



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of May 8, 2023

### Upcoming Programs:

May 10, 2023

*Amos Gray, President/CEO  
High Impact Ministries*

May 17, 2023

*Rotarian Katya Pitchford  
from Ukraine*

May 24, 2023

*Kermit Channel,  
AR State Crime Lab*

### Rotarian and City Manager, Bill Burrough



**L-R: Rotarians Mayor Pat McCabe, Bill Burrough, and President Neal Gladner Rotarian and Mayor Pat McCabe** introduced our speaker, **Rotarian and City Manager Bill Burrough** for an updated version of his "State of the City" report.

Burrough is a 21-year veteran with the City of Hot Springs and has been city manager for 5 years. McCabe described him as a "working man's CEO".

With many communities faced with heart-breaking news, Burrough is proud that we "stayed the course", as planned last year at this time, and not only has Hot Springs survived, we have thrived. While crime trends have risen elsewhere, ours have declined thanks to the proactive strategies of the Hot Springs Police Department.

The aftermath of Covid-19 has brought about higher supply prices, shortages of goods and materials, and therefore many project bids came in well over budget. Hot Springs is not immune to these issues, but we continue to work steadily on most projects and have even completed some. With rising interest rates and fear of a recession having put many on edge, Hot Springs has the rare opportunity of continuing to pay off with above-average tourism and sales tax receipts in 2022 and showing positively in 2023.

For these reasons and more, Burrough has made the 2022 State of the City's theme "Diamond in the Rough".

Mentioning two police officers, James Moore and Steven Parrett, who were together named the Attorney General's 2022 Arkansas Outstanding Law Officer of the year, as well as the South West Regional Officer of the year, and the Arkansas Chief's Association officer of the year. They saved potentially countless

### Club Leaders



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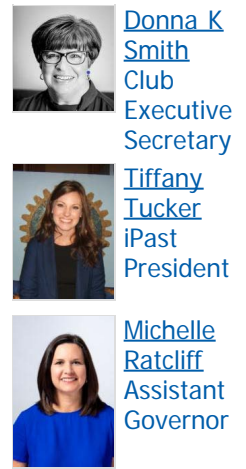


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Youth Chair

victims by stopping a shooter after a fight broke out after a football game. The entire HSPD is showing great results with all the major crime categories showing a downward trend, with burglary down 30% and homicide down 29%. The Malvern Avenue Corridor was completed in 2022. It not only has historical significance, it is critically important for the economic well being of the neighborhoods and businesses near downtown. The Lake Ouachita Water Supply Project , the city's largest infrastructure to date, has four construction phases: intake, raw water lines, potable water lines and the plant itself. All four phases showed consistent progress through 2022. The 2,600 foot boring through Blakely Mountain should be completed by August, 2023, and the entire project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. The Hot Springs Creek Greenway Trail continues to grow. We now have the Majestic Park baseball complex, which is already a big success. Thanks to the success of the "Our Roads Now" initiative, the 2022 paving projects included 15.5 miles of repaving. The 2023 paving projects are scheduled to repave 21.5 miles. The leading indicators for our local economy have continued to post year-over-year growth. Hot Springs has solidly placed itself as a top tourism destination and our hospitality sector has shaken off the setbacks from the pandemic to set record revenue returns. All of these help spell out GOOD NEWS for our community! Attached to this newsletter is a zip file of the PowerPoint presentation that Bill planned for our meeting, which is an updated version of his original report. He ran out of time at our meeting and wanted everyone to have the opportunity to see and read everything in his "State of the City" report. If you cannot open the zip file, you can [CLICK HERE](#) for Bill's original "State of the City" report.



## The 4-Way Test



## Birthdays

Jim Randall  
May 4th

Christie Dawson  
May 4th

Ira M. Kleinman  
May 13th

H. Mark Fleischner  
May 14th

Courtney W. Moore  
May 15th

Patrick G. McCabe  
May 16th

Michael White  
May 16th

Nick Dodd  
May 18th

Scott Lauck  
May 19th

Daron C. Praetzel  
May 21st

Mary E Zunick  
May 29th

Elizabeth L. Robbins  
May 29th

Michael J. Lipton  
May 30th

Richard Poole  
May 31st

Bill G. Creason  
May 31st

## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



**John Hoefl and Gene Shelby** were the lucky drawing winners, but the luck stopped there. If someone draws the Ace of Diamonds next week, they will win half of the pot:

**\$566 in the pot**  
**34 cards in the deck**

## Guests

**Rotarian Tanya Mitchell** introduced our guests this week:

**Rob Koller** introduced Gefer Sims; **Jim Randall** hosted Robert Neely; **Scott Dews** hosted Oaklawn Rotarian Brent Atkins; and **Richard Poole** introduced Deidra Crumpton.



## New Members

We welcomed a new member to our club this week:

### James Bornhoft

Founding Partner, Bornhoft Law

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James is sponsored by **Mary Metcalf**

James' law specialty includes human trafficking, Special Victims Unit, Personal Injury Law, Family Law, Estate Law, Criminal Law and as a Trial Attorney. He enjoys golf, fishing, Lake Hamilton and The Razorbacks!



