



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of September 18, 2023

### Upcoming Programs:

September 20, 2023

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

September 27, 2023

*Club Meeting TBD  
New Member Rotary Information Meeting will be held at  
11:00 in one of the 7th floor meeting rooms!*

October 4, 2023

*Don Rowlett, Director  
Hot Springs Memorial Field Airport  
\*\*\*MEETING DOWNSTAIRS  
IN TRIFECTA ROOM\*\*\**

### Club Leaders



[Chris Franklin](#)  
President



[Sara Brown](#)  
President-Elect



[Tim Metcalf](#)  
Vice President



[Gary McQuin](#)  
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](#)

### Daniel Chmill, National Park Service



**L-R: Rotarian Roxanne Butterfield, Park Ranger Dr. Dan Chmill, and President Chris Franklin**

Rotarian Roxanne Butterfield, who is also the President of the "Friends of the National Park" organization, introduced our speaker this week, National Park Ranger Dr. Dan Chmill. Dr. Ranger Dan is an interpreter and historian who is working on a one-year project with the National Park Service focusing on the history of African American bathhouse attendants in Hot Springs. He is filming interviews of people who worked in the bathhouses, people who knew any of the bathhouse employees, or anyone who had family members that worked there. This project is called the "We Bathe the World Oral History Project".

These bathhouse employees were required to work long hours in very hot and humid conditions, as there was no air conditioning in any of the bathhouses during the early years. While these employees were the foundation of our community, they had to furnish their own soap, thermometers, brooms, mops, and other supplies necessary to do their jobs. Services in the bathhouses expanded and diversified throughout the twentieth century with roles like attendant assistants (known as helpers), pack room employees, and massage therapists populating Hot Springs' busy bathhouses. For most of Hot Springs' history, a majority of these men and women were African American. Understanding the lives

and legacies of these bathhouse attendants offers insights into themes of race, exploitation, representation, power, and medical care in Hot Springs National Park. If you'd like to further explore the different perspectives connected to Hot Springs' bathing industry, [CLICK HERE](#).



Assistant Governor

## 4 Way Test

INVOCATION  
Jordan Stepka



PLEDGE  
Ralf Bailes



4 WAY TEST  
Mechele McNary



## Birthdays

Whitney C Moore  
September 22nd

Ernie D. Hinz  
October 1st

Raymond Wright  
October 1st

David M. Fleming  
October 2nd

Joyce L. Craft  
October 2nd

## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



**Rotarian Dennis Smith** was a double lucky ticket winner, but that's where his luck stopped. The old Ace of Diamonds remained hidden in the deck. Thank you, Dennis, for being such a great contributor to our scholarship fund.

Tune in next week when we will start with:

**\$ 488 in the pot**  
**34 cards in the deck**

## Student Guest Speaker



**President Elect Sara Brown (L)** introduced her daughter and our student guest speaker, Abby Brown, who is a senior at Lakeside High School. Also shown right is Abby's dad and Sara's husband, **Rotarian Jeremy Brown**. Abby, a 2nd degree black-belt in Taekwondo, is also a member of the Beta Club, Lakeside's Animal Caregiver Club and recently joined the theatre group. She plans to attend Ouachita Baptist University to major in Elementary Education. An 8 year veteran of the EAST club at Lakeside, she hopes to return to Hot Springs after graduation and teach EAST classes to students at Lakeside.

## New Members

We welcomed our newest member to the club this week:

### David Debiaw

Retail Store Manager for Mountain Valley Water

PH: 501-762-1171  
Email: ddebiaw@mountainvalleyspring.com  
David is sponsored by **Mark Graham**



David enjoys watching films and shooting at the gun range.

**Welcome to the HSNP Rotary Club, David!**

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## Guests



**Rotarian Blake Bartholomae** introduced our guests this week:

**Roxanne Butterfield** hosted Laura Lee Williard; **Larry Levi** introduced his wife, Carol Levi; **Janet Smith** hosted Cora Peterson; **Richard Poole** hosted Oaklawn Rotarian Kevin Bingham; and Larry Gay joined us from the Magnolia Rotary Club.

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## Student Guests

**Bill Solleder** introduced Hunter Pye, a Jessieville senior, for his second visit. We look forward to hearing from him next 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 recently:  
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 stuffing the ballots and/or 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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## Rotary Flag Presentation

Visiting **Magnolia Rotarian Larry Gay** presented **President Chris** with a flag from the Magnolia, AR Rotary Club.



## Did you know?

### SCHOLARSHIP TRUST DONATIONS THROUGH KROGER

Each quarter, our Scholarship Trust Foundation Fund receives a small donation from Kroger. You can help increase those donations by setting up our scholarship trust fund as your chosen non-profit. Here's how:

- Log into (or create) a Kroger Plus account at Kroger.com
- Choose "Community Rewards"
- Select **HSNP-Rotary Scholarship Found. Trust** as your non-profit of choice
- Then save this entry. .

Then, every time you shop at Kroger, our scholarship trust fund will automatically receive a small percentage donation.

