



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of September 4, 2023

Upcoming Programs:

September 6, 2023

District Governor Emil Woerner

September 13, 2023

*Park Ranger Daniel Chmill, Ph.D.
National Park Service:
"The American Spa"
**MEETING DOWNSTAIRS
IN TRIFECTA ROOM****

September 20, 2023

*Sophie Ozier, General Manager
Arkansas Travelers Baseball Club
**MEETING DOWNSTAIRS
IN TRIFECTA ROOM****

Chris Chapmond, Director AR Division of Law Enforcement Standards and Training



L-R: Rotarian Bill Burrough, Speaker and Rotarian Chris Chapmond and President Chris Franklin

City Manager and Rotarian Bill Burrough introduced our speaker this week, **Chris Chapmond**, who is no stranger to our community or our club. Current Rotarian and former Hot Springs Police Chief, Chapmond is now the Director of the Arkansas Division of Law Enforcement Standards and Training Commission. This ten member commission, (CLEST), is appointed by the Governor and is responsible for establishing minimum selection and training standards for admission to and continued eligibility for employment as a law enforcement officer in Arkansas.

There are five sections of the CLEST and they are responsible for implementing the rules established by the Commission and carrying out the day to day operations of the Commission's mission. They are:

- Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES)
- Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA)
- Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO)
- 911 Communicators Program
- Jail Detention Review Division

Since there are over 11,000 law enforcement officers across the state, this encompasses all classes and trainings (on-line and classroom), which have totaled 3,589 attendees and 42,800 hours from January,

Club Leaders



[Chris Franklin](#)
President



[Sara Brown](#)
President-Elect



[Tim Metcalf](#)
Vice President



[Gary McQuin](#)
Secretary



[Courtney W. Moore](#)
Treasurer



[Renee Bartholomae](#)
Club Director



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Club Director



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Club Director



[David Trice](#)
Club Director



[Neal C. Gladner](#)
iPast President

[Michelle Ratcliff](#)

2022 to present.

The CLEST is also responsible for the decertification process for officers who have been removed from their positions for inappropriate actions. Chapmond explained that if they did not decertify those former officers, they could be rehired anywhere in the state or country. Once they have been decertified, they cannot be rehired as a law enforcement officer. Since January 2022, 80 have been decertified with 15 pending commission votes at this time.

Chapmond obviously has a huge responsibility for our state and we are so proud of our own Rotarian who helps keep Arkansas a safer and better place to live.



Assistant Governor

Birthdays

- 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
- Ernie D. Hinz
October 1st
- Raymond Wright
October 1st
- David M. Fleming
October 2nd
- Joyce L. Craft
October 2nd

4 Way Test

INVOCATION

Brian Canales



PLEDGE

Carolyn Pierce



4 WAY TEST

Jack Porter



The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians **Mary Zunick and Gene Shelby** were all smiles as the lucky ticket winners, but their smiles were replaced with sad faces as Ace of Diamonds remained hidden in the deck.....Maybe the next drawing will bring a winner.

We will start with:

\$ 400 in the pot
38 cards in the deck

Prospective Members

The Board and Membership Committee have approved the following prospective members. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 10 days of this first publication, they will become members at our September 13 meeting.

David Debiaw

Retail Store Manager
Mountain Valley Spring Water
Sponsored by **Mark Graham**

Tyler Draper

Science Teacher
Lakeside School District
Sponsored by **Jeremy Brown**

Student Guests

President-Elect Sara Brown introduced her daughter, Abby Brown, as our first student guest of the

school year. Of course, Abby is also the daughter of **Rotarian Jeremy Brown**, as well. Welcome to Abby! We look forward to seeing her again next week and hearing from her soon.

Guests

Rotarian Brett Dingler introduced our guests this week:

Stuart Fleischner hosted Kara Petro; **Roxanne Butterfield** introduced Puniza Sharma; **Jack Porter** hosted Billy Hvartin; and **Speaker Chris Chapmond** introduced Eric Wacaster.



