



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of August 14, 2023

### Upcoming Programs:

August 16, 2023

*Dr. Wade Derden, VP Academic Affairs  
National Park College*

August 23, 2023

*Ken Jacobson, Hot Springs  
Documentary Film Festival  
\*\*FIELD TRIP\*\*  
This meeting will be held at The Warehouse at 301  
Broadway. We will NEED RSVPs!!!*

August 30, 2023

*Chris Chapmond  
Division of Law Enforcement  
Standards and Training  
(AR Dept of Public Safety)*

### Adam Webb, Garland County Library Director



**Rotarian Cheryl Stafford** introduced our speaker, Adam Webb, Executive Director of the Garland County Library. With his presentation titled "Past, Present and Future", Webb said that the library has gone through many transformations since it opened in 1833 and he assured us that there are many changes planned for the future. One big change is a complete remodel of the library. The original building was designed by **Rotarian Doug Arnold**, who had the foresight to allow enough airspace in the building to put in a second floor. This "mezzanine



level" will allow for the circulation desk to be closer to the entrance of the library, making it more accessible.

There will also be an area for teenagers, additional meeting rooms and two soundproof rooms for patrons to use as recording studios.

Another future project planned is a second library to serve the northern parts of Garland County. Webb also introduced the Garland County Library Outreach Coordinator, James Nowlin, who brought along the new Bookmobile. Rotarians were able to tour the bookmobile following the meeting. Describing it as a mini-library, the bookmobile has two regular stops: Saturdays at the Hot Springs Farmers and Artisans Market and Thursdays at the Hot Springs Village Green Market.

Serving over 200,000 visitors in 2022, Webb said that digital (or e-book) loans are increasing, but they have not had an impact on physical check-outs. So they keep working to figure out new ways to provide reading for "all these hungry readers in Garland County".

### 4 Way Test

### Club Leaders



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## Birthdays

- 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
- Richard Gladden  
September 2nd
- James A Carney  
September 6th
- Bryan Brinlee  
September 9th
- Nicole Herndon  
September 10th
- Richard W. McGrew  
September 12th
- Douglas A. Arnold  
September 14th

## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



**Rotarians Jim Randall and Matt Barrett** were the lucky ticket winners, and they were able to draw a couple of diamonds out of the deck, but not the Ace. Maybe next week will be the winning week.

We will start with:  
**\$324 in the pot**  
**42 cards in the deck**

## Guests

**Rotarian Gefer Sims** introduced our guests this week:

**Jeremy Brown** hosted Tyler Draper; **Mark Fleischner** hosted his wife, Patti; **Bill Burrough** introduced Darryl Mahoney; **Gefer Sims** introduced Troy Creamer; and James Nowlin was a guest of our speaker; and we had a visiting Rotarian, Larry Gay from Magnolia.



## Congratulations!



**Founding members of our new Hot Springs National Park Rotary Foundation**  
**President Chris** awarded **Past Presidents Michelle Ratcliff and Gary Troutman** with special commemorative coins as new founding members of our new HSNP Rotary Club Foundation. Any Rotarian who makes the \$1,000 donation before June 30, 2024 will be considered a Founding Member of our new foundation and will receive one of these beautiful coins (see below). Thank you, Michelle and Gary, for your investment in the future of our community. This foundation has such great long-term potential for our community. Our club's first foundation, the Scholarship Trust Foundation, has provided over \$400,000 in scholarships to area students since 1994. This foundation will make such a difference by providing funds to area non-profits and organizations in our community. If you or someone you know

may be interested in being a founding member, please reach out to President Chris!



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## Rotary Minute



**Rotarian Dick Gladden** provided the following Rotary Minute this week:

As President of the Chevy Chase Rotary club in Bethesda, Maryland in the early 1980's, Robert Furman was a very active Rotarian, great family man, and a really nice, humble and generous guy.

But he had a secret life during World War II.....he was a superspy.

