



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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**Week of April 5, 2024**

### Upcoming Programs:

**April 10, 2024**

***Tanya Smith, President and Founder  
Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge  
\*This meeting will be downstairs  
in the Trifecta Room\****

**April 17, 2024**

***Bryce Smith, District Executive  
Boy Scouts of America  
\*This meeting will be downstairs  
in the Trifecta Room\****

**April 24, 2024**

***HSNP Rotary Scholarship Day***

### 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

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

Stuart Allen  
Fleischner  
April 22nd

Cindy Wagstaff  
April 24th

## Bryan Smith, Alliance Rubber



**L-R: President Chris Franklin, Speaker Bryan Smith, and Past President Forrest Spicher**  
**Past President Forrest Spicher** introduced this week's speaker, Bryan Smith, an El Dorado native, who was a stand-out baseball player for now Arkansas Razorback Coach Dave Van Horn at Texarkana College. Smith is the Purchasing and Contract Director for Alliance Rubber Company. He also played professional baseball for several years with the Houston Astros (see baseball card photo below).

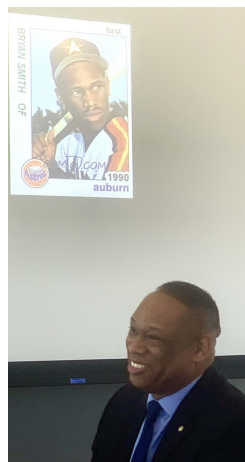
On March 7, 2023, Alliance Rubber celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. To give us a little history of Alliance Rubber, Smith tells us about William Spencer, who, at the age of 13, left his home in Franklin, Kentucky, traveled a few years, and landed in Alliance, Ohio. One day when he was leaving for work at the age of 17, he noticed newspapers scattered across his neighbor's yards. An idea was born, so he approached Goodyear Rubber Company to ask for their rejected inner tubes. He went into his basement and cut the inner tubes into strips with scissors. He then took these rubber strips to the newspaper carriers and requested that they wrap them around their papers and let him know if they helped the papers stay intact. That is how Alliance Rubber was born on March 7, 1923.

In 1944, Spencer happened to be traveling through Hot Springs. As someone who suffered from arthritis, he took a thermal bath at one of our bathhouses and found that it soothed his aching joints. For that reason, he moved from Alliance, Ohio to Hot Springs, AR. They are now the largest manufacturer of rubber bands in the world and the only rubber band manufacturer in the United States.

Alliance is known as great corporate citizens and almost everyone has seen their huge and beautiful American Flag flying along the bypass. That was a vision of President Bonnie Swayze and the ball at the top of the flag is signed by all their employees. When driving by on Carpenter Dam Road, you can see their beautiful landscaping, called the Freedom Falls, which is dedicated to all veterans.

Alliance remains a privately owned company by the Spencer family, and they vow never to sell. They know that if they were to ever sell, it wouldn't remain in the United States.

They produce 2200 different products and sell to over 60 different countries. Smith credits their success and longevity to their 150 employees' resolve and dedication. And they are very proud to say they are still made in the USA.



Peter Davin  
April 25th  
Brian Canales  
April 26th  
Jay Winters  
April 27th  
Kevin R. Hall  
May 1st  
Greg Quinney  
May 2nd  
Jim Randall  
May 4th  
Ira M. Kleinman  
May 13th  
H. Mark Fleischer  
May 14th  
Courtney W. Moore  
May 15th

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## 4 Way Test

INVOCATION  
Pat McCabe



PLEDGE  
Mitchell Lowe



4 WAY TEST  
James Frierson



## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians **Sarah Richardson** and **Larry Bailey** 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:

**\$481 in the pot**  
**34 cards in the deck**

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## Student Guests

**Mary Metcalf** introduced Nhi Le, a senior at ASMSA, for her second visit and **Joyce Whitfield** introduced Lucas McCain, a senior at Lake Hamilton High School, for his first visit.

Welcome to our student guests!

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## Guests

Rotarian **Nicole Herndon** introduced this week's guests:

**Bill Solleder** introduced Aaron Criswell; **Don Gooch** hosted Teresa Clow; **Roger Crawford** introduced David Tappe; **Renee Bartholomae** hosted Oaklawn Rotarian Abril Reyes; **Gary Troutman** introduced David Paul; **Mary Zunick** introduced Sarah Hutzel; and **Robert Zunick** hosted Chris Manley.

Welcome to all of our guests!



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## New Members

We welcomed our newest member to the club this week:

### Jay Winters

Owner/President

Winters Insurance Services

PH: 479-364-4998

Email: jayjay.winters@gmail.com

Jay is sponsored by **Tiffany Tucker**

Jay is a member of First Baptist Church where he teaches third grade Sunday School and he also serves on the safety team. He volunteers with the Salvation Army throughout the year.