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### The Rotary "Rule of 85"

The requirements for the Rule of 85 (commonly known as R85) are as follows:

A member must have a minimum 20 years of membership in Rotary. The years in Rotary plus their age must equal or exceed 85. The member must notify the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be considered for R85 status. This status excuses Rotarians from attendance and requires board approval. All financial obligations remain the same with this designation.

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## Rotary Minute



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

Rotary is still among the most prominent supporters of polio eradication. But the wild polio virus is still rampant today in two countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan. In Pakistan, only women can become vaccinators, as men are not allowed into many of the homes. Women, such as a mother or a sister, can also provide trusted advice.

Last year, **Rotary President Jennifer Jones** met with polio workers in Pakistan and learned that the work of the female vaccinators is neither safe nor easy.

Women in Pakistan are not treated with respect: some are beaten, sworn at and some have even been killed. But Rotarian Sadie Shakel of Karachi, calls them invaluable. "They are little entrepreneurs trying to make a living for their families." One of these women is a Rotarian and has worked at this for two decades. She says that she has earned respect and that they listen to her. "I feel proud that in such a community, my voice - a woman's voice - is being heard." She is a fine example of "**Service Above Self**".

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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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**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).

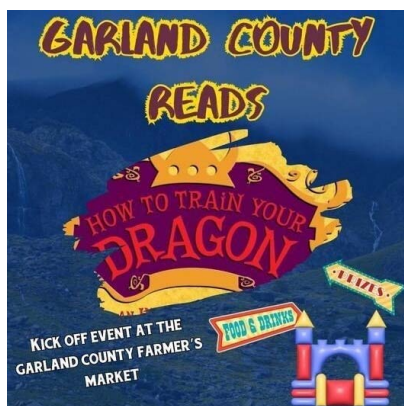
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**Jackie Arrison** and Levi Hospital invite you to a luncheon honoring World Mental Health Day. Tuesday, October 10 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm at ASMSA (200 Whittington Ave.). Tickets are \$30 each or \$240 for a table of 8. Keynote speaker will be 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

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#### **FRIENDS OF HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK CELEBRATING 35 YEARS!**

This non-profit group is the official philanthropic partner of HSNP and donations are used to fund the replacement of trail markers, the Junior Ranger Program, the Artist in Residence program and historic restorations in the Maurice Bathhouse. For a \$75 donation, you can receive a set of Eclipse Posters, and for donating \$200 or more, you can receive an authentic 100th Anniversary Banner and the Eclipse Posters. Contact **Roxanne Butterfield** for more information.

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#### **The 13th annual Single Parent Style Show**

This annual fundraiser will be held on Thursday, September 21 at The Vapors (315 Park Ave). Doors open at 10:30 am. Tickets are \$45 and benefit the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Garland County. You can purchase tickets or make donations online at <https://www.aspsf.org/style-show>.

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## **Board Notes**

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, October 10 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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## **President Chris Franklin**

We started this week's meeting celebrating Milton Snavely Hershey's birthday. He was born in 1857 in Pennsylvania. He would go on to found the Hershey



Chocolate Company, after two failed attempts. Several Hershey Kisses were scattered on each table, so we celebrated by giving kisses to each other (the chocolate ones), and we shook hands and some of us met someone new. The Rotary bell had to be rung a second time to bring the group back together!

As I settle into my third month as your Rotary President, I have learned a lot about our organization. I have also learned a lot about our members. I hope to continue to learn about each of you and get to know you better. I was having a conversation with a relatively new member last week, and he had a lot of great ideas. Our club has a long history, but it wouldn't have survived this long without a steady flow of new members. If you are a new member, and haven't engaged yet in some way, please call me. If you are a seasoned member, please help me welcome the new members. We were all new members at some point. New members often bring in fresh new ideas, and that is how clubs stay healthy. Help us incorporate their ideas into your committees, and whether you are new or old, please feel free to call me and talk about what is on your mind. I want all our members to be engaged, because I really believe we have the potential to be one of the most dynamic Rotary clubs anywhere. I'll leave you with this thought: ***'Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.'*** ~John Muir

## Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Benedict, Loren J. Bennett, Delores C. Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dews, John Scott Dingler, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Echols, Taryn E. Fleming, David M. Frierson, James Gladner, Neal C. Gooch, Lloyd (Don) Harper, Susan Allen	Harrington, Neal Harris, William T IV Herndon, Nicole Hogan, John A. Kelly, Judith Heikes Kerst, William L. Lauck, Scott Launius, Chuck E. Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. Metcalf, Mary Mitchell, Tanya Mouton, Alex Northern, Martin Patel, Parth Peine, Brett Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A.	Ragsdale, Linda L. Robbins, Elizabeth L. Rogers, Tiffany B. Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Shelby, Gene Simmons, Svetlana Spraggins, Alan Stephens, Noelle Stobaugh, John S Thurber, Darla Tucker, Tiffany Tuohey, James Michael Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Zeiser, Jared Zunick, Mary E Zunick, S. Robert	<b>R85</b> Aldridge, Susan G. Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, H. Mark Mazzanti, James R. Payton, Richard  <b>LOA</b> Couch, Mary Anne Helm, Michael D. Quinney, Greg
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## Thought for the Week

Not all of us can do great things.  
But we can do small things with great love.  
~Mother Theresa