



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of June 17, 2024

Upcoming Programs:

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

Emily Hamilton, AR State Police Foundation



L-R: President Chris Franklin, Speaker Emily Hamilton, Past President Les Warren
Past President Les Warren introduced this week's speaker, Emily Hamilton, who is the Executive Director of the AR State Police Foundation.

The Arkansas State Police (ASP) was established in 1935 with 13 original rangers and their primary function was to enforce prohibition laws. Today, ASP has approximately 567 employees in the highway patrol division and 111 in the criminal investigation division. ASP has 12 troops, and their duties include patrolling public highways, establishing a Crimes against Children division, maintaining security for the governor and our State Capitol, providing protection for statewide functions, and serving as an assisting agency when requested.

As part of their efforts in the Crimes against Children, they launched a program in 2023 to stop sexual predators through Operation Cyber Highway Safety Check. During only three months, 42 arrests were made related to child sexual abuse. Officers rescued 5 children from ongoing sexual abuse and identified 22 new victims.

ASP recently conducted Operation Hope here in Hot Springs to combat human trafficking. A single day operation, 7 women believed to be victims of human trafficking were offered services and 25 local victims were identified, with an array of services being offered to these women.

Troopers also give back to the community in a variety of ways, including selfless and generous ways such as finding overnight housing for an elderly man who was stranded on the side of the road. This was just one example.

ASP performs proactive responses such as saturations. During May 21-25 during a saturation in East AR, Pulaski County, and Sebastian County, officers conducted 163 criminal arrests, 726 citations, and 17 DWI arrests. Another proactive response is traffic violation crackdowns. During Spring Break, March 19 - 24 this year, patrols on Central Arkansas Interstates and Highways gave 199 traffic citations, 128 warnings, and worked 6 accidents.

Emily's last section concentrated on the Interstate Criminal Patrol Team who recently this year took home 3 awards that included Team of the Year and Officer of the Year for the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area for their work in 2023. Here is a recap of 2024 seizures:

- Marijuana 5,832 lbs.
- Cocaine 113 lbs.
- Methamphetamine 140 lbs.
- Heroine 1.5 lbs.
- THC Products 2,790 lbs.
- Fentanyl 0.5 lbs.
- Weapons 11
- Illegal Pills 13,000
- Vehicles 15

Club Leaders



Chris Franklin
President



Sara Brown
President-Elect



Tim Metcalf
Vice President



Gary McQuin
Secretary



Courtney W. Moore
Treasurer



Renee Bartholomae
Club Director



Diane LaFollette
Club Director



Cheryl Lynn Stafford
Club Director



David Trice
Club Director

Birthdays

- 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
- Mary Anne Couch
July 3rd
- Janet E. Smith
July 5th
- Susan Allen Harper
July 6th

- vehicles 13
- Cash 2.4 million

Sarah Richardson
July 6th

Sara Brown
July 15th

This only scratches the surface of what ASP does on a daily basis to keep Arkansans safe. But what Emily really came to talk about is the Arkansas State Police Foundation, which was founded in 2000 when they saw there was a need to raise funds for training and equipment where state and federal funding was falling short. The Foundation is much more than that today. They have 45 board members around the state that come from various businesses and backgrounds. A program that is very special to the Foundation is Hearts for Heroes. This program assists families and troopers during illness, injury or even assisting with funeral costs or other expenses when needed. They also assist these families and troopers during natural disasters. The members of the Foundation are always on call and respond whenever a need arises, always willing to assist. The general fund of the foundation covers costs for meetings, trainings, and equipment. They reimburse retirees when they wish to purchase their shotgun. Troopers can purchase their gun for \$100 upon retirement and the auxiliary will give them their money back. Emily began her career as Executive Director of the Foundation as a result of being part of an auxiliary. There are 12 troops in Arkansas and there are 12 auxiliaries. The members of the auxiliaries are spouses of troopers and are the community service arm of the Foundation. They are out in communities across the state promoting ASP in a positive light. The Foundation covers many costs for troopers and families, such as the ASP Awards Luncheon, flags for the honor guard, holiday parties, and scholarships. They currently have 19 students on scholarship and recently awarded 15 more for students who will begin in the fall of 2024. Scholarships are not just for traditional colleges, but also for 2-year colleges, associate degrees, trade schools, and beauty schools. The scholarship fund is projected to be \$2 million over the next 5 years. The final jewel in the crown of the Foundation that Emily shared with the club, is the Precision Driving Training Complex located at Camp Robinson. When it became known there was a need for the troopers to have a designated driving track for training, the Foundation went to work and gifted them a \$5 million complex in 2019. In 2023, the Foundation added to this gift a classroom tower, and garage.

4 Way Test

INVOCATION
Ira Kleinman



PLEDGE
Noel Williams



4 WAY TEST
Alan Floyd



The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians Dennis Smith and Bill Burrough had their lucky numbers drawn, but the luck stopped there, as the Ace of Diamonds remained hidden in the deck.

Tune in next week when we will start with

\$95 in the pot
50 cards in the deck

Guests

Rotarian Matt Barrett introduced this week's guest:

Bill Burrough introduced Justin Hickman; James Frierson introduced his wife, Donetta Frierson; Tim Metcalf hosted Hunter Temple; and the speaker's guests included Elizabeth Anderson, Lt. Brandon Margis, and Trooper Corbin Rideout.

Welcome to all of our guests!



Volunteers Needed!