**Welcome to the HSNP Rotary Club, Jay!**



## 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 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**

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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 April 17 meeting.

### **David Paul**

Sales Market Manager  
Sigma Supply of North America  
Sponsored by **Gary Troutman**

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## 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:

- \* Thanked **Dr. Jack Porter** again for leading meetings regarding the future of the Army-Navy Hospital
  - \* Hyper Fiber had ribbon cutting and is now the fifth provider of broadband here
  - \* Congrats to Steve Arrison and his team for a successful State High School basketball championship, St. Patrick's Day parade and celebration and **Don Gooch** reminded him to include SUMO wrestling, as well!
  - \* Met with MSA group from Hot Springs Village, Malvern and Arkadelphia.
  - \* Both Garys (Troutman and Jackson) met with 9-12 graders at Jessieville and are meeting this afternoon with Hot Springs School District, then Mountain Pine, and will finish with Cutter Morning Star. All together, they will have met with over 3,000 students in the county grades 8-12.
  - \* Leadership Arkansas came through town, and he thanked **Jack Porter** for speaking to them about the Army-Navy building and Cole McCaskill for talking with them about downtown development.
  - \* Thanked **Karol Bailes**, who will be the Metro Partnership Chair next year.
  - \* Congrats again to National Park College for the Nighthawks National Basketball Championship.
  - \* Congrats to Dr. Doug Ross, as it was recently announced that CHI will be partnering with Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, which will bring extra physicians here to Hot Springs.
  - \* Troutman recently took the WorkKeys Assessment test for career readiness and encourages everyone to do this.
  - \* Thanks to local architect David French for working on some renderings for the Majestic Site.
  - \* Troutman has been teasing us for months with some big news and is happy to announce that **Amazon is coming to Hot Springs, Arkansas!**
  - \* The Arkansas Derby was a tremendous success and had over 60,000 in attendance.
  - \* Randy Zook from Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce will be at the chamber's office on Friday from 12-1. If you'd like to attend this lunch meeting, call Gary for a link to register.
  - \* Draft Day is coming up April 17 & 18.
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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).

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### 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**.

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### 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.

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### USED PERFUME OR COLOGNE COLLECTION

Next week, 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.

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### 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!

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### SPA CITY CLASSIC

**Roger Crawford** announced that Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club was chosen by his guest, David Tappe on behalf of Kefi, as the organization of their choice to set up at the upcoming Spa City Classic. The Classic is the largest pickleball tournament in Arkansas. Last year, over 500 players from 13 different states competed. The Classic will be held on June 27-30 at the Bank OZK Arena. Admission is free. Please watch for more information.

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## 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.

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## President Chris Franklin



Each week I try to relate my remarks to the week's program. As I sit trying to find something entertaining to say about Alliance Rubber, my mind keeps going back to my childhood. Like many children of my generation, I engaged in epic rubber band battles with my siblings. I learned important tactical lessons about cover and concealment so as not to get tagged by that paper wad launched with perfect accuracy at my face from one of my brothers, and the importance of being like Han Solo, and shooting first. I realize their product provides a lot more than childhood weaponry, but that is where my mind goes. In truth, Alliance Rubber is an underappreciated business in our community that provides a versatile product that has thousands of applications. It really is a small miracle that my generation is not all wearing eye patches.

Finding no appropriate quotes about rubber or rubber bands, here's a quote about flexibility:

*“Blessed are the flexible, for they will not allow themselves to become bent out of shape!”* ~Robert Ludlum

## Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Arrison, Jackie Barrett, Matt Bartholomae, Blake O. Bennett, Ashley Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Couch, Mary Anne Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dews, John Scott Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick	Fleming, David M. Hall, Kevin R. Harper, Susan Allen Harris, William T IV Hogan, John A. Jarmon, Nadine Johnson, Paulette S. Kerst, William L. Koller, Rob Lauck, Scott Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. Mir, Saddiq Moore, Courtney W. Moore, Whitney C Mouton, Alex Nehus, Stephanie M Northern, Martin	Patel, Parth Phillips-Jolly, Jane Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Robbins, Elizabeth L. Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Simmons, Svetlana Stafford, Cheryl Lynn Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Thompson, Ashley Thurber, Darla Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Wright, Raymond	<b>Active-R85</b> Craft, Joyce L. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Hudgens, E. Brad Levi, Lawrence W. Mazzanti, James R. Payton, Richard  <b>Active-LOA</b> Rogers, Kala Smith, Janet E.
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## Thought for the Week

Even if you're on the right track,  
you'll get run over if you just sit there.