



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of July 24, 2023

Upcoming Programs:

July 26, 2023 *Brian Marsh,
Goodwill of Arkansas
*This meeting will be held downstairs in the Trifecta Room**

August 2, 2023 *Colbie Jones,
Keep Arkansas Beautiful*

August 9, 2023 *Adam Webb
Garland County Library*

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The Pocket Community Theatre



L-R: Rotarian David Fleming, Speaker Charlie DeVine, and President Chris Franklin
 Rotarian David Fleming introduced our speaker, Charlie DeVine, who gave us history and information about our community's Pocket Theatre.
 DeVine, a former HSNP Rotarian, owns the candy store, Rocket Fizz, downtown and previously owned the BathHouse Dinner Theatre, which he says will be coming back soon. He is also a new board member of the Pocket Community Theatre.
 The Pocket Community Theatre was founded in 1992 with the first production held in a tent. Soon they moved to the outlet mall, which enabled them to perform year round. Outgrowing that space, in 1998 they moved to a larger facility at the skating rink on Higdon Ferry Road. Then in 2005, the Ramble Street Elementary school on Ravine St came up for sale, they bought it and it remains there today.
 In 1996, the Pocket Community Theatre became a 501c3, with a mission to stimulate, promote, educate, and develop interest in the dramatic arts.
 DeVine brought with him the quartet consisting of Dan Breshears, Jeff Freeman, Tyler Montgomery, and Levi Wilson, (see photo below), who portray "The Plaids" for the upcoming production of "Forever Plaid". Accompanied by Emily Cooper, they entertained us with three of their numbers from the show. "Forever Plaid" is a story about a quartet who were killed in a car accident enroute to their "big gig". They return to earth 40 years later to perform the show they never had the chance to do.
 "Forever Plaid" will be presented on August 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13th. For tickets, call 501-623-8585, go to pockettheatre.com, or see David Fleming.
 Still to come in 2023: Reader's Theatre: America, The Beautiful; Death Trap; and Elf. Let's support our local talent and go see some of these productions!



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The 4-Way Test

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PLEDGE
Roger Crawford



4 WAY TEST
Sarah Richardson



The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians Roxanne Butterfield and Ralf Bailes had their tickets drawn, but were not able to find the Ace of Diamonds today. Next week, we will start with:

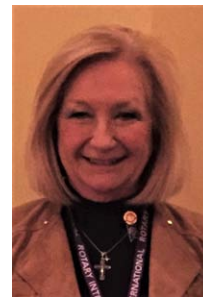
\$177 in the pot

48 cards in the deck

Guests

Past President and Past District Governor Susan Aldridge introduced our guests this week:

Loren Benedict hosted City Director Phyllis Beard and **David Fleming** introduced the entertainers and members of the Pocket Community Theatre: Christi Day, Jodi Tooke, Steve Mitchell, Dan Breshears, Jeff Freeman, Tyler Montgomery, Levi Wilson and Emily Cooper.



Birthdays

- John Scott Dews
July 25th
- Patrick J. McGuire
July 30th
- Corey Alderdice
August 2nd
- Cheryl Lynn Stafford
August 4th
- Rob Koller
August 6th
- Mechele McNary
August 6th
- Lloyd (Don) Gooch
August 6th
- Noelle Stephens
August 7th
- Neal C. Gladner
August 8th
- Joyce Parker Whitfield
August 9th
- Carolyn J. Pierce
August 10th
- Dennis C. Smith
August 10th
- Lori Erickson
August 13th
- Tiffany B. Rogers
August 14th
- Nadine Jarmon
August 14th
- Taryn E. Echols
August 18th
- Stephanie M Nehus
August 22nd
- Courtney C. Crouch Jr.
August 24th
- Chris Chapmond
August 25th
- Chuck E. Launius
August 31st

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 August 2 meeting.

Donald Westerman
High School Principal
Lake Hamilton High School
Sponsored by **John Hoefl**

Paul Harris Fellowships



New Paul Harris Fellows, from left to right: **J. J. Galloway, David Fleming and Greg Quinney.**



New Paul Harris Fellow Plus Two: **Lance Porter**



New Paul Harris Fellow Plus Four: **Susan Aldridge and Dick Gladden**

Announcements

Our Blood Institute presents the 40th Annual M*A*S*H Bash

On Friday, July 21, from 8am until 6pm and "Uptown Hot Springs" (the mall) on the west side, all blood donors will receive a collector's edition t-shirt, free entry to Magic Springs, dog tags, a squeeze grenade and more! Call for an appointment 877-340-8777 or speak with **Rotarian Lori Erickson.**

Now is the time to consider nominations for District Governor for 2026-27. If you have someone you'd like to nominate, please let **President Chris Franklin** know by September 12, 2023.

Student Guest Committee Chair Sarah Richardson requests that any Rotarian who knows of an outstanding high school senior that you would like to see attend and speak to our club during the school year, please reach out to her or any member of the Student Guest Committee.

Rotarian Joyce Whitfield who is chairing the **Community Enhancement Committee**, will host their first meeting next Wednesday, July 26, immediately following the club's regular meeting to discuss and set goals for the coming year.

Joyce Whitfield also announced that the Hot Springs Area Community Foundation affiliate is accepting applications for their annual Giving Tree grant cycle through August 15, 2023. Applications are open to

any 501c3 non-profit, school, municipality or government agency who would like to apply. They will be accepted for any charitable purpose and be awarded in early October. The online application is located at <https://www.arcf.org/affiliates/hot-springs-area/>

During the month of July, the **Hot Springs National Park After Hours Satellite Club will be collecting bottled water** to donate to CCMC, Jackson House and OCYFS. If anyone from the parent club would like to help with this collection, please bring your donations to any weekly meeting in July.