SPA CITY CLASSIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Roger Crawford recently announced that Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club was chosen as the organization of 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! Below are the dates and times available with any volunteers thus far:

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| Thursday, June 27 | | | |
| 10:00 â€" 12:00 | Janet Smith | John Hoefl | Richard Poole |
| 12:00 â€" 2:00 | Jim Randall | | |
| 2:00 â€" 3:00 | Tim Metcalf | Greg Quinney | |
| Friday, June 28 | | | |
| 10:00 â€" 12:00 | Bill Burrough | | |
| 12:00 â€" 2:00 | | | |
| 2:00 â€" 3:00 | Tim Metcalf | Mary Metcalf | |
| Saturday, June 29 | | | |
| 10:00 â€" 12:00 | | | |
| 12:00 â€" 2:00 | | | |
| 2:00 â€" 3:00 | | | |
| Sunday, June 30 | | | |
| 10:00 â€" 12:00 | | | |
| 12:00 â€" 2:00 | | | |
| 2:00 â€" 3:00 | | | |

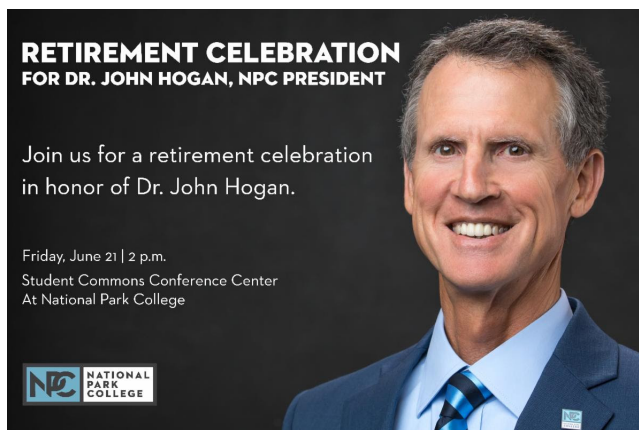
Prospective Members

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 July 10 meeting.

Wade Derden

Incoming President
National Park College
Sponsored by **Darla Thurber**

You are invited!



Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, July 9 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 Jackie 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.

At our June 11 Board Meeting, the Board regretfully accepted the resignations of **Greg Quinney** (health), **Kevin Hall** (retirement) and **John Hogan** (retirement and relocation). We will miss these Rotarians and wish them the very best!

Announcements

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**, (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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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/>

President Chris Franklin



This week's presentation will be from the State Police Foundation. If you look at their mission, they provide support to the State Police, who are tasked with "protecting the lives, property, and constitutional rights of the people of Arkansas." As most of you know, I spent over 10 years in law enforcement, and I can tell you from personal experience that the job of law enforcement is not easy. Most of the time you do not get to meet people under normal circumstances, you are often dealing with either a victim, or a criminal. It is difficult not to become jaded when that is the side of society that you deal with every day. Officers put themselves in danger so that everyone else can go about their daily lives not thinking of the side of society that we would prefer not to worry about. I could pontificate on some of the stories I experienced firsthand while I was in uniform, but that wouldn't serve any good purpose. Instead, I will say that most officers do a thankless job, under tremendous stress, they do it with honor and diligence. So, the next time you see an officer, take a moment, and thank them for their service to our community. They deserve to know that their efforts are appreciated.

As you go about your life in our community, engaging with others in the community, as part of our historical club, remember these words, "if your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." ~John Quincy Adams

Absence

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|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alderdice, Corey | Hall, Kevin R. | Paul, David C. | |
| Alderdice, Stephanie | Harper, Susan Allen | Phillips-Jolly, Jane | |
| Atkins, Brent | Harrington, Neal | Poole, Richard | |
| Bailes, Ralf | Harris, William T IV | Porter, Lance A. | |
| Bennett, Ashley | Helm, Michael D. | Praetzel, Daron C. | R85 |
| Bennett, Delores | Hogan, John A. | Pratt, John A. | Aldridge, Susan G. |
| Blackmon, Kelsey B | Jarmon, Nadine | Quinney, Greg | Arnold, Douglas A. |
| Bornhoft, James | Johnson, Paulette S. | Ratcliff, Michelle | Bailey, Larry A. |
| Bradford, Jay | Kerst, William L. | Ross, Doug | Brunner, John H. |
| Brinlee, Bryan | Koller, Rob | Sample, William H. | Cupp III, Cecil W. |
| Britton, Beau | Lauck, Scott | Shelby, Gene | Endicott, Lynn E. |
| Brown, Jeremy W | Launius, Chuck E. | Smith, Janet E. | Fleischner, H. Mark |
| Canales, Brian | Lee, Liberty | Stafford, Cheryl Lynn | Fleischner, Stuart Allen |
| Carney, James A | Lipton, Michael J. | Stobaugh, John S | Hudgens, E. Brad |
| Chapmond, Chris | Lowe, Mitchell L. | Thompson, Ashley | Levi, Lawrence W. |
| Crawford, Roger | Martinez, Rafael | Thurber, Darla | Mazzanti, James R. |
| Dante, Charles H. Jr. | McNary, Mechele | Troutman, Gary A. | McKuin, Gary |
| Davin, Peter | Mir, Saddiq | Wagstaff, Cindy | Payton, Richard |
| Dews, John Scott | Moore, Courtney W. | Warren, Will | |
| Dingler, Brett | Moore, Whitney C | Whitfield, Joyce Parker | LOA |
| Disney, Daniel E. | Mouton, Alex | Winters, Jay | Bartholomae, Blake |
| Dodd, Nick | Nehus, Stephanie M | Wright, Raymond | Couch, Mary Anne |
| Fleming, David M. | Nicklas, Justin | Zeiser, Jared | Rogers, Kala |
| Gladden, Richard | Northern, Martin | Zunick, Mary E | |
| Gooch, Lloyd (Don) | Patel, Parth | Zunick, S. Robert | |

Thought for the Week

Try to be a rainbow
in someone else's cloud.
~Maya Angelou