



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of September 25, 2023

### Upcoming Programs:

September 27, 2023

*Sarah Richardson, ED Garland County Literacy Council  
September is Literacy Month  
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\*\*\**

October 11, 2023

*Dennis Berry  
The Call*

### Sophie Ozier, Arkansas Travelers GM



**L-R: President Chris Franklin, Speaker Sophie Ozier, Rotarian Scott Dews**

**Rotarian Scott Dews** introduced this week's speaker, Sophie Ozier, who is the General Manager of the Arkansas Travelers Baseball Club. Ozier joined the Travelers in 2017 as their corporate event planner and worked her way up to General Manager in November of 2021. Ozier was recently named by Arkansas Business as one of the "20 under 20".

Growing up in the small town of Cerro Gordo, IL, Ozier enjoyed playing many sports, including basketball, softball and volleyball. But she loved watching St. Louis Cardinal baseball with her family, especially her dad. But it was her mom who asked her right before her high school graduation what she wanted to do. She had no idea. Her mom then asked her what she liked to do and her response was "Cardinal Baseball". When asked what she was good at, she said "working with people". So, her wise mom encouraged her to work in communications for the Cardinals. Ozier began working toward that goal. While it isn't that Cardinals job, Ozier is now in a league of her own, as she is the first female GM for the AR Traveler's Club.

The Travelers are the third oldest minor league baseball team in the US, having been playing since 1901. They are also the first pro team to be named for a state. They have been affiliates for the Philadelphia Phillies, the St. Louis Cardinals from 1964-2000, then for the Los Angeles Angels. Since 2017, they have been the farm team for the Seattle Mariners. In the six seasons Ozier has been there, they have had

### Club Leaders



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two American League Rookies of the Year: Kyle Lewis in 2020 and Julio Rodriguez in 2022. All 30 major league teams have farm teams such as the Travelers. When a player is drafted, they usually get assigned to a farm team. Then later, they are "called up" to the major league team. This year, NINE Travelers players were called up directly to the Mariners, which is unheard of, according to Ozier. The entire pitching staff of the Mariners pitched for the Travelers at one time. Speaking about her position, the General Manager's job deals with two sides: business operations of Dickey Stephens Park, whether Travelers game or another event, and baseball business operations, taking care of players once they are assigned to the Travelers. She makes sure those players have appropriate housing, and she also makes hotel and bus schedules, and ensures adequate staffing for game days. By far her most stressful issue with her job is "the R word" (rain), as the GM is responsible for making the call whether or not they have a rain delay, when to pull the tarp, and then to communicate that decision. Once the game starts, it is the umpires' responsibility to call the game. You can support this organization now by attending the playoff games at Dickey-Stephens Park. Friday night's game is a "winner take all" in the Texas League Playoffs. You can read more about the Arkansas Traveler's Club and order tickets at their website: <https://www.milb.com/arkansas>.



Assistant Governor

## Birthdays

Whitney C Moore  
September 22nd  
Raymond Wright  
October 1st  
Joyce L. Craft  
October 2nd  
David M. Fleming  
October 2nd  
Svetlana Simmons  
October 25th  
Paulette S. Johnson  
October 25th  
Brent Atkins  
October 26th  
Doug Ross  
October 29th  
Michael D. Helm  
October 30th

## 4 Way Test

INVOCATION  
Corey Alderdice



PLEDGE  
Justin Nicklas



4 WAY TEST  
Mary Metcalf



## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



**Rotarians Brent Atkins and Matt Barrett** were the lucky ticket winners, but that's where the luck stopped. The old Ace of Diamonds remained hidden in the deck.

Tune in next week when we will start with:

**\$ 538 in the pot**  
**32 cards in the deck**

## Guests

Rotarian **Matt Barrett** introduced our guests this week:

**Ashley Thompson** hosted her husband, Rich Thompson.



## Student Guest Speaker



**Rotarian Justin Nicklas** introduced our second student speaker for the year: Hunter Pye, a senior at Jessierville High School. Hunter is active in the Chess Club, Beta Club, GT (Gifted and Talented) and serves as Treasurer of the Arkansas Federation of Teenage Republicans. He has been active in New Life Church for 9 years and plays four sports: football, cross country, track and basketball. He plans to run track at college but is undecided about where he will attend. He is considering Harding University, Ouachita Baptist University, and Southern Arkansas University. Wherever he goes, he will pursue a law degree with plans to become a lawyer and politician.

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## Student Guests

**Roxanne Butterfield** introduced Celeste Rea-Garibay, a senior from Fountain Lake, for her first visit. We look forward to her future visits and hearing more about her in a couple of weeks.