This secret held true until the late 1980's when some secret documents were being opened to the public. While the Pentagon was being designed and built in the 1940's, Furman was the chair of the whole project and the number three guy in the engineering group. He was later put in command of an even bigger project

- The Manhattan Project, which later became known as the development of the Atom Bomb! Knowing that Germany was working on the bomb, it became Furman's job to sneak into Germany and snatch out German physicists who had knowledge of nuclear technology. In the process, he discovered stockpiles of uranium, which he sneaked out of Germany and shipped to the United States.

On August 5, 1945, the bomb was secretly loaded on a B29 named "The Enola Gay". Furman and others watched it take off for Japan, but only Furman knew what was on board.

Afterwards, he wouldn't talk about his involvement and didn't want to act like he had won the war.

Before his death in 2008, he said that the biggest miracle of the last century was that no other nuclear weapon had been used since the one that he helped create.

He surely did represent "**Service Above Self**".

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## Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, September 12 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.

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## Announcements

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.

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**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.

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**Joyce Whitfield** 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/>

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**Renee Bartholomae** invited everyone to a Meet and Greet (see below)

Date: August 17, 2023  
Time: 4:00 - 5:30  
Location: OHLAW Hot Springs Conference Room  
Details: Beverages & Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided

**Meet & Greet**

**Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist**  
Dr. Karen Hall, MD

- Collaborative Care
- Medication Management
- Diagnostic Assessments
- Psychotherapy

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Join us as we welcome our new psychiatrist Dr. Karen Hall to our community.

## President Chris Franklin



As we move firmly into August and realize that we all failed to catch Big Al, we welcome the rain earlier this week, and hope everyone enjoys some last-minute summer plans before it slips away.

Today (Wednesday) is National Book Lovers Day. Which is appropriate given our program this week. I remember when I was little, my older sister would take me to the Garland County Public Library. Back then, the library was downtown where the county offices are now. I wasn't an avid reader at the time. I would spend most of my time studying the doll house they had in a glass display. I still remember the details of that piece, and even though it wasn't really why my sister would take me to the library, it sparked my imagination, which is what libraries do. Libraries are places to spark the imagination, to learn and share knowledge.

That doll house prompted me to start building models, like many boys of my generation. I got out of that hobby for many years, but then started again in my late 20s. I built diorama's, which led to figures, which led me to try sculpting in clay about 5 years ago. Today I have 4 bronze pieces that I can genuinely say were inspired by creativity that was fostered in our Garland County Library. In high school, I finally found subjects that I enjoyed reading and I have been an avid reader ever since. My sister now takes her four grandchildren to the Garland County Library. The library does not have that miniature display anymore, but they have others, and I talk to my nieces frequently about the books they like. They are good readers, which is the foundation of learning. It is a source of pride for me that we have such a great library and that it helped educate multiple generations of my family, and many others.

I leave you with a very appropriate quote:

"The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library." ~ Albert Einstein

## Absence

Alderdice, Corey Bailes, Ralf Bartholomae, Blake O. Benedict, Loren J. Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dews, John Scott Dingler, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick	Harris, William T IV Hogan, John A. Johnson, Paulette S. Kelly, Judith Heikes Kerst, William L. Kleinman, Ira M. Launius, Chuck E. Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. Metcalf, Tim Mir, Saddiq Mitchell, Tanya Moore, Whitney C Nehus, Stephanie M	Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Richardson, Sarah Rogers, Tiffany B. Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Simmons, Svetlana Smith, Janet E. Spicher, Forrest L. II Stephens, Noelle Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Taylor, Kathy H.	<b>Active-R85</b> Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Endicott, Lynn E. Levi, Lawrence W. Payton, Richard  <b>Active-LOA</b>
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Echols, Taryn E. Fleming, David M. Frierson, James Galloway, Johnna Gooch, Lloyd (Don) Harper, Susan Allen Harrington, Neal	Nicklas, Justin Northern, Martin Patel, Parth Peine, Brett Phillips-Jolly, Jane Poole, Richard	Thompson, Ashley Thurber, Darla Trice, David Tuohey, James Michael Wagstaff, Cindy Zeiser, Jared Zunick, S. Robert	Couch, Mary Anne Helm, Michael D.
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## Thought for the Week

It is fruitless to wish you had started years ago.  
In the future, you will wish you had started today.

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