



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of June 10, 2024

Upcoming Programs:

June 12, 2024

Emily Hamilton, Executive Director
AR State Police Foundation

June 19, 2024

HSNP Rotary Club Achievement Day

June 25, 2024
6:00 pm

HSNP Rotary Club Installation Banquet
See Information Below

June 26, 2024 &
July 3, 2024

NO CLUB MEETING

Rex Nelson



L-R: President Chris Franklin, Speaker Rex Nelson, Past President Gary Troutman

As **Past President Gary Troutman** said, Rex Nelson really needs no introduction except to say, "Our buddy, Rex," as he has spoken to our club so many times. He has been with the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* for many years, and is an expert on Arkansas History, Southern culture and Southern politics. A true friend of Hot Springs, he grew up in Arkadelphia and coming to Hot Springs when he was young was like coming to "his New York," the Medical Arts building was his "Empire State Building," and the Arlington Hotel was his "Waldorf-Astoria."

He covers all 75 counties in the state, but Hot Springs has so much going on, he seems to write more about our town than any other community.

Nelson is "bullish" on Hot Springs and told us about many of the reasons why.

He says that Oaklawn has sent a message to the entire tourism industry to really "up their game" when the Astral Spa at Oaklawn recently received the coveted 4-star rating from Forbes - one of only 225 spas in the **world**.

More good news came to Hot Springs from Lexington, Kentucky when a Hot Springs-owned horse won the Kentucky Derby. D. Wayne Lucas, who now calls Hot Springs his base, recently won the Preakness.

Another reason he is so bullish on Hot Springs is demographics. The continued growth of the Dallas-Ft. Worth market is predicted to pass Chicago as the third-largest metro area in America by the end of the decade. With our proximity to this area, Nelson sees no reason that Hot Springs should not explode into a real new golden era in the next 10-20 years, based on those demographics.

Nelson acknowledged the tremendous progress downtown but says the many large empty buildings downtown send a negative message to newcomers, with the biggest of them all "the Army Navy Hospital" "sitting on the hill looming over everything." To truly take advantage of these demographic trends, those buildings must have a very intense and strong focus in the next few years, not just by locals, but by the people of the state. Hot Springs is #1 in tourism in the state and tourism is #2 part of our state's economy. Nelson asks "why hasn't our entire delegation (not just Rep. Bruce Westerman) been more focused on this? Why hasn't former President Bill Clinton been involved, since he grew up here and there has been a Democratic administration in office for the last three years?" Nelson's column this Sunday in the *Democrat-Gazette* will again be about Hot Springs, specifically the Army-Navy Hospital. His thoughts and ideas about that wonderful building will be well worth reading.

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

Tiffany Tucker
 June 8th
 Donna K Smith
 June 10th
 James R. Mazzanti
 June 13th
 Jimmy M. Pate
 June 16th
 James Bornhoft
 June 16th
 David Trice
 June 23rd
 Charles H. Dante Jr.
 June 23rd
 Gary A. Troutman
 June 28th
 Liberty Lee
 July 1st

4 Way Test

INVOCATION
Mike Helm



PLEDGE
Scott Lauck



4 WAY TEST
Renee Bartholomae



Mary Anne Couch
July 3rd

Janet E. Smith
July 5th

Susan Allen Harper
July 6th

Sarah Richardson
July 6th

Sara Brown
July 15th

The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Guess who drew the lucky Ace of Diamonds? That's right, **Rotarian Roxanne Butterfield** was the BIG WINNER of \$174.00! She graciously donated her winnings back to the Scholarship Trust Fund....thank you so much, Roxanne! You certainly represent "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"!

Tune in next week when
we will start with

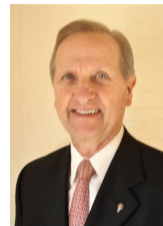
\$50 in the pot
52 cards in the deck

Guests

Rotarian Jim Randall introduced this week's guest:

John Hoefl hosted the NJCCA College Basketball Coach of the Year, Dillon Hargrove from National Park College.

Welcome, Dillon!



New Members

We welcomed our newest member to the club this week:

Noel Williams

Region Manager

Sportsman's Warehouse

PH: 404-514-5130

Email: noelxwilliams@gmail.com

Noel is sponsored by **Gary Troutman**

Noel spent 32 years working with Walmart/Sam's Club, most recently as the Hot Springs Sam's Club Manager. He planned to retire from the WalMart Company, but was very recently hired as a regional manager with Sportsman's Warehouse, supervising stores in 12 different states.

He spent several years in the Atlanta area where he was a member of the Marietta Rotary Club.

He and his wife, Christy, now reside in Hot Springs and have three children: Hallie 26, Caleb 22, and Kyra 20.



Welcome to the HSNP Rotary Club, Noel!

Red to Blue Badge



Congratulations to **Rotarian Mitchell Lowe**, who received his coveted blue badge from **Club Secretary Gary McKuin**, as only Gary McKuin can do.....

Congratulations, Mitchell! "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

Congratulations!



President Chris Franklin awarded **Rotarian Gene Shelby** with a special commemorative coin in honor of becoming a Founding Member of our new HSNP Rotary Club Community Foundation.

