



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of April 1, 2024

Upcoming Programs:

April 3, 2024

Bryan Smith
Alliance Rubber

April 10, 2024

Tanya Smith, President and Founder
Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge

April 17, 2024

Bryce Smith, District Executive
Boy Scouts of America

Club Leaders



Chris Franklin
President



Sara Brown
President-Elect



Tim Metcalf
Vice President



Gary McQuinn
Secretary



Courtney W. Moore
Treasurer



Renee Bartholomae
Club Director



Diane LaFollette
Club Director



Cheryl Lynn Stafford
Club Director



David Trice
Club Director

Birthdays

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

Ralf Bailes
April 9th

Stephanie Alderdice
April 14th

William H. Sample
April 16th

Garland County Judge Darryl Mahoney

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

Cindy Wagstaff
April 24th
Peter Davin
April 25th
Brian Canales
April 26th



L-R: Rotarian Jeremy Brown, Speaker Judge Darryl Mahoney, and President Chris Franklin
Rotarian Jeremy Brown introduced this week's speaker, Garland County Judge Darryl Mahoney.

For decades, the infrastructure of Garland County was in a state of disrepair due to lack of funding. With the "Our Roads Now" and "Pay It Forward" tax programs, we now have a state-of-the-art jail and the infrastructure in Garland County is doing extremely well. Judge Mahoney thanked our club members who were instrumental in getting these tax programs passed.

One of the most prominent recent completions for the county was the beautiful new bypass. The county invested about \$30 million and the state invested \$50 million to get this project completed.

The county has 120 bridges over 20 feet long and 700 miles of paved road. ARDOT (Arkansas Department of Transportation) inspects all the bridges for us and all that have been deemed as structurally deficient have plans to be corrected.

Recent completions of bridges include the Surrey Road Bridge and the South Harris Road Bridge, utilizing a federal bridge replacement program that is funded by 80% federal aid; 18% state aid, and 2% of Garland County coffers, plus right-of-way and utility easement costs.

Bridges that are still to be bid include Warren Watson Road, Slaughter Bridge, Warwick Road, Walnut Valley Road, and 2 bridges on Mill Creek Road. Some of these will be able to utilize the federal bridge replacement program or another grant program called the "off-grid bridge program", which is funded 90% by the state and 10% by the county. Mahoney says that some of these may be combined in the bidding process to draw a bigger crowd to bid.

A new product will be used to stabilize a bridge on Percy Road. "A-Jacks" can be hand-placed and the bridge can stay open while the stabilization is in progress. The product goes together like a jigsaw puzzle and provides safe travel for up to 10 years.

Recently completed road projects include 6 miles of paving on South Moore and Amity Roads, and the widening of Thornton Ferry Road. Mahoney says that his intent is to build 30-year roads by replacing culverts and clipping shoulders to expand a couple more inches on each side of the roads. Maintenance costs on these roads will be less, as well.

The "Our Roads Now" collections began in June 2022 with the county first receiving funds in September. \$3.4 million was collected in 2022 and \$10.7 million in 2023. The tax is producing more than anticipated due to the growth of our area.

Mahoney's goal was to pave 50 miles in 2023 and the county worked every day possible, but fell just a little short with paving 47.09 miles. Mahoney says that is more than has been paved in the last 5 years. The weather and availability of products determine when they can work. There were weeks when they were ready to work, but there was no asphalt available. With only one local supplier, efforts are being made to locate others.

He is optimistic about a new patching material made from limestone. While expensive at \$2,000/ton, it makes patching easier with less waste.

The county is also partnering with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to replace all low water crossings on Brady Mountain Road. AGF has a marine fuel tax that can be utilized for this project.

It is quite obvious that these additional taxes are being put to great use!

4 Way Test

INVOCATION
Michelle Ratcliff



PLEDGE
Roxanne Butterfield



4 WAY TEST
Jim Pate



The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians Dennis Smith and Gary Troutman had their lucky numbers drawn, but their luck stopped there. The Ace of Diamonds continues to hide out in the deck, and yes, it is ALWAYS in the deck!

Tune in next week when we will start with:

\$415 in the pot
36 cards in the deck

Student Guest Speaker



Rotarian Joyce Whitfield introduced this week's student guest speaker, Phoebe Trussell, a senior at Lake Hamilton, shown left with Whitfield and Phoebe's mother, Tori Gustafson.

Phoebe started off with a quote by Walt Disney about curiosity, as she says that curiosity has shaped her into the person she is. As one who has a deep hunger to learn, many parents trust her with tutoring their children in multiple subjects. Tutoring has then fostered a desire to help other people. She is currently a nationally certified Medical Assistant and aspires to be a doctor in

the pediatric field.

She is President of Nu Alpha Theta, a math club, a starter on the Quiz Bowl Team and in Upward Bound. She also loves the arts and plays the oboe, a love that she shares with Joyce Whitfield!

Student Guests

Sarah Richardson introduced student guest, Jacob Harbin, a senior from Cutter-Morning Star High School, for his second visit and **Mary Metcalf** introduced Nhi Le, a senior at ASMSA, for her first visit.

