



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of September 11, 2023

### Upcoming Programs:

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\*\*\**

September 27, 2023

TBD

### Club Leaders



[Chris Franklin](#)  
President



[Sara Brown](#)  
President-Elect



[Tim Metcalf](#)  
Vice President



[Gary McKuin](#)  
Secretary



[Courtney W. Moore](#)  
Treasurer



[Renee Bartholomae](#)  
Club Director



[Diane LaFollette](#)  
Club Director



[Cheryl Lynn Stafford](#)  
Club Director



[David Trice](#)  
Club Director



[Neal C. Gladner](#)  
iPast President

[Michelle Ratcliff](#)

### District Governor, Emil Woerner



L-R: Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff, District Governor Emil Woerner, and President Chris Franklin

Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff introduced our special guest speaker this week, District Governor Emil Woerner. Governor Emil is a member of the Bryant Rotary Club, home of the Rubber Duck Derby Festival, an annual fundraiser mentioned below.

With the 2023-2024 Rotary Theme "Create Hope in the World", Governor Emil says we live in a world that is desperately in need of hope. Creating hope and showing that somebody cares will give people a reason to believe there is a brighter future.

The Governor placed cards on our tables with the vision statement: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves." This is how Rotary creates lasting change, one newly created hope at a time.

We have to create hope within ourselves, as well. **Rotary International President R. Gordon McNally's** focus this year is on mental health and well being. So Governor Emil has challenged every club in District 6170 to have at least one key initiative to promote mental health and wellness - whether it is a speaker, or a fund raiser or a community fair. One event can create a lot of hope. It can help remove the stigma of mental health or even educate people so they'll know where to go to find help. We are all in this to help each other.

Governor Emil says that telling your story will help create hope, because stories connect with the heart.

When you tell your story, people will want to be involved. We can't solve all the problems, but we can provide hope.

Governor Emil encourages us to keep giving to The Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus. We are down to a handful of polio cases worldwide, but it is now getting tough. He is challenging every club to donate \$1,500 to Polio Plus and gave an example of the Bryant Polio Plus Fundraiser: Pinkies for Polio. For a \$5 donation, one can ink their pinkie finger with purple washable ink and place their fingerprint on a canvas. This symbolizes what is done in underserved countries when the polio vaccine is given. Since they have no medical records, they paint the child's pinkie fingernail with purple nail polish so they will know that the child has been vaccinated. When a donor participates in Pinkies for Polio, they are told that for each \$5 finger print donation, a vaccine will be provided for two children.

Like our **late Rotarian Clay Farrar**, Governor Emil encouraged us to "**DREAM BIG**". One of the reasons he joined the Bryant Rotary in 2011 is because the Bryant Rotary Club had started a "kids' closet", providing new, clean clothes to the underserved children in their area. It was literally a disorganized closet when it started, but the thought resonated with Governor Emil. He literally sketched out a design on a small notepad of his dream for the kids' closet. As a minister, he visits an assisted living facility on a weekly basis. One day, a resident of that facility donated a \$10,000 check to his church. He said his church didn't have a lot of money, but they had a lot of land. So that contribution provided the seed money to build a 24' x 30' building on the church's land for the new kids' closet. Now the annual Duck Derby Festival raises lots of money and they have tripled the size of the kids' closet and added a baby room. Hundreds, if not thousands, of kids come throughout the year and get not just clean, fresh clothes, but **dignity**. After hearing about a student who was falling asleep in class because he didn't have a bed to sleep in, the Rotary Club got to work and has now donated 62 mattresses to area children just because they heard this story about this one little boy. Today, a contractor is adding another addition to the kids' closet just to hold donated mattresses. This is how dreaming big can work, and this project continues to bring hope to so many in their community.

The bottom line is: don't worry about fixing everything at once, just bring what you have. Keep telling your story. Keep creating hope. Success will come.

He left us with a quote from former President George W. Bush: "Any definition of a successful life **must include service to others.**" That is the true definition of success: when you spend your life serving others.

Go out into the world, tell your story, create hope and serve others.



Prior to the club meeting, **District Governor Email Woerner** met with HSNP Rotary Club's Board of Directors.



