



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of March 18, 2024

Upcoming Programs:

March 20, 2024

Joey Lauren Adams, Actress

March 27, 2024

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

April 3, 2024

**Bryan Smith
Alliance Rubber**

Melissa Capuano, 100 Families



L-R: Director Renee Bartholomae, Speaker Melissa Capuano, and President Chris Franklin

Director Renee Bartholomae introduced our speaker this week, Melissa Capuano, who is the Garland County Coordinator for the 100 Families Program at Ouachita Behavior Health and Wellness. 100 Families is one of six key areas of focus for the Restore Hope program, and is about moving families from a place of crisis to an environment where they are thriving. This includes areas like housing, transportation, employment, education, addition/recovery and food stability. It is a collective impact initiative. Due to alliances working together in various communities across Arkansas, they believe that Arkansas is poised to lead the nation in supporting families. During Governor Asa Hutchinson's term, he noticed a rise in incarceration rates and foster care and felt there was a correlation between the two. He gathered a group of leaders to brainstorm to fix this problem and Restore Hope was born. Many of these families studied were impacted by drug use and/or incarcerations. Restore Hope helps these existing programs work better together. Restore Hope has six key areas of focus:

1. The 100 Families Initiative
2. Reentry and Crime Reduction
3. Housing Development
4. Every Child Initiative
5. Smart Justice (a monthly publication shared with each table at the meeting)
6. Second Chance Education

With a mission statement to reduce incarceration and the need for foster care through a community-driven approach, 100 Families isn't talking about drug-dealers or murderers, they are talking about (for example) the mom who has expired tags and gets pulled over on her way to work. She's then late for work, cannot miss work to go to court, so she gets a "failure to appear" and now she has a warrant to go to jail. If she has custody of her children, they will be taken to foster care. This is the situation they are trying to help, and it only works with a collaborative approach. Capuano says that 100 Families is different because they do not just refer - they follow up to ensure the client's needs are met, and they continue working with them until they are **thriving**.

Club Leaders



Chris Franklin
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Birthdays

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

Diane LaFollette
April 6th

4 Way Test

INVOCATION
Justin Nicklas



PLEDGE
Joyce Whitfield



4 WAY TEST
Forrest Spicher



Lawrence W. Levi
April 7th

Ralf Bailes
April 9th
Stephanie Alderdice
April 14th

The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing

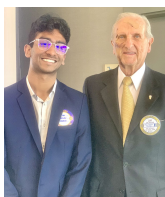


Rotarian Dennis Smith had BOTH lucky numbers, but his luck stopped there. The Ace of Diamonds continues to hide out in the deck.

Tune in next week when
we will start with:

**\$310 in the pot
40 cards in the deck**

Student Guest Speaker



Honorary Rotarian Jim Randall introduced this week's student guest speaker, Arnav Karader, a senior at Arkansas School for Math, Science, and the Arts (ASMSA). From Conway, Arnav came to ASMSA in the 11th grade to further his education. He is studying on the Computer Science tract and is part of the Computer Science Club, which has enabled him to go to coding competitions and hack-a-thons. He is the head officer of the volleyball team, and also a member of Little Rock's ISA Club (Indian Students Association), where he can mentor younger Indian kids and educate them on their values.

At ASMSA, he is a peer mentor, assisting other students with computer science, math, and physics. He plans to get his degree in Computer Science at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and become a professional in cybersecurity, to help people and businesses stay safe while giving back to his community.

Student Guests

Sarah Richardson introduced three student guests: Jacob Harbin, a senior from Cutter-Morning Star High School, for his first visit; Phoebe Trussel, a senior at Lake Hamilton High School for her second visit; and Cole Felts, who spoke to us last week but made up a missed week, also a senior from Cutter Morning Star.

Welcome to all our student guests!

Guests

Rotarian J. J. Galloway introduced this week's guests:

Richard Poole hosted Hunter Temple; **Justin Nicklas** hosted Joey Williams; Magnolia Rotarian Larry Gay joined us again, as did Tori Gustafson, a student guest's mom.

Welcome to all of our guests!



Red to Blue Badge



Congratulations to **Rotarian Jackie Arrison**, who received her coveted blue badge in a very formal presentation from **Club Secretary Gary McKuin**, assisted by the official pillow bearer, **President Chris**.

Congratulations, Jackie! 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

Rotary Minute



Rotarian Robert Zunick presented his first "Rotary Minute" presentation after the retirement of **Rotarian Dick Gadden**.

Zunick told us about one of the largest projects ever undertaken by the HSNP Rotary Club, which was the organization and sponsorship of the first boys' band in 1923 in an alliance with the then new Chamber of Commerce. The two organizations raised funds for uniforms and equipment for instruments and travel expenses.

The Rotary Boys Band, shown below, was fifty strong at the beginning, with ages ranging from nine to eighteen years old. They toured throughout the state and also into

Oklahoma, Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas and the northern Mississippi Delta Region. A delegation of prominent Hot Springs men accompanied the boys to promote the quality of the healing thermal water of Hot Springs National Park.

By 1927, Rotary could no longer carry the financial burden of sponsoring the popular boys' band, so the entire operation was turned over to Hot Springs High School. Thus, the Rotary Boys' Band was transformed into the first Hot Springs High School Trojan Band.



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).

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 10, 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



Wednesday was National Good Samaritan Day, which is a theme I like to think that we, as Rotarians, aspire to each day. As the name implies, this day is set aside to recognize random acts of kindness to strangers. So, I encourage you to all make an effort to do some random act of kindness, large or small. Through those acts, we will all create hope in the world.

If you've paid attention at all to me during my year as president, you know I have a ridiculously large family. Inevitably, in such a large family, you will have some that you are closer to than others. I also have a military family who are men and women I've served with, and have literally risked my life for them. I have my work family, who are people that, through fate, I have met and developed close connections with. Regardless of your family, whether it is by birth or family by

choice, we look to family to support us in our darkest times, and to celebrate our achievements. I try to be a positive role model for those that consider me family, giving support and good counsel, because I believe strong families make all the difference in our lives. Our personal lives are better, we have support to achieve much more than we could on our own, and strong families have proven to lead to individual success. So, if you don't have any family, make one, and be the family member you wish you had had. *The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life.* ~ Richard Bach

Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Atkins, Brent Barrett, Matt Bartholomae, Blake O. Bennett, Ashley Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Brown, Jeremy W Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dews, John Scott Dingler, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick	Gooch, Lloyd (Don) Graham, Mark T. Harper, Susan Allen Harrington, Neal Harris, William T IV Helm, Michael D. Hogan, John A. Johnson, Paulette S. Kerst, William L. Koller, Rob Launius, Chuck E. Lowe, Mitchell L. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. Metcalf, Mary Mir, Sadiq Moore, Courtney W. Moore, Whitney C Mouton, Alex Northern, Martin	Patel, Parth Phillips-Jolly, Jane Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Ratcliff, Michelle Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Simmons, Svetlana Spraggins, Alan Stepka, Jordan Thompson, Ashley Troutman, Gary A. Tucker, Tiffany Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Zeiser, Jared Zunick, Mary E	Active-R85 Aldridge, Susan G. Craft, Joyce L. Endicott, Lynn E. Levi, Lawrence W. Payton, Richard Active-LOA Rogers, Kala Smith, Janet E.
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Thought for the Week

There are those who wait for things to get better before beginning.
And there are those who begin making things better.
Who are you going to be?