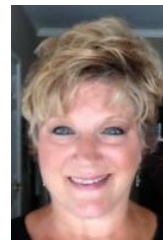
Welcome to our student guests!

Guests

Rotarian Jackie Arrison introduced this week's guests:

Justin Nicklas introduced Alan Floyd, **John Hoefl** hosted Kyle Clem, **Tiffany Tucker** introduced Jay Winters, **Gary Troutman** hosted Vickie Gilliam and Hannah Rohrer, and our student speaker's mom, Tori Gustafson, also joined us this week.

Welcome to all of our guests!



Prospective Members

The Board and Membership Committee have approved the following prospective members. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 3 days of this second 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**

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 10 meeting.

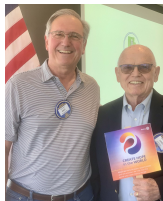
Liberty Lee

Former Clarksdale, MS Rotarian
Commercial Wealth Manager at PNC Bank
Sponsored by **Stuart Fleischner**

Alan Floyd

Justice of the Peace, District 8 & Registered Nurse
Sponsored by **Justin Nicklas**

Red to Blue Badge



Congratulations to **Rotarian Ralf Bailes**, who received his coveted blue badge in a very formal presentation on a silver platter from **Club Secretary Gary McKuin**, assisted by the official platter-bearer, **President Chris**.

Congratulations, Ralf! And as Gary would say, "Welcome to Blue Badgeville!"

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 for DACdb and the membership directory
 2. Meet with Sgt. At Arms after the first meeting
 3. Greet at the door 4 times
 4. Lead the Pledge of Allegiance
 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
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Rotary Flag Presentation



Rotarian Jeremy Brown traveled all the way to Jolly Ole England to present the HSNP Rotary Flag to the Rotary Club of London (photo left). Then this week, he returned with the Flag of the Rotary Club of London to present to our club (photo right). Great job, Jeremy!



Congratulations!



HSNP Rotary Club was very well represented at the most recent PETS Training in Ft. Smith. **Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff, President-Elect Sara Brown, and Director Tim Metcalf** attended the leadership training program.



HSNP Rotary Committee Projects



The Environment Committee represented by **Roger Giddings, Jack Porter, Renee Bartholomae, Gary McKuin, John Hoefl, and Alan Spraggins**, met on Thursday morning, March 28, and cleaned up Fountain Street.

Thanks to all who helped make Hot Springs more beautiful!



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.

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).

DINNER AROUND THE WORLD RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

President-Elect Sara Brown is selling raffle tickets for the annual Rotary District 6170 fundraiser, Dinner Around the World. \$25 will buy you one ticket that could be drawn at the District Conference and Assembly, which will be held at the Little Rock Marriott on April 26-27. The winner gets to choose any place in the world to have dinner. Last year's winner chose a restaurant in Morocco!

If you'd like to purchase a ticket (or 2 or 3.....), reach out to **President-Elect Sara Brown**.

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.

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!

President Chris Franklin



Congratulations to National Park College's Nighthawk Nation for their Basketball National Championship win.

I recently drove Hwy 7 south of town, and was surprised by the amount of construction going on down there. I don't often have a cause to drive that direction, so I wasn't aware of that project. It got me thinking of all the road projects we have had in the last few years in Garland County. And how far we have come in what seems like a short time. I understand that it wasn't a short time at all. It took years to complete the bypass, get the Piney Junction expansion done, Hwy 70 to Little Rock, and many more. It has taken years of hard work and planning to achieve all these much-needed projects. Many of the people in our club have contributed to those projects in one way or another. So, as we come closer to the

insanity of the eclipse weekend and all the extra traffic we are anticipating, I appreciate the improvements we are making, even if it does make for some traffic delays at times. Thanks to our speaker this week, Judge Darryl Mahoney, for overseeing much of this road construction.

Which led me to this week's thought to leave you with:

~ If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one ~ Dolly Parton

Absence

Alderdice, Stephanie Barrett, Matt Bartholomae, Blake O. Bennett, Ashley Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Burrough, Billy J Jr. Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Crawford, Roger Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dews, John Scott Dingler, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Frierson, James	Gooch, Lloyd (Don) Hall, Kevin R. Harper, Susan Allen Harrington, Neal Harris, William T IV Helm, Michael D. Herndon, Nicole Hogan, John A. Jarmon, Nadine Kerst, William L. Koller, Rob Launius, Chuck E. Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. McNary, Mechele Metcalf, Tim Moore, Courtney W. Moore, Whitney C Northern, Martin	Phillips-Jolly, Jane Poole, Richard Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Ragsdale, Linda L. Robbins, Elizabeth L. Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Simmons, Svetlana Solleder, William Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Thompson, Ashley Thurber, Darla Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Zeiser, Jared Zunick, Mary E	Active-R85 Craft, Joyce L. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Hudgens, E. Brad Payton, Richard Active-LOA Rogers, Kala Smith, Janet E.
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Thought for the Week

"One day you will wake up
and there won't be any more time
to do the things you've always wanted.
Do it now."
~Paulo Coelho