



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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**Week of April 15, 2024**

### Upcoming Programs:

**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***

**May 1, 2024**

***Matuschka Briggs,  
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis  
\*This meeting will be downstairs  
in the Trifecta Room\****

### Tanya Smith, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge



**L-R: President Chris Franklin, Speaker Tanya Smith, and President-Elect Sara Brown**  
**President-Elect Sara Brown** introduced this week's speaker, Tanya Smith, who is the Founder and President of the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Rescue (TCWR). The Rescue is located 7 miles south of Eureka Springs. TCWR is a non-profit sanctuary for survivors of the exotic animal trade and sits on 459 acres in the Ozark Mountains. As an ethical animal tourism destination, they provide compassionate care and a lifetime sanctuary for all of their animals, which include lions, tigers, caracals, bobcats, and even bears. Tanya's family rescued their first lion in 1978 and formed the TCWR in 1992. They have rescued over 500 animals to date, with 33 coming to them in 2023 from a Florida facility that was closing. "Freedom Field" was completed in time to receive these 33 animals.

Until recently, exotic cat ownership legislation varied from state to state. But passage of the Big Cat Public Safety Act in 2022 prohibits private ownership or public handling of the big cats, yet smaller species like bobcats and servals remain unregulated at the federal level. As the Big Cat Public Safety Act is enacted, more and more animals will need to be rehomed to legitimate sanctuaries like TCWR, and the smaller species will continue to be at risk of exploitation.

As a nonprofit organization, they are dependent on admission fees, lodging fees, retail purchases and donations. They have several options for tours of the refuge, including tram tours, virtual tours, and behind-the-scenes tours. They also have lodging available with Safari Suites, Zulu Safari Lodges, a Tree House Bungalow, Glamping Tents and an RV camp site.

For more information on TCWR, [CLICK HERE](#).

### 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

**Stephanie Alderdice**  
April 14th

**William H. Sample**  
April 16th

**Stuart Allen Fleischner**  
April 22nd

**Cindy Wagstaff**  
April 24th

**Peter Davin**  
April 25th

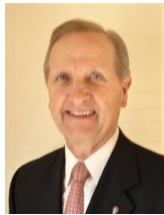
**Brian Canales**  
April 26th

**Jay Winters**  
April 27th

**Kevin R. Hall**  
May 1st

## 4 Way Test

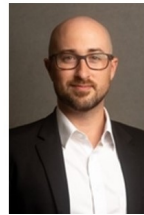
INVOCATION  
Jim Randall



PLEDGE  
Jay Winters



4 WAY TEST  
Mitchell Lowe



Greg Quinney

May 2nd

Jim Randall

May 4th

Ira M. Kleinman

May 13th

H. Mark Fleischer

May 14th

Courtney W. Moore

May 15th

## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



**Rotarians Sarah Richardson and Pat McCabe** 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 STILL in there!

Tune in next week when we will start with:

**\$527 in the pot  
32 cards in the deck**

## Student Guest Speaker



**Rotarian Sarah Richardson** introduced Jacob Harbin, a senior at Cutter Morning Star High School. At 17 years old, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do but he knew he wanted to help people. He visited his cousin in Washington state last year, and she was grafting skin off a salamander to test for its potential to graft on human skin. Realizing how that can really make a difference to people, it solidified his future goals. He plans to go to UCA for a Bachelors degree in biology then pursue a Masters degree or enroll in a research program at UAMS. He is a valedictorian in running at Cutter and currently working on scholarships. While playing baseball is close to his heart, his main love is helping other people. Becoming a microbiologist can certainly help people out and that

is his lifelong goal.

**Rotarian Mary Metcalf** introduced Nhi Le, who is a senior at ASMSA. Nhi has a strong passion for community service and leadership. She has created fundraisers selling homemade sweets, which enabled her to donate over \$800 to the UAMS Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital, and she volunteers at both places. She also volunteered with the National Park Service, she tutors other students, is President of several clubs, and founded the Vietnamese Cultural Exchange Club to reunite students from all backgrounds. She also started the volleyball team at ASMSA, and they came in second place this year! She is still deciding between the University of Washington at Seattle and Tulane to begin her college career. She plans on majoring in Biology and psychology on the pre-medical track.

*(editor's note: my apologies for no photo; she left the meeting before I could catch her!)*

## Student Guests

**Joyce Whitfield** introduced Lucas McCain, a senior at Lake Hamilton High School, for his second visit.

**Sarah Richardson** introduced Ruby Hendrix, a senior from Cutter-Morning Star High School, for her first visit, and **Ira Kleinman** introduced his son, West Kleinman, a senior from Lakeside High School, for his first visit. We will hear from Lucas next week.

Welcome to our student guests!

## Guests

**Rotarian Saddiq Mir** introduced this week's guests:

**Sarah Richardson** introduced Jim and Brandy Harbin, parents of one of our student guest speakers; **Rotarian Larry Gay** joined us again from Magnolia; and Scott Smith joined us as a guest/husband of our speaker.

Welcome to all of our guests!