There is also a volunteer opportunity on Saturday, July 29 to assist with OCYFS. The hours are from 9-3 (you can select shifts). Reach out to bsharver@ocyfs.org if you are interested.

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:

- * **Rep and Rotarian Les Warren** led the Education Council Meeting with Lakeside Superintendent Shawn Cook attending his last one before his retirement.
- * Broadband has grown in four years to the fifth Broadband provider in Hot Springs.
- * Jones Mill Industrial Park continues tearing down.
- * Troutman participated in a statewide podcast with the AEDC director and his counterparts in Russellville and Newport.
- * Troutman and Rotarian Scott Dews attended a luncheon honoring those selected as

Arkansas' 40 under 40, including Cole McCaskill

* Business retention and expansion visits were made over the summer to US Vanadium and ORG Chemical

* AR unemployment rates are 2.7%, with Hot Springs being 2.2% - an all-time record low

* Hosted first Majestic Site Visit with a company from Dallas

* Coolest things made in AR by AR Business included Crystal Ridge Distillery, Alliance Rubber and Dan's Whetstone

* Congrats to **Dr. John Hogan** for NPC's partnership with UAM for 4 year degrees for K-6 education

* Appreciation to **Mike White and Jack Porter** for their work on the ACTI/Army Navy building.

Congressman Bruce Westerman recently met with representatives from both US Senators, the state of AR, GSA, The Army Department of the Interior and the National Park Service.

* Workforce Advisory Committee is working on a white paper study that will be shared nationwide.

* AR Money and Politics named Cole McCaskill, **Immediate Past President Tiffany Tucker, Rotarian James Bornhoft**, Duncan Bellingrath, Dr. Ethan Irwin, Mackensie Simonto Arkansas' Future Fifty.

* Gary Troutman named among the 250 Most Influential Arkansans.

* Shannon LaDuke commended as the Chamber now has 987 active members; closing in on the goal of 1000.

Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, August 8 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.

President Chris Franklin

I want to thank everyone for showing up for my second meeting. As the summer heats up, I hope everyone is enjoying some time away. Enjoy a trip to the beach or some air conditioning. Whatever your summer plans, I hope you take some time to enjoy the great outdoor and summer opportunities we have here in Hot Springs. Whether you're staying in the air-conditioning at Toytopia at Mid America, (Talk to **Diane LaFollette** for details), or smashing the heat at Magic Springs summer concert series with Smashmouth on July 22nd, I hope you all have a great summer story to tell when it cools off this fall.

I hope everyone read last week's Bathtub. It had the details about the new



Foundation that our club is going to start. As I mentioned last week, this year's Rotary International Motto is, *'Create Hope in the World'*. It was this desire to create hope that led our board to the decision to create this foundation. Since we were pressed for time last week, I wanted to cover some of the basics of what has been proposed and approved. The foundation we are starting is going to fund local needs, specifically here in Garland County. It has been intentionally left flexible enough so that future boards can distribute grants to organizations they feel are important to our community. Our hope is that this foundation will compliment other organizations in the community while not favoring any specific cause. Our hope is that many years from now this foundation, with the help of dynamic fundraising events, can have a profound impact on a number of organizations. As I mentioned last week, **Ashley Thompson and Stephanie Alderdice** will be planning events to raise money for the foundation. We will be announcing what they have planned soon, so please keep those events in mind and I hope that many of you will help them with whatever they decide. The secondary goal for having events is to help recruit new Rotarians. After speaking with several of the past presidents, I have gotten pledges of \$11,000 so far, and hope many of you will consider donating as well. Our hope is that we can generate \$100,000 in our first year, which is a very ambitious goal, but I believe with our membership that it is more than achievable. The foundation will be established as a 501c3 tax-deductible charity. We will be sending out bid requests in the next month for firms that want to handle the funds. However, no member or recent current member is eligible to bid on the account. So, with the profound need in our community, we hope to create a lasting change with this foundation, and if anyone has any questions, or would like to help us get things kick started this year, please let me or any other board member know.

As you go about your week, consider the words of Robin Williams, *"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world."*

Absence

Arrison, Jackie Barrett, Matt Bartholomae, Blake O. Bennett, Delores C. Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Brown, Jeremy W Brown, Sara Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Davin, Peter Dawson, Christie Dews, John Scott Dinger, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Echols, Taryn E. Gooch, Lloyd (Don)	Graham, Mark T. Gronwaldt, Robert C Harrington, Neal Harris, William T IV Jarmon, Nadine Johnson, Paulette S. Kerst, William L. Koller, Rob LaFollette, Diane Launius, Chuck E. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. Mir, Saddiq Mitchell, Tanya Naveran, Garrett Northern, Martin Peine, Brett Poole, Richard Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A.	Ragsdale, Linda L. Roberts, Thomas W Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Shelby, Gene Simmons, Svetlana Smith, Janet E. Solleder, William Spicher, Forrest L. II Stephens, Noelle Stobaugh, John S Taylor, Kathy H. Thompson, Ashley Thurber, Darla Tucker, Tiffany Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Zeiser, Jared Zunick, Mary E	Active-R85 Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Creason, Bill G. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, H. Mark Fleischner, Stuart Allen Levi, Lawrence W. Mazzanti, James R. LOA Couch, Mary Anne Helm, Michael D.
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Thought for the Week

No amount of regret changes the past.
 No amount of anxiety changes the future.
 But any amount of gratitude changes the present.