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

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## Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, May 9 at 11:45**. 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.

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### Announcements

#### COMMITTEE PREFERENCE FORMS

You should have received an email from Donna K this week with an opportunity for you to select which committee(s) you'd like to serve on next Rotary year (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024). Please respond to that email, as we will be filling committees soon! Like President Neal said, if you don't respond, you WILL be assigned to a committee!

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#### ARTS AND THE PARK

From April 27 through May 7, downtown Hot Springs will feature the annual Arts and the Park - a 10-day celebration of the arts. Art Springs will be held Saturday, April 29 from 10 am until 6 pm, and Sunday, April 30 from 10 am until 4 pm. Gallery Walk will be Friday, May 5 and there will be studio tours on Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7, from 10 am until 4 pm.

On Sunday, April 23, our own **Roxanne Butterfield** will be honored as the Arts Ambassador Award Winner for 2023 at the Arts and The Park Sunday Social. Tickets can be purchased at <https://hotspringsarts.org/>

For more information on the many different events, please reach out to **Rotarian Mary Zunick** (mzunick@hotsprings.org).

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY

**May 19-20, 2023 at the DOUBLETREE BY HILTON - HOT SPRINGS**

We are in need of host family/families for **Enrique Garcia**, a Rotarian from Guadalajara, Mexico, who works with Rotary International through the **Heart 2 Heart** and other programs. He is planning on coming to the District Conference/Assembly, and hopefully will speak at the Foundation Banquet on Friday evening. He would like to spend a week, more or less, visiting clubs in our district. Please let **Donna K or Neal** know if you are interested in hosting Enrique for a night or two, which would include meals in addition to accommodations.

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## President Neal Gladner

So as we gathered on this beautiful day, I asked everyone to take a look at our view, specifically at the lake, and tell me if you see him. "Him" is "Big Al" – a



fish. A fish, if caught, will earn you \$20,000. The Hot Springs Fishing Challenge started just this week, when 66 fish were released, each tagged with a dollar figure and a phone number. And within hours of the fish being released into the lake, Heather Anzoline, visiting Hot Springs for a convention, caught one of the prized fish. Steve Arrison reports it was just six hours after the start of the spring event. The fish she caught was worth \$1,000 dollars. There are tagged fish in Lakes Hamilton and Catherine. You have until July 31 to catch your "money fish". The fishing challenge is only one of the wonderful spring activities here in Hot Springs. For example....The National Park College fast pitch regional tournament is today (Wednesday, the 3rd) and tomorrow (Thursday, the 4th). This Friday is also Cinco De Mayo and there is no shortage of places to celebrate. The Northwoods Trail features its Full Moon Ride this Friday as well, which is a no-drop event. As I understand it – that means you won't be left behind even if you're slow. The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Hot Springs Cruisers Show is this Saturday at the airport; May 13<sup>th</sup> is the B A R K Ranger day. Bring your K9 to the Arlington Lawn for dog-friendly activities and demonstrations and even a pet costume contest. Also that weekend – Bombers and BBQ is out at the airport, including live music by Arkansas Artist Matt Stell. And – the Chamber of Commerce Fund Raiser "Flavor of the Park" is back after the Covid recess on May 18<sup>th</sup> back in the parking garage. Oh, and yes, let me not forget Gallery Walk which is this Friday.

I have to tell you there are other reasons to love spring in Hot Springs. For example, I was talking to a neighbor friend a few days ago and he put his hands together saying, "I LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR!" Not because of the flowers and the blooms, or all the activities. Why then, you might ask? Because he owns car washes and the pollen that we all hate is like mana from heaven for him.

Thought for the day: with the theme of what I mentioned earlier – it's time to choose your committee assignments for next year. Those committees – working together – are a reflection of all of us.

So, from business consultant and author Ken Blanchard: ***"None of us is as smart as all of us"***.

And, from Author Edward Everett Hale: ***"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."***

## Absence

Alderdice, Corey Barrett, Matt Bartholomae, Blake O. Bartholomae, Renee Benedict, Loren J. Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Canales, Brian Chapmond, Chris Crawford, Roger Dante, Charles H. Jr. Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Echols, Taryn E. Gladden, Richard Gooch, Lloyd (Don)	Harris, William T IV Helm, Michael D. Hogan, John A. Johnson, Paulette S. Kelly, Judith Heikes Kerst, William L. LaFollette, Diane Launius, Chuck E. Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McNary, Mechele Mitchell, Tanya Moore, Courtney W. Mouton, Alex Northern, Martin Patel, Parth Peine, Brett Porter, Lance A.	Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Quinney, Greg Robbins, Elizabeth L. Roberts, Thomas W Rogers, Tiffany B. Ross, Doug Stephens, Noelle Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Taylor, Kathy H. Thurber, Darla Troutman, Gary A. Tuohey, James Michael Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Zunick, Mary E Zunick, S. Robert	<b>Active-R85</b> Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Davenport, H. W. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, H. Mark Hudgens, E. Brad Porter, Jack C. Smith, Dennis C.
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## Thought for the Week

When you focus on problems, you will have more problems.  
 When you focus on possibilities, you will have more opportunities.