



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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### Week of October 2, 2023

### Upcoming Programs:

October 4, 2023

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

October 11, 2023

**Dennis Berry**  
**The Call**

October 18, 2023

**Corey Alderdice, Director ASMSA**  
**\*\*\*FIELD TRIP: This meeting**  
**will be held at ASMSA\*\*\***

### Sarah Richardson, Literacy Council of Garland County



**L-R: Rotarians Alan Spraggins, Speaker Sarah Richardson, and President Chris Franklin**  
**Rotarian Alan Spraggins** introduced this week's speaker, our own **Sarah Richardson**, who is the Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Garland County.

The Literacy Council provides free confidential tutoring. Last year, they provided over 1400 instructional hours with 35 volunteers. When Richardson began with the Literacy Council in July of 2020, they served only Garland County and had served 19 students the prior year. They now serve Garland, Montgomery, Pike, and Clark Counties. Services have risen by over 400%, serving 118 over the last year. Of those, 8 got jobs and 3 got promotions.

Richardson says they have shifted their thinking and are more focused now. Their vision is to remove the barriers and provide support for literacy. People usually think of The Literacy Council as a place that just teaches people to read. However, one third of their students are learning English as a second language, many are studying for the U.S. citizenship test; and one third of them are there to increase their computer skills.

When Richardson started, Clark County's council didn't have the support structure needed and Montgomery and Pike Counties had nothing at all. With a statewide effort to ensure everyone has access to adult literacy services, Garland County's Literacy Council will now oversee all four counties and become the Literacy Council of the Ouachitas. With this transition, they have a new website that you can reach here: [ouachitaliteracy.org](http://ouachitaliteracy.org)

### Club Leaders



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Club Director



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iPast President

[Michelle Ratcliff](#)

Richardson gave us tips on how we can best help someone who may need help with improving their reading skills:

- Share the Literacy Council with the whole group, instead of singling out one person.
- Ask about their goals, then offer support.
- Avoid the word "basic" and/or "learn to read" and use "improve reading" or "get help reaching that goal".
- Try to focus on helping with a single task (for instance, concentrate on learning how to order food off the menu)

As with all non-profits, they are always in need of donations. Please see the attached flier or go to this link: <https://givebutter.com/littleleague>

They have two fundraisers coming up next year:

- "Read Between the Lines" on February 8, 2024 featuring Arkansan Eli Cranor, author of "Ozark Dogs". **Immediate Past President Neal Gladner** will emcee this event.
- June, 2024, they will have the Rubber Duck Race at the Farmer's Market.

Volunteers are welcome - not just tutors, but anyone with any type of skill set and time constraints. They have an upcoming volunteer orientation on October 10 at 5:30. If you are interested, please register, as they will provide food. After the orientation, you can figure out the area that you are best suited.



Assistant Governor

## Birthdays

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  
Sara Brown



PLEDGE  
Saddiq Mir



4 WAY TEST  
Michael White



## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



**Rotarian Dennis Smith** had his weekly ticket drawn and **Roxanne Butterfield** joined him this week. But no Ace of Diamonds was drawn yet again.

Tune in next week when we will start with:

**\$ 579 in the pot**  
**30 cards in the deck**

## Student Guests

**Lori Erickson** introduced Celeste Rea-Garibay, a senior from Fountain Lake, for her second visit. We look forward to hearing more about her next week.

## Guests

Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff introduced our guests this week:

Sarah Richardson hosted Jackie Wagner and Gary Troutman introduced Oaklawn Rotarian, Vickie Gilliam. Larry Gay, a Rotarian from Magnolia, also joined us this week.



Welcome to all of our guests!

## 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!



## Red to Blue Badge



Congratulations to **Rotarian Brent Atkins**, who received his coveted blue badge from **Gary McKuin**.

Welcome to "Blue Badgerville", Brent!