Inspiring Rotarians

President Chris challenged the club to do some "random acts of kindness" and let him know about them last week. These were the ones that were reported to him, but we are certain there were likely many others.

- Provided approximately \$5,000 in pro bono legal services to clients
- I see many people who do fund raisers on Facebook for various nonprofits. These are, many times, organizations that I'd have never thought about. So I can't think of one where I failed to make a contribution. (in different amounts based on the organization). It's a double blessing – first the organization gets money – and my friend(s) get the good feeling of knowing their friends have helped support something important to them.
- We live in a very small POA, and only ½ of the people who live there are regulars. The other half are weekenders to spend time on the lake. I'm the guy who gets the call to put a delivery in their garage if it comes during the week or check on something at their house after they've left. It's pretty cool, because it's like living in Mayberry. Neighbors know each other and help each other.
- I still occasionally mentor people who used to work for me. They call when they are stumped about how to handle something and they don't want to ask their current boss. Again, a blessing to me that they still feel comfortable to call me when they are stuck.
- I prayed with a total stranger in Kroger parking lot. I saw her in the store, upset and couldn't get her off my mind. Obedience often carries risks but listening to the Holy Spirit always pays off. We both walked away with a stronger faith.
- My mother and I gifted my mother's caregiver with a nice gift card to Wal-mart for she and her little daughter. A few weeks ago when Mom and I both came down with COVID our caregiver could have gone home until we recovered and left us alone and very sick, but she didn't. She stayed and took care of us both. I couldn't have done it myself. We appreciated her dedication and courage.
- At the suggestion of our club president Kristie Rosset, and in honor and commemoration of Women's Equality Day on August 26 AND the 103rd anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment-- giving women the RIGHT TO VOTE, AND the 50th Anniversary of Women's Equality Day as designated by Congress (in 1973): members of the Virginia Clinton Kelley Democratic Women's Club (VCK) in Hot Springs handwrote and sent... some 50+ personal THANK YOU notes to local, state and national Elected Women Officials (past and present) for their courageous and committed efforts to make the world (especially their respective community and state) a better, kinder and more equitable place to be. I personally sent 4 notes to women legislators, and felt really good about recognizing and thanking them for their years of service; and I know I was not alone—just one of about 30 other VCK members who participated following our August 22nd meeting!
- Donated books and learning toys to preschool in need.
- 12 members donated a total of \$1,247 to a fellow Rotarian that had lost their vehicle to a fire.

Congratulations!

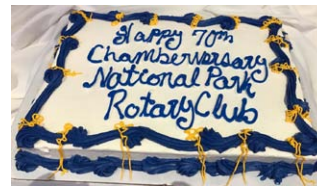
Congratulations to our Club and Immediate Past President Neal Gladner



Again, for the 2022-23 Rotary year, HSNP Rotary Club received the prestigious Rotary Citation. This is an award for clubs that achieve their goals during that year. Congratulations to Immediate Past President Neal Gladner, his board of directors, committee chairs and the entire HSNP Rotary Club!



Congratulations to our Rotary Club for **SEVENTY YEARS** of membership with the Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce. Five of the Chamber's Ambassadors presented the club with an appreciation cake prior to our meeting this week. **Chamber President and Rotarian Gary Troutman** expressed his sincere gratitude for the years of support of the Chamber and our



community.

Announcements

Calling all HSNP Rotary Veterans!

If you are a Veteran and have not yet talked with President Chris about our Veteran's Day Program, please reach out to him as soon as possible. Thank you and thank you for your service.

Rotarian Assistance

As many of you know, **Rotarian Gefer Sims**, had the unfortunate experience of losing her work/life vehicle to fire last week. There is a "go fund me" account set up for her ([CLICK HERE](#)) or you can use venmo or simply donate to her personally to help maintain her livelihood. Gefer gives back to our community in many ways and I know she would appreciate any support - whether financially or with good thoughts and prayers. This is strictly a voluntary request.

