



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of August 21, 2023

### Upcoming Programs:

August 23, 2023

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

August 30, 2023

**Chris Chapmond  
Division of Law Enforcement  
Standards and Training  
(AR Dept of Public Safety)  
\*\*MEETING DOWNSTAIRS IN TRIFECTA ROOM\*\***

September 6, 2023

**District Governor Emil Woerner**

### Club Leaders



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### Dr. Wade Derden, National Park College



#### President Chris Franklin and Dr. Wade Derden

**Rotarian Dr. John Hogan**, President of National Park College, introduced our speaker, Dr. Wade Derden, recently named Executive Vice President for Advancement and Legislative Affairs at National Park College.

Since NPC will soon be celebrating their 50th anniversary, Derden took this opportunity to highlight some of the major changes that have been implemented since it's founding as a community college.

With a mission statement of "Learning is our focus. Student success is our goal", NPC is consistently adding programs to help students succeed - whether it is to transfer to another institution to further their education or to achieve some of the many certifications that NPC can provide locally for a fraction of the cost of a traditional 4-year university.

NPC's nursing program is well-known as one of the best in preparing those students for the workforce. They graduate about 100 nurses per year and their first time pass rate with the licensure exam is the top in the state.

More recently, marine tech and welding tech programs have been added and now provide a high school program in both areas to help meet community needs. They have also added electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and industrial maintenance repair certifications. There is also an industrial electrician pre-apprenticeship for high school students.

Derden says NPC provides the best adult education program in the state. They have a partnership with Garland County Sheriff's office to provide everything from adult education literacy skills to the GED certificate.

Also on the workforce side, NPC offers Servesafe/hospitality certification; OSHA certification; CNA (certified nursing assistant); phlebotomy tech; pharmacy tech; and medication assistant certification. All these certifications are free with funding through the federal and state governments.

NPC now offers bachelor's degrees thanks to partnership with other universities. Students can receive BA degrees in general business, education, chemistry/bio-chemistry; and STEM track in pre-health biology and computer science.

NPC has 76 transfer degrees at this time, without losing any credit hours, thanks to partnerships with other 4-year institutions.

Derden attributes the success of NPC to a simple model: listening to their students.

They wanted a residence hall - Dogwood Hall opened in the fall of 2020 and it is expected that a second residence hall will be coming soon.

Students wanted access to meals, so the student commons area was opened with dining services contracted with Chartwell, which has been very well received. This dining option is actually open to the public, so Derden invited everyone to come have lunch with them.

While trying to serve the whole student, mental health services have been available to students for about a decade. They have now partnered with CHI St Vincent and have a convenient care clinic at the college that is open to students and the public.

Other services that students requested were clubs, organizations, and sports, so those have been added, as well. Night Hawk sports now include men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, men & women's soccer, cross country and they have added track this year. Athletics are very important to NPC. Derden says when you listen to students, it is hard to fail.

Summing things up with three takeaways, Derden says

- 1) NPC can move a student from illiteracy to a bachelors degree and everything in between
- 2) NPC tries to serve the whole student
- 3) NPC lives their mission statement

There will be a birthday party on October 5 from 5pm until 8 pm. Everyone is invited, especially the alumnae.

For more information, go to their website: <https://np.edu/>



Assistant  
Governor

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## Birthdays

Stephanie M Nehus  
August 22nd

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

Whitney C Moore  
September 22nd

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## 4 Way Test

### INVOCATION

Jackie Arrison



### PLEDGE

Jeremy Brown



### 4 WAY TEST

Larry Bailey



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## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



**Rotarians Dennis Smith and Roger Crawford** were the lucky ticket winners, but the Ace of Diamonds remained in the deck.....Maybe the next drawing will bring a winner.

We will start with:

**\$ 376 in the pot  
40 cards in the deck**

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## Guests

**Rotarian Mike White** introduced our guests this week:

**Mark Graham** introduced David Debiaw; **John Hogan** hosted Kelli Embry and Jerry Thomas; **Joyce Craft** introduced her husband, Curtis Craft; and **Linda Ragsdale** hosted Rebecca Zimmermann.



