents that she would try college for at least one semester, she went to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and hated it. So she came back home, worked several jobs, and saved \$1,000 which enabled her to move to California. It took a while, but she slowly started getting acting jobs. Yet she never liked Los Angeles because something seemed to be missing. It surprised her that reaching her goal of becoming an actress didn't make her feel like she thought she would feel.

Another "worst moment" happened at a bar on Tuesday night in LA. Two young horticulturalists had joined them, and she asked them to go with them to an after party when the bar was closing. They replied that they couldn't because it was 2:00 am. That brought about "an epiphany", realizing that it never occurred to her because she had no reason to get out of bed the next day. She realized that acting wasn't enough for her because she was required to wait for things to come to her; she couldn't make it happen on her own. So she started writing. She had been told to "write what you know", so she wrote about Arkansas. It took a few years, but she finally raised \$3 million for the movie and she got Ashley Judd involved with the project. She then had the money to live anywhere, so she moved to Oxford, MS for 9 years. Oxford is a big writers' community and she loved it. Soon she got a script and got a movie that was to be filmed in Texas. She quickly realized that it was horrible, but everyone else working on the movie thought it was great. She noticed a cinematographer, and could tell that he felt the same way. That cinematographer is now her husband, Brian Vilim. So one of the worst jobs of her life led her to the love of her life.

She and Brian came to Hot Springs for her mom's 75th birthday and rented a house on the lake. They loved the area, so they sold their house in Oxford, and moved to a house on Lake Hamilton in 2019. Then Covid hit. Since most of that quarantine time was spent here, they really fell in love with Hot Springs. The pandemic made her start thinking about what she'd be if she wasn't an actress, and she realized that she always wanted to own a boutique hotel. She and Brian have now bought an old, gutted hotel on Central Avenue next to First Methodist Church and the building next door, with plans for that boutique hotel and a restaurant/bar in the other building.

They also filmed a movie entirely in Hot Springs. *Betrayed by my Bridesmaid*, which was a Lifetime movie. The movie can be accessed [here](#).

Their life has been so active since moving to Hot Springs, and they are amazed at the welcoming of the community. She loved being involved in the St. Patrick's Day parade - it was so fun, and she loved that it doesn't take itself so seriously. This special weekend made her feel officially part of this community.

She doesn't want to give up her acting career, but she says there's a lot she wouldn't miss when that time comes.

Ralf Bailes
April 9th

Stephanie Alderdice
April 14th

William H. Sample
April 16th

Stuart Allen
Fleischner D.D.S.
April 22nd

Cindy Wagstaff
April 24th

Peter Davin
April 25th

Brian Canales
April 26th

4 Way Test

INVOCATION
Jordan Stepka



PLEDGE
John Hoefl



4 WAY TEST
Alan Spraggins



The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians Richard Poole and Matt Barrett had their lucky numbers drawn, but their luck stopped there. The Ace of Diamonds continues to hide out in the deck.

Tune in next week when we will start with:

\$358 in the pot
38 cards in the deck

Guests

Rotarian Gary McKuin introduced this week's guests:

Gary Troutman hosted David Paul and prospective member, Noel Williams; **Bill Solleder** hosted Alexis Hampo, and Brian Vilim, husband of our speaker, also joined us.

Welcome to all of our guests!



Congratulations!



Founding member of our new Hot Springs National Park Rotary Community Foundation President Chris awarded **Rotarian Scott Lauck** with a special commemorative coin as a founding member of the HSNP Rotary Club's new Community Foundation. Any Rotarian who makes a \$1,000 donation before June 30, 2024, will be considered a Founding Member of the foundation and will receive one of these beautiful coins. Thank you, Scott, for your investment in the future of our community. This foundation will have a positive impact on our area for decades to come!

Prospective Members

The Board and Membership Committee have approved the following prospective members. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 10 days of this first publication, they will become members at our April 3 meeting.

Jay Winters

Owner/President
Winters Insurance Services
Sponsored by **Tiffany Tucker**

Noel Williams

Store Manager
Sam's Club
Sponsored by **Gary Troutman**

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.

FOUNTAIN STREET CLEANUP

The Environment Committee will have Fountain Street Clean up on **Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 am**. Meet on the Arlington Hotel's steps. Contact **Alan Spraggins** for more information.

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!

Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, April 9 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



Two weekends ago we had the Cherry Blossom festival, and celebrated Japanese culture. This past weekend was the 21st annual shortest St. Patrick's Day parade, I know a good number of you were there as I've seen the photos on Facebook. I was doing some home repairs, so I couldn't be Irish for the day, but I will be sure to join you all on Cinco de Mayo when we can all enjoy Mexican heritage. Isn't living in a melting pot awesome?

The best man at my wedding was a high school friend of mine named Trenton Lee Stewart. He went on to a successful career as a professor and author. He wrote *The Mysterious Benedict Society* (a series of kids' books, which has been made into a Disney series for those of you that didn't know). Shortly after I returned from Afghanistan in 2006, he and I were having lunch, and he paid me an amazing compliment. He said I was a great storyteller. I had been telling him of my experiences on my deployment, as well as the story of how I had such a drastic career change. That compliment has stayed with me, because as a successful writer, he knows a bit about good story telling. A great story starts with good writing. I think about my favorite movies or TV shows, and the common thread is that they are all well written. Whether it is a good comedy sketch, a dramatic portrayal, or a historical retelling, it is all in the storytelling. So, this week we had the great opportunity to hear from a professional storyteller.

Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Arrison, Jackie Bartholomae, Blake O. Bartholomae, Renee Bennett, Ashley Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Brown, Jeremy W Butterfield, Roxanne Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Davin, Peter Dingler, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Galloway, Johnna Gooch, Lloyd (Don)	Graham, Mark T. Hall, Kevin R. Harris, William T IV Helm, Michael D. Herndon, Nicole Hogan, John A. Johnson, Paulette S. Kerst, William L. Kleinman, Ira M. Koller, Rob LaFollette, Diane Lambert, Dana M. Launius, Chuck E. Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. McNary, Mechele Moore, Courtney W. Moore, Whitney C Mouton, Alex Nicklas, Justin Northern, Martin	Patel, Parth Pierce, Carolyn J. Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Ragsdale, Linda L. Ratcliff, Michelle Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Shelby, Gene Stafford, Cheryl Lynn Stobaugh, John S Thompson, Ashley Thurber, Darla Trice, David Tucker, Tiffany Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Will Whitfield, Joyce Parker Zeiser, Jared Zunick, Mary E Zunick, S. Robert	Active-R85 Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, H. Mark Fleischner, Stuart Allen D.D.S. Hudgens, E. Brad Levi, Lawrence W. Mazzanti, James R. Payton, Richard Smith, Dennis C. Active-LOA Rogers, Kala Smith, Janet E.
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Thought for the Week

Once you learn how to be happy,
you won't tolerate being around people
who make you feel anything less.