For our newer members of the club, the list of requirements to move from a red badge to a blue badge are as follows:

1. Photo for DACdb and the membership directory

2. Meet with Sgt. At Arms after the first meeting
  3. Greet at the door 4 times
  4. Lead the Pledge of Allegiance
  5. Sit at the head table one time
  6. Visit G.C.H.S. at 328 Quapaw
  7. Review Rotary New Member Kit
  8. Make-up at another club
  9. Attend a board meeting
  10. Lead the Four Way Test
  11. Attend a Rotary information meeting
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## Congratulations!

### Congratulations to Rotarian Loren Benedict!



**Rotarian Loren Benedict** was recently named the **2023 IT CEO of the Year** by CEO Monthly Magazine.

Congratulations, Loren!

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## HSNP Rotary Committee Projects



Thanks to the **Environment Chair John Hoefl**, and Rotarians **Alan Spraggins, Gary McKuin, Roger Giddings, James Frierson, Bill Burrough, Jack Porter and Roger Crawford** and his wife, Amy, for the Fountain Street Cleanup on Thursday, September 28.

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Check out the following photos of Rotarians in Action at the "Garland County Reads" program on Tuesday, September 26 at the Farmers Market. It was a very good turnout, as the employees of First Security Bank said that they served over 1,000 hot dogs! Thank you to all who participated!



## Announcements

### Oaklawn Rotary Club Invite

The Oaklawn Rotary Club will host Attorney General Tim Griffin as their speaker on Monday, October 2 at noon at the Embassy Suites. Oaklawn Rotary has invited all members of the HSNP Rotary Club to join them.

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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, Donna K will be sending out current membership directories next week. PLEASE look over your personal information and make any edits that are necessary. 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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### 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. **Rotarian Robert Zunick** will be playing bass guitar with the BSMF Band. Admission is FREE, but VIP info and tickets are available at [www.bigsteammusicfestival.com](http://www.bigsteammusicfestival.com)

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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

It was a fun-filled weekend with another successful Spa-Con in Hot Springs, and although the Razorbacks fought hard, it was a hard loss.

As some of you know, I grew up in a very poor household. However, I had one advantage that many people don't have: I had two parents that stressed



education. My parents understood that education was the way out of poverty for their children. At an early age, I can recall my parents encouraging us to read and do well in school. Both my parents were avid readers, and of my parents' 9 children, 7 of us finished college, (I am the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 9). Education can change your life and legacy, it can change the trajectory of your children and grandchildren's lives. Education all starts with literacy. When I was in Afghanistan, one of the things that surprised me, although it probably shouldn't have, was when I learned that the literacy rate was only 15-20%. One example of the issues

with such rampant illiteracy was their religious practices. None of the people could read the Koran, which means the local leaders could, and did, use it to their own ends. A less sinister result was that instructions had to be in person, and hands on. We had interpreters that could read, write and speak the necessary languages, but the target audience couldn't read instructions or orders. For a modern society to function, and even for a family to function, there must be basic literacy. Since this is Literacy Month, we want to thank Rotarian Sarah Richardson for sharing current literacy information for this week's program.

Dr. Seuss knew this better than anyone: ***"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."***

## Absence

Alderdice, Corey Arrison, Jackie Bailes, Karol Barrett, Matt Bartholomae, Blake O. Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dangler, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Echols, Taryn E. Gooch, Lloyd (Don) Harper, Susan Allen	Harris, William T IV Hogan, John A. 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 Mitchell, Tanya Moore, Whitney C Mouton, Alex Nicklas, Justin Northern, Martin Patel, Parth Peine, Brett Phillips-Jolly, Jane	Poole, Richard Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Ragsdale, Linda L. Robbins, Elizabeth L. Rogers, Kala Ross, Doug Shelby, Gene Simmons, Svetlana Solleder, William Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Thurber, Darla Tuohey, James Michael Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les A. Warren, Will Wright, Raymond	<b>Active-R85</b> Aldridge, Susan G. Bailey, Larry A. Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce L. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, H. Mark Fleischner, Stuart Allen Hudgens, E. Brad Payton, Richard  <b>Active-LOA</b> Couch, Mary Anne Quinney, Greg
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## Thought for the Week

Look closely at the present you are constructing.  
 It should look like the future you are dreaming of.