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## Congratulations!



**John Hoefl, founding member of our new Hot Springs National Park Rotary Foundation President Chris** awarded **Rotarian John Hoefl** with a special commemorative coin as new founding member 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, John, 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, started with \$10,000 and 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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## Announcements

**Jackie Arrison** and Levi Hospital invite you to a luncheon honoring World Mental Health Day. Tuesday, October 10 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm at ASMSA (200 Whittington Ave.). Tickets are \$30 each or \$240 for a table of 8. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Christopher Bader, U of A Assistant Athletic Director for Mental Health and Performance. For more information, reach out to Jacie at 501-622-3498 or [Harrison@levihospital.com](mailto:Harrison@levihospital.com)

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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.

## 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.

## President Chris Franklin



Since my daughter is grown, I rely on my sisters to post pictures of their grandchildren to know when the first day of school is. As I see all those pictures of the kids holding the sign that says what grade they are in, and who their teacher is, I remember my school days. If I knew then what I know now, I would have appreciated my teachers more. The thought of going to work every day, closed in a room full of children sounds terrifying to me. Thankfully, we have people who are driven to do just that. I did enjoy my time teaching in the military, but those were adult learners, which presents its own challenges when a student doesn't do the work. I wasn't a problem student, but I definitely did not appreciate all my teachers the way I should have. So, today I will thank all those who brave those sugar-hyped kids with runny noses. Those kids are our future, and teachers are tasked with shaping them into the future leaders of our

community. I am certain if some of my teachers could see me today, some of them would be shocked, others proud, still others would say, 'who are you?' So, to all teachers, past and present, thank you for your hard work.

I have talked a lot about our new foundation, which is still in its infancy. I have received overwhelming support for the idea, which I am really excited about. But now I want to put this project into perspective. I asked Donna K to look up some numbers for me, and what she discovered was that from 1994 through last year, our Rotary Scholarship Foundation has given out over \$405,000 in scholarships. So, thank you to every new founding member. We can't achieve our goal without you, and all of you that are not able to write a check to help establish the foundation, we will need help with our events later this year. We won't be able to do that without you either. So, please know whether you're writing a check, or donating time to a function, or both, our club is building something that will have a profound impact on Garland County in the future.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." ~Nelson Mandela

## Absence

Arrison, Jackie	Gooch, Lloyd (Don)	Praetzel, Daron C.	<b>Active-R85</b> Aldridge, Susan G. Brunner, John H. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, H. Mark Hudgens, E. Brad Levi, Lawrence W. Mazzanti, James R. Payton, Richard
Bailes, Karol	Harrington, Neal	Pratt, John A.	
Bailes, Ralf	Harris, William T IV	Rogers, Tiffany B.	
Barrett, Matt	Jarmon, Nadine	Ross, Doug	
Bennett, Delores C.	Kelly, Judith Heikes	Sample, William H.	
Bornhoft, James	Kerst, William L.	Shelby, Gene	
Bradford, Jay	Koller, Rob	Smith, Janet E.	
Brinlee, Bryan	LaFollette, Diane	Solleder, William	
Britton, Beau	Launius, Chuck E.	Spicher, Forrest L. II	
Chapmond, Chris	Martinez, Rafael	Stobaugh, John S	
Dante, Charles H. Jr.	McGrew, Richard W.	Taylor, Kathy H.	
Davin, Peter	Mitchell, Tanya	Trice, David	
Dews, John Scott	Moore, Courtney W.	Tucker, Tiffany	
Dingler, Brett	Mouton, Alex	Tuohey, James Michael	
Disney, Daniel E.	Northern, Martin		
Dodd, Nick	Peine, Brett		
			<b>Active-LOA</b> Couch, Mary Anne

Echols, Taryn E. Gladner, Neal C.	Phillips-Jolly, Jane Porter, Lance A.	Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Zeiser, Jared	Helm, Michael D.
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## Thought for the Week

We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life,  
when all that we need to make us really happy is  
something to be enthusiastic about.

~Charles Kingsley

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