The HSNP After Hours Satellite Club will have a team participating in the **Suicide Awareness Walk** on September 9 and all of our Rotarians are invited to join. Reach out to **Chair Gwen Carter** (gwendolyn.carter@np.edu) for more information.

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.

Liz Robbins invites everyone to the Garland County Historical Society's "Hidden Hot Springs" tour of homes. Two homes, the Kraemer-Harman home at 513 SEcond Street and the Burgauer-Rudisill home at 705 Quapaw will be available to tour on Sunday, October 1 from 2 pm until 4pm. Tickets are \$75 and only 100 will be sold! So reach out to Liz if you are interested in purchasing a ticket or call 501-321-2159 or go to garlandcountyhistoricalsociety.com.

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 jarrison@levihospital.com

Student Guest Committee Chair Sarah Richardson requests that any Rotarian who has a child or grandchild that is a senior at one of our local high schools 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



As we all look forward to our three-day weekend, let's not forget to stop and enjoy the day today (Wednesday), which was National Beach Day. This day was set aside in 2014 to not only enjoy the beaches, but to work to clean them up and restore them after all the hard use of the summer. Restoration is important, and I want to thank everyone that helped to restore one of our members after a tragedy last week (see Announcements if you'd like to help)

There is a lot going on in our community, and in our club. I am excited to be a small part of that. I've looked forward to hearing from **Chris Chapmond** this week, because as many of you know, I spent over 10 years in law enforcement myself. I won't bore you with the story of how I got out of law enforcement. My service was back before the police were vilified like they are today. They have a difficult job, and it is made more difficult by some of the headwinds they face

today. To me, many of those headwinds are unwarranted and, in some cases, quite ridiculous. Generally speaking, our police officers serve with distinction. And I recall a video I watched on the news from New Orleans where a shooting had occurred on Canal St. (part of the popular French Quarter). In the video, it showed the crowd surging to the east, away from the incident. Then, about 20 seconds later, you saw three mounted police running toward the danger. That's what the police do. They move toward the danger, so that the rest of us don't have to. Although I saw some really horrible things working the streets for 10 years, I also made a difference in individuals' lives, made some great friends, and have some incredible stories. And I wouldn't trade that time for anything.

The thought I will leave you with this week:

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~Eliezer Yudkowsky

Absence

Arrison, Jackie Barrett, Matt Bartholomae, Renee Benedict, Loren J. Bennett, Delores C. Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Crawford, Roger Dante, Charles H. Jr. Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Echols, Taryn E. Frierson, James Galloway, Johnna Graham, Mark T. Hall, Kevin R. Harper, Susan Allen	Harrington, Neal Harris, William T IV Herndon, Nicole Hogan, John A. Kelly, Judith Heikes Kerst, William L. Koller, Rob Lambert, Dana M. Launius, Chuck E. Martinez, Rafael McNary, Mechele Mir, Saddiq Mitchell, Tanya Moore, Courtney W. Moore, Whitney C Mouton, Alex Northern, Martin Patel, Parth Peine, Brett	Phillips-Jolly, Jane Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Ratcliff, Michelle Rogers, Kala Rogers, Tiffany B. Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Simmons, Svetlana Stephens, Noelle Stobaugh, John S Thompson, Ashley Thurber, Darla Trice, David Tuohey, James Michael Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Zeiser, Jared	Active-R85 Aldridge, Susan G. Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Hudgens, E. Brad Levi, Lawrence W. Payton, Richard Active-LOA Couch, Mary Anne Helm, Michael D.
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Thought for the Week

Life is short, live it.
Love is rare, grab it.
Anger is bad, dump it.
Fear is awful, face it.
Memories are sweet, cherish them.
~Jimmy Buffett