Assistant  
Governor

## Birthdays

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

Gefer Sims



### PLEDGE

Blake Bartholomae



### 4 WAY TEST

Brent Atkins



## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



**Rotarians Gary Troutman and Dennis Smith** were the lucky ticket winners, but the old Ace of Diamonds remained hidden in the deck.....Tune in next week when

we will start with:

**\$ 450 in the pot**  
**36 cards in the deck**

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## Guests

**Rotarian James Frierson** introduced our guests this week:

**Satellite Club Chair Gwen Carter** joined us this week.



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## HSNP Rotary Club Foundation Fundraiser



**President Chris** has announced for several weeks the new HSNP Rotary Club Foundation, which will fund grants to area non-profits and organizations for years to come. Our first fundraiser was announced this week:

Mark your calendars for **NOVEMBER 7** (yes, Election Night!), when **Rotarian Coaches Scott Dews and Bill Solleder** will go head to head with their all-star kick-ball teams to support our new foundation. **Rotarians Stephanie Alderdice and Ashley Thompson** are chairing the Foundation Fundraising Committee and hope that many of you will volunteer for various aspects of this fun event. We will need sponsors, as well as volunteers for the night of the event. Sponsorships start at \$250 and go up to \$2,500. Since it is election night, there was mention of buying votes to win; not sure where that came from but it is a direct quote!

If you are interested and available, please reach out to Stephanie or Ashley and let's put the FUN in our first big FUNdraiser!

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## 2023-2024 HSNP Rotary TRF Grant Awarded!



**The 2023-2024 TRF Grant Committee**, chaired by **Mary Metcalf**, presented a \$900 grant to Anchored on the Range, a nature-based therapy program that provides children and adults access to the benefits of the natural world through a variety of therapies to regain or acquire functional skills, increase independence, and strengthen mental health. The funds from this grant will be used to build a raised garden bed that will be used for many years to come! Anchored on the Range was selected from six non-profits who applied for the grant. Congratulations to AOTR and the TRF Grant Committee for a job well done!

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## Prospective Members

The Board and Membership Committee have approved the following prospective members. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 3 days of this second 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**

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## 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:

\*He recently met with South Central Connect, the 5th broadband provider for Garland County.

\* Congratulations to **Bill Burrough**, the City of Hot Springs and all involved as the borer "Miss Elaine" has made it through the mountain tunnel, which means unlimited water for our area starting in about a year and a half, that will provide water for generations to come.

\*The Workforce Advisory Committee was very active with a couple of important

meetings

\* Troutman and Chamber VP Vicki Gilliam attended the National Chamber Convention in Salt Lake City

\* There have been several Majestic Committee meetings, led by Chair **Rotarian Scott Dews**.

\* Had a business retention meeting with Origami Sake, which is now available for purchase in local stores.

\* He met with the Hot Springs Board of Realtors, which was important due to the water situation.

Troutman expects the water availability to help promote great growth over the next 10 years.

\* **City Director and Rotarian Bill Burrough** was awarded an honorary lifetime membership at the Ouachita River Valley conference for his 15 years of work to get this important water project going.

\* He attended the FDCD board meeting in Virginia

\* The Metro Partnership owns the passport center building and they have secured an additional 5 year lease.

\* He met with Scott Bailey, the new interim CEO at National Park Medical Center

\* Congratulations to **Rotarian Mary Zunick** and Dr. Reo Morris, who have been selected for the next Leadership Arkansas class

\* Cole McCaskill & Gary attended the Mid America Aerospace and Defense Summit in Rogers, AR representing our 5 local aerospace companies

\* Last week, the Chamber and Ambassadors celebrated 70 years of membership with our club!

\*At the recent State Chamber of Commerce Conference, **Bill Burrough and Troutman** gave a presentation on the importance of chamber and city government getting along and working together for a tremendous impact on your community. Also, Hot Springs will host this conference next year around this time at Oaklawn.

\* Troutman bragged on the Chambers Business Development Director, Shannon LaDuke, who has added over 700 new members to the chamber in her five years of employment and has recently hit the target goal of 1,000 chamber members! Congratulations, Shannon!