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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. The event will be held at Majestic Park beginning at 6PM. **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! Sponsorship forms will be available at next Wednesday's meeting.



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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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## Announcements

### FOUNTAIN STREET CLEANUP

The Environment Committee will be doing a street clean up on Thursday, September 27th, on Fountain Street at 8:00 AM. If you'd like to join in, please meet in front of the Arlington Hotel at 8:00 AM. For more information, contact **Alan Spraggins**.

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### ATTENTION RED BADGE ROTARIANS!!!

Mark your calendars for next **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).

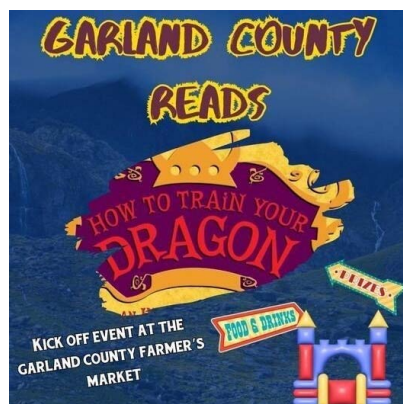
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**Jackie Arrison** and Levi Hospital invite you to a luncheon honoring World Mental Health Day. Tuesday, October 10 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm at ASMSA (200 Whittington Ave.). Tickets are \$30 each or \$240 for a table of 8. Keynote speaker will be 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 from 5-7 pm at the Farmer's Market for the Garland County Reads program! 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 the 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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On Tuesday, October 3, at 6:20 am, the 34th Annual Garland County Leadership Prayer Breakfast will be held at Horner Hall. Tuesday, September 26 is the deadline to order tables and sponsorships. For more information, call 501-710-3021 or 501-282-4748.

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The Big Steam Music Festival featuring Eric Gales and Bernard Allison will be held Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30th at Hill Wheatley Plaza. Gates open at 4:00 pm on Friday and 12:30 pm on Saturday. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the entertainment. Admission is FREE, but VIP info and tickets are available at [www.bigsteammusicfestival.com](http://www.bigsteammusicfestival.com)

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## 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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## President Chris Franklin



Since our meeting this week was all about baseball, I won't bore you with reliving my glory years of high school sports, but I do fondly remember the two-a-day practices, the excitement of breaking a quarterback in half, the lights on the field, my family obnoxiously yelling for me in the stands. I wouldn't change any of those experiences for anything. Today, kids have even more opportunities to compete, and I think a good argument could be made that they need the competition now more than ever. Like me, those kids today are learning more than just how to play sports. They are learning teamwork, discipline, life lessons about how to be a gracious loser, and even more importantly, a gracious winner. My participation in sports helped prepare me for my military career. Many of those lessons I learned on the football field translated to my time leading soldiers, and into many other areas of my life, as well. Coaches influenced me in ways they never even

imagined, including how I pack for trips. They were role models, some positive, some not. So, when you see your kids, or grandkids, or any other kid in your life out there making plays, and when you see the insane parents trying to relive their glory days, remember those kids are learning more than sports. Keep those lessons in mind when you are waiting for another practice to finish, or another cold rainy game, and keep in mind those kids will be grown up one day and will remember you being there for them.

So many Yogi Berra quotes to choose from, but this is my choice this week:

*"Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too."*

Yogi Berra

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## Absence

Bartholomae, Blake O. Bartholomae, Renee Benedict, Loren J. Bennett, Delores C. Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Burrough, Billy J Jr. Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dinger, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Echols, Taryn E. Erickson, Lori Harper, Susan Allen Harris, William T IV	Helm, Michael D. Jarmon, Nadine Kelly, Judith Heikes Kerst, William L. Koller, Rob LaFollette, Diane Launius, Chuck E. Lipton, Michael J. Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard W. McNary, Mechele Mir, Saddiq Mitchell, Tanya Moore, Courtney W. Mouton, Alex Patel, Parth Peine, Brett Phillips-Jolly, Jane	Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Ragsdale, Linda L. Rogers, Tiffany B. Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Shelby, Gene Simmons, Svetlana Smith, Janet E. Solleder, William Spicher, Forrest L. II Stephens, Noelle Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Tuohey, James Michael Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A.	<p><b>Active-R85</b></p> Aldridge, Susan G. Craft, Joyce L. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Hudgens, E. Brad Levi, Lawrence W. Payton, Richard Smith, Dennis C.
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## Thought for the Week

Courage is not the absence of fear,  
 but rather the judgment that  
 something else is more important than fear.  
 ~Ambrose Redmoon

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