



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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**Week of August 19, 2024**

### Upcoming Programs:

August 21, 2024	*Rotary District Governor* Sherry Polsgrove-Taylor
August 28, 2024	What Failing as a Pro Golfer Taught Me About Business Christina Lecuyer
September 4, 2024	Conductor – Empowering Entrepreneurs Jeff Standridge, Managing Director

### The State of the Library



Guest speaker Adam Webb, Executive Director of the Garland County Library, is entering his 18th year. The present day library looks much like it did when it opened in 1995. In 2023 there were 250,000 visits to the library, which is well above the pre-pandemic numbers. Garland County library is a single site library and has added services such as Sentinel Record image edition, New York Times, and Canopy film streaming, which features mostly documentaries. Over the last couple of years, the library has seen great success adding Remote Lockers in 4 locations - at the library, Hot Springs YMCA, Mid-America Park, and the Sunshine Store. The lockers are accessible 24/7 and create convenience for residents across Garland County. The second addition is the converted vacant lot to 42 raised beds where you can check out your own bed to grow produce or flowers. The third addition is the Book Mobile Service. It should be noted that these additions were almost completely paid for with non-tax dollars.



The future of the library hangs in the balance at the moment. The plan is to expand the existing facility to include added meeting rooms, a teaching kitchen, and an upgraded children's department, just to name a few. The library would also like to build a branch in the north part of the county to service those residents.

The challenges the library currently faces that could delay future expansion come from censorship and de-funding. When it comes to censorship, public library books are covered under protected speech and unless material is deemed criminal or obscene, books stay in the library. There has also been criticism about the use of the public forum for signing petitions. Again - it's a public forum and certain rights are protected, which include signing petitions. Because of these sometimes controversial issues, libraries are becoming targets of de-funding. Local opponents have said our library holds on to too large of a balance in the bank, but in order to budget properly and make funds last, this is necessary. Funding comes 2 times a year, so proper budgeting is key to the library's success. A "No" vote in November means the library will continue with the current services and have the opportunity to grow. A "Yes" vote in November would decrease the budget by 40%, which would mean a reduction in hours, staff, and services.

### Club Leaders



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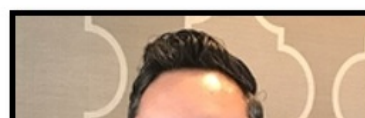
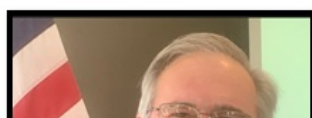
### Birthdays

Nadine Jarmon  
August 14th  
Stephanie M Nehus  
August 22nd  
Chris Chapmond  
August 25th  
Mitchell L. Lowe  
August 26th  
Chuck E. Launius  
August 31st

Richard Gladden  
September 2nd

James A Carney  
September 6th  
Bryan Brinlee  
September 9th  
Nicole Herndon  
September 10th  
Richard W. McGraw

### 4 Way Test

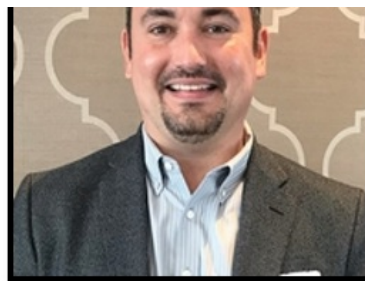




Jack Porter – Invocation



Ralf Bailes – Pledge



Brian Canales – 4 Way Test

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## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians **Mary Zunick & Dennis Smith** (of course) had the right ticket for a chance to draw for the Ace of Diamonds, but no luck today. A big thanks to all Rotarians for your contributions each week!

**Tune in next week when we start with:**  
**\$401 in the pot and**  
**38 cards in the deck.**



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## Guests



**Rotarian Tiffany Tucker** introduced this week's guests and shared her best library jokes along the way:

**Gary Troutman** introduced chamber staff member and guest Sheryl Staggs.

**Neal Harrington** once again had his daughter-in-law and new Marketing Director at Levi Hospital, Libby Harrington, as his guest.

**Justin Nicklas** introduced his guest, Hot Springs Police Officer Joey Williams.

Visiting Rotarians Larry Gay of Magnolia (we claim him as our own) and Jason Perdieu of Pine Bluff were welcomed today as well. Captain Jason Perdieu relocated to Hot Springs with his wife Rachel to be the new Corps Officers and Pastors for the Salvation Army.

A special welcome to our guests! Hope you will invite someone to join you next week!

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## Rotary Minute



**Rotarian Robert Zunick** presented the following Rotary Minute:

Everyone is welcome at Rotary! This is one of the fundamental strengths of Rotary. In **2019**, Rotary's Board of Directors adopted a statement that affirms its commitment to DEI and recognizes that welcoming people with differing perspectives and ideas enhances Rotary's ability to create lasting change in communities worldwide. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion statement is the following:

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs. Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive. We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong. In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.

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## Announcements

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT

Mark your calendar, set your alarm, and make plans to be at next week's meeting for our visit from Rotary District Governor, Sherry Polsgrove-Taylor.

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### STUDENT GUEST PROGRAM

If you have a child or grandchild that will be a senior this year at one of our local schools, please see Sarah Richardson about our Student Guest Program that will kick off soon.

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### WELCOME RECEPTION

Welcome incoming NPC President **Dr. Wade Derden**  
Thursday, August 22, 2024 \* 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Hot Springs Country Club  
101 Country Club Drive

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### BASEBALL WEEKEND

[7th Annual Hot Springs Baseball Weekend | Hot Springs National Park Arkansas](#) (click here for more information)

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### ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

We will meet next week, August 21st, downstairs at 11:15 a.m.

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### SATELLITE CLUB

Our Satellite Club is recruiting members. If you know someone who might like to be a part, they meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at the Courtyard Marriott. Also, a great club to visit if you want to see what it's all about, or you are working on your Red to Blue Badge.

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### VOTE FOR HOT SPRINGS FOR BEST FALL FOLIAGE

[Vote for Hot Springs, Arkansas as 2024's Best Destination for Fall Foliage \(usatoday.com\)](#) (click here to vote)

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## Thought for the Week



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## Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Aldridge-May, Susan G. Barrett, Matt Bennett, Ashley Blackmon, Kelsey B Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Britton, Beau Bush, David M. Carney, James A Crawford, Roger Cupp III, Cecil W. Dante, Charles H. Jr. Davin, Peter Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick	Dews, John Scott Dingler, Brett Gooch, Lloyd (Don) Harris, William T IV Jarmon, Nadine Kerst, William L. Koller, Rob Launius, Chuck E. Martinez, Rafael Mazzanti, James R. McGrew, Richard W. McNary, Mechele Moore, Courtney W. Moore, Whitney C Mouton, Alex Northern, Martin Patel, Parth	Paul, David C. Phillips-Jolly, Jane Porter, Lance A. Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Ratcliff, Michelle Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Smith, Janet E. Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John S Temple, Hunter Lane Thompson, Ashley Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Will Williams, Noel C.	<b>R85</b> Brunner, John H. Craft, Joyce Endicott, Lynn E Payton, Richard  <b>LOA</b> Chapmond, Chris Couch, Mary Anne Helm, Michael Rogers, Kala
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