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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

### ATTENTION RED BADGE ROTARIANS!!!

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 27 at 11:00** to attend the next Rotary Information Meeting, which is REQUIRED for you to attend in order to receive your coveted Blue Badge. **ROI Chair Gary Troutman** will be leading this most informative meeting, which will include many Past Presidents and will be held in one of the 7th floor classrooms prior to the regular club meeting.

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### 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.

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### Check your DACdb information

As President Chris requested this week, please log in to your DACdb account to ensure that your contact information is correct. You should have received a membership directory in early July, as they are sent out quarterly, with a request to do the same. It is important that we have a way to contact you other than your email account, as sometimes those get changed for any reason. Please try to log into DACdb. Your user name should be your email address, and you can select "forgot password" if you do not know your password. Thank you!

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### 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.

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### 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.

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

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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.

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**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](http://garlandcountyhistoricalsociety.com).

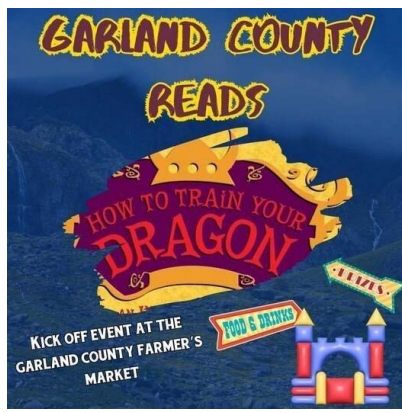
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**Jackie Arrison** and Levi Hospital invite you to a luncheon honoring World Mental Health Day. Tuesday, October 10 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm at ASMSA (200 Whittington Ave.). Tickets are \$30 each or \$240 for a table of 8. Keynote speaker will be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

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**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.

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**Community Enhancement Chair Joyce Whitfield** wants everyone to mark their calendars for September 26 for the Garland County Reads program! More info will be coming. This is a very enjoyable and rewarding program that you don't want to miss! The featured book this year is How to Train Your Dragon.

## President Chris Franklin



People join Rotary for many different reasons. Some people join because they want to be a part of something in their local community. Others because they want to be a part of something bigger, an organization that has an impact literally all around the world. Some people join so they can network and meet people in their area or get involved in Rotary's areas of focus - like water and sanitation or basic education and literacy. Still others join because it is their opportunity to get out of the house and socialize with other like-minded people, or maybe you joined just because someone invited you to lunch. Whatever your personal reasons for joining, we are glad to have you. We are glad to have you because, whether you are very active, or just participate as you are able, your contribution helps make our club a success. And our club has a great history. One reason I serve, is to give back. I like that I can be a part of a club that can really get things done. So,

whether you are an active member, or a social member, thank you for your service. We are all Rotarians, putting service above self, and helping to "Create Hope in the World".

"Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world" ~Harriet Tubman

## Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Barrett, Matt Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Brown, Jeremy W Burrough, Billy J Jr. Canales, Brian Chapmond, Chris Crawford, Roger Dante, Charles H. Jr. Echols, Taryn E. Gooch, Lloyd (Don) Graham, Mark T. Harrington, Neal Harris, William T IV Herndon, Nicole	Hinz, Ernie D. Hogan, John A. Jarmon, Nadine Johnson, Paulette S. Kerst, William L. Koller, Rob LaFollette, Diane Launius, Chuck E. Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael Mir, Saddiq Mitchell, Tanya Mouton, Alex Northern, Martin Patel, Parth Peine, Brett Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Quinney, Greg	Ragsdale, Linda L. Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Simmons, Svetlana Smith, Janet E. Spicher, Forrest L. II Spraggins, Alan Stephens, Noelle Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Thompson, Ashley Thurber, Darla Tuohey, James Michael Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will White, Michael Zeiser, Jared Zunick, Mary E Zunick, S. Robert	<b>Active-R85</b> Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Fleischner, Stuart Allen Hudgens, E. Brad Levi, Lawrence W. Payton, Richard  <b>Active-LOA</b> Couch, Mary Anne Helm, Michael D.
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## Thought for the Week

“Searching is half the fun.  
Life is more manageable when thought of as a scavenger hunt.  
as opposed to a surprise party.”  
~Jimmy Buffett

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