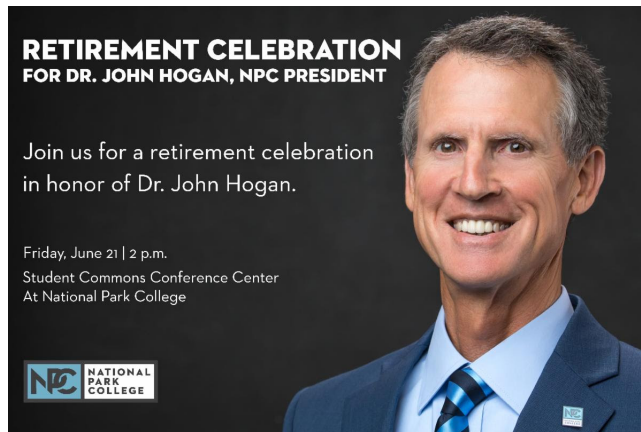
For a \$1,000 donation before the end of our Rotary year, June 30, you will be considered a Founding Member. This foundation will benefit non-profit organizations in our community.

Thank you, Gene, for your donation and support of our club and community!

RSVP by June 14



You are invited!



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:

- * Troutman recently met with the 5 local aviation companies
- * Congrats Bill Ritter, new VP of Workforce at National Park College
- * 3 local people were nominated for Arkansas Business' "20 Under 20": Maggie Culp, Alexis Hampo and Mackenzie Simon
- * Vince Signorelli, Godfather of Pickleball, hosted the Chamber team and taught them how to play.
- * Congrats to NPC, record graduation this year with 585 graduates with almost 900

accreditations.

- * Recently met with regional economic development friends in Malvern working on getting Jones Mill ready to market.
 - * They are talking with Benton leaders about mass development for major neighborhoods
 - * Supporting friends in the Village at their Board Meeting
 - * Met with the Superintendent at Jessierville regarding the presentations to the 7-12 grade this upcoming year
 - * The Chamber awarded scholarships to students in all Garland County School districts
 - * Flavor of the Park drew about 500 folks
 - * Celebrated the 55th Chamber anniversary with Weyerhaeuser
 - * Troutman recently spoke to the Oaklawn Rotary Club
 - * Congratulations to **Bill Burrough and Pat McCabe** on the city's ribbon cutting for the second solar project
 - * Village Chamber hosted thank you for public officials
 - * Hot Springs Chamber hosted a meeting with "Make My Move"
 - * Chamber is teaming with AR Business writing a growth section about Hot Springs
 - * Thanks to **Jack Porter** who recently met with Westerman's team to knock down the six-hazardous buildings on the campus of the Army-Navy Hospital. Jack also presented to 12 legislators at a rural development conference to secure funding for security for the property.
 - * Speaker Rex Nelson has recently published two columns on Hot Springs
 - * Troutman participated with the Board of Regents of the US Chamber and as President of the Arkansas AEDC.
 - * Big announcement at National Park College, now providing a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. He gave great kudos to **John Hogan**, who will retire the end of this month, for this accomplishment.
 - * Hot Springs Chamber and Metro Partnership recently won AY Magazine's "Best Of" awards (Congratulations to all!)
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Announcements

HSNP ROTARY CLUB'S TABLECLOTH IS MISSING!!

If you have or know someone who might have our Club's tablecloth, please bring it to the next meeting. We need to use this at the Spa City Classic at the end of the month and nobody seems to know what happened to it after the Garland County Reads program last fall. Any assistance would be GREATLY appreciated!

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.

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**, (matth@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!

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. We need volunteers to man the booth from 10:00 until 3:00 each day. If you can spare an hour or two, please sign up at Donna K's table. This is an excellent opportunity for recruitment!

ADULT TUTORS NEEDED

The Literacy Council of the Ouachitas is looking for tutors for Adult Learners in Reading, Writing, Math, ESL, Digital Literacy, etc. - If you are interested in helping, you can apply online at <https://ouachitaliteracy.org/get-involved/>

Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, June 11 at noon**.

As always, all membership is invited to join us, especially new members who are trying to earn that coveted Blue Badge! This last meeting of the Rotary Year will include current and incoming Board members. 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.

President Chris Franklin



I missed the running of the tubs this past weekend, but I hear the Fire Department won, which makes sense since their job is to get water to places really fast. Better luck next year **Bill Solleder Matt Barrett, and Don Gooch**.

Storytelling is an art. The best storytellers make it look easy, but no one sees the hours and effort that goes into polishing a great story. We all have a story to tell. Some of those stories may be comedies and some are certainly tragedies, but they make us who we are. Our club also has a story to tell. You can visit the Rotary Room at the Historical Society or visit with some of our more "seasoned" members, if you're interested in learning more about our story. But what makes our club's story even more fantastic is that it isn't finished yet. We all have the

power to change our stories, and we are constantly adding more chapters to the story of our club. I am proud to have been a part of this chapter of our story, and I look forward to seeing where the next chapters go.

"The stories we tell literally make the world. If you want to change the world, you need to change your story. This truth applies both to individuals and institutions." ~Michael Margolis

Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Bailes, Karol Bailes, Ralf Barrett, Matt Bartholomae, Blake O. Bartholomae, Renee Bennett, Ashley Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Canales, Brian Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dews, John Scott Dingler, Brett Disney, Daniel E.	Dodd, Nick Fleming, David M. Floyd, Alan Graham, Mark T. Hall, Kevin R. Harris, William T IV Herndon, Nicole Hogan, John A. Jarmon, Nadine Johnson, Paulette S. Kerst, William L. LaFollette, Diane Launius, Chuck E. Lee, Liberty Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. McNary, Mechele Metcalf, Tim Moore, Courtney W. Moore, Whitney C	Mouton, Alex Northern, Martin Poole, Richard Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Richardson, Sarah Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Smith, Janet E. Spicher, Forrest L. II Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Thompson, Ashley Thurber, Darla Tucker, Tiffany Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Wright, Raymond Zunick, Mary E	Active-R85 Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, H. Mark Levi, Lawrence W. Payton, Richard Active-LOA Couch, Mary Anne Rogers, Kala
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Thought for the Week

Being challenged in life is inevitable.
Being defeated is optional.