## New Members

We welcomed our newest members to the club this week:

### **Liberty Lee**

Regional Sales Manager

PNC Bank

PH: 479-420-4168

Email: libertylee0701@gmail.com

Liberty is sponsored by **Stuart Fleischner**



Liberty is a transferring Rotarian from Clarksdale, Mississippi, where she was on the Board of the Arts Council from 2020-2023. Her late grandfather, William Richard Terrell, was an HSNP Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow who instilled the importance of serving your fellow man.

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### **Alan Foyd**

Registered Nurse and Justice of the Peace for District 8

PH: 501-350-1112

Email: alanfloyd@gmail.com

Alan is sponsored by **Justin Nicklas**

Alan is the Board President of the nonprofit Beacon of Hope and a member of the Board of the Hot Springs Soccer Association. He serves as a youth pastor for grades 1-4 at New Life Church. He loves the outdoors, building things, sports and cycling.

**Welcome to the HSNP Rotary Club, Liberty and Alan!**

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## Prospective Members

The Board and Membership Committee have approved the following prospective member. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 3 days of this second 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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## Committee Selection Time!

### **COMMITTEE SELECTIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 ROTARY YEAR**

Attached to this issue of the BathTub is a description of all our committees. As you know, the work of our club is accomplished by these committees. Please look over the descriptions and let Donna K know what your preference is **prior to May 1** so that we can have these in place for our new Rotary year. If we do not hear from you, you will be assigned to a committee (or two). Thank you!

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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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### 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](mailto: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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### HOLLYWOOD PARK CLEAN UP

The **Environment Committee and Community Enhancement Committee** will join forces to clean up Hollywood Park on April 25, from 9:00 until 11:00 am. The contact person for RSVPs is **James Frierson**, at [frierson3173@gmail.com](mailto:frierson3173@gmail.com). The city of Hot Springs Parks Department will be assisting our group.

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### DRAFT DAY APRIL 17-18

**Rotarian and Past President Gary Troutman** announced that Draft Day, a career fair and hiring event, will be at Lake Hamilton High School next week, April 17-18. They need more businesses to participate! If you are interested, please reach out to Troutman at [gary.troutman@growinghotsprings.com](mailto:gary.troutman@growinghotsprings.com) or email [amanda.porter@lhwolves.net](mailto:amanda.porter@lhwolves.net) to register your business for the ultimate career fair and hiring event!

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### GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

The **HSNP After Hours Satellite Club** will participate in the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 13 from 10am until noon. Everyone is invited to join them at Entergy Park.

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## Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, May 14 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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At the April 9 BOD meeting, the board accepted with deep regret the resignation of **Bill Creason**, who will be moving to Memphis, TN. We will certainly miss Bill and wish him the very best!

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## Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Arrison, Jackie Barrett, Matt Bartholomae, Blake O. Bennett, Ashley Bennett, Delores C. Bornhofs, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Brown, Jeremy W Butterfield, Roxanne Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dews, John Scott Dingler, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick	Gooch, Lloyd (Don) Hall, Kevin R. Harris, William T IV Helm, Michael D. Hoeffl, John P. Johnson, Paulette S. Kerst, William L. LaFollette, Diane Launius, Chuck E. Lee, Liberty Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. McNary, Mechele Moore, Courtney W. Moore, Whitney C Mouton, Alex Northern, Martin	Patel, Parth Paul, David C. Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Ratcliff, Michelle Robbins, Elizabeth L. Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Shelby, Gene Simmons, Svetlana Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Trice, David Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Zunick, Mary E Zunick, S. Robert	<b>Active-R85</b> Arnold, Douglas A. Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Endicott, Lynn E. Levi, Lawrence W. Mazzanti, James R. Payton, Richard  <b>Active-LOA</b> Rogers, Kala Smith, Janet E.
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## President Chris Franklin



We got the eclipse successfully behind us, and **Rotarian Bill Solleder** ensured we all had nice sunny skies to view it. Although I am not sure that we had the number of visitors we were expecting, it was still a magical event.

Several years ago, I came to a Rotary meeting where the presenter was the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Rescue. A short time later, I happened to be in northwest Arkansas and made a point to visit their rescue. If youâ€™ve never visited the rescue there, I highly recommend it. It is not a zoo, and it does not put animals on display. It is not even about conservations, per se. Their mission is to provide a lifetime refuge for abused and neglected â€˜big catsâ€™, (although they have some bears and a hyena as well). If you visit the rescue, you will hear unbelievable stories of each animal they care for. The sad fact is, each of those stories is preventable.

As with so many rescues, the circumstances that make this rescue necessary are because humans have made poor decisions. So, I encourage you all to get involved. We canâ€™t all take off to northwest Arkansas to work as volunteers at Turpentine Creek, and not everyone can make a donation, but there are opportunities and rescues everywhere. It is my hope that one day, these places will no longer be necessary. Until then, letâ€™s all do what we can to help.

Steve Irwin said, "If we can teach people about wildlife, they will be touched. Share my wildlife with me. Because humans want to save things they love."

## Thought for the Week

You were born with the ability to change someone's life.  
Don't waste it.