



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of January 20, 2025

### Upcoming Programs:

January 22, 2025	<b>Melissa Goff</b> AR Real Estate Commission
January 29, 2025	<b>Shae Lewis, Director</b> Division of AR State Parks
February 5, 2025	<b>Cliff &amp; Susan</b> "Life as Professional Musicians"

### Club Leaders



[Sara Brown](#)  
President



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President-Elect



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Club Director



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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iPast President

### LifeNet Emergency Medical Services



**Diane LaFollette** (pictured left) introduced **Bruce Townsend & Klay Hall** (pictured center). Both are employees of LifeNet Emergency Medical Services and the speakers for today's Rotary meeting. Bruce has been a dedicated team member of LifeNet since 2004. Starting as an EMT at the age of 18, Bruce's commitment and passion for the field has seen him advance through many roles, such as Field Training Officer, Operations Manager and now the Texas Clinical Manager. In his current role, Bruce focuses on quality improvement and education, drawing on over 15 years of experience as an EMS educator. Klay has been with LifeNet for six years and currently holds the position of Academy Coordinator. His career in emergency services includes 20 years as an officer in the fire service in various roles. After obtaining his paramedic license, he transitioned to EMS education, a field in which they found his calling. As Academy Coordinator, Klay is responsible for coordinating and teaching EMT and Paramedic courses.

LifeNet EMS is a multi-state ground and air emergency medical services provider. LifeNet serves communities across Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. They are governed by a 15-member board of directors, with Diane LaFollette as the board chair. The ground operations emergency 911 service includes Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support trucks. LifeNet also offers non-medical transport for patients in hospitals, nursing homes or in hospice agencies. LifeNet's Medical Air Transport program provides critical patient care through interfacility transfers, scene flights, and other urgent air medical helicopter services in Arkansas. Whether it's local scene response or cross-country transport, LifeNet is committed to providing timely, high-quality care when it matters most. LifeNet operates 2 dispatch centers to ensure seamless coordination for the service area.

Community Outreach includes events, providing an ambulance at a hometown football game, educating local civic organizations, or showing the ambulance to a group of students. Training courses and events include teaching bystander CPR to local groups, educating the public on correct use of 911 or teaching Stop the Bleed courses. The LifeNet team is always ready to share education and information with the community. 2025 marks 20 years of

### Birthdays

## 4 Way Test



Alan Floyd – Invocation



James Frierson – Pledge



Joey Williams – 4 Way Test

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## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Today's lucky numbers went to **David Paul** and **Bill Solleder** for the chance to win half the pot! Today was not the day! Maybe next week you will find the Ace of Diamonds!

There are now 42 cards left and the total of the pot is up to \$288. See you next Wednesday and hope you make plans to purchase your chance to win.

\*Are you interested in helping out with the weekly selling of tickets? If so, please let us know.\*

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## Guests

**Rotarian Justin Nicklas** introduced the Rotarians who brought guests today along with our special guests.

**Diane LaFollette** introduced her guest, **Romeo Lopez**. Romeo works at the Mid America Science Museum and is the organizer of the Satellite Club.

Justin welcomed Traci Britt and Shane Aitken of Lake Hamilton High School, who attended in support of our guest student speaker, Brittonie Haley.



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## Student Guests



**Liz Robbins** introduced Brittonie Haley as our Student Guest Speaker of the Day. Brittonie is graduating from Lake Hamilton High School, and it has been an honor to have her with us for the past 3 weeks. We wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors.



**Joyce Whitfield** introduced student guest Jannet Coon. Jannet is a senior at Mountain Pine High School and was with us today for her second visit. We look forward to seeing her again next week and hearing more about her future plans.



**JJ Galloway** introduced Kelvin Orduna, a senior at ASMSA. This was Kelvin's second visit, and we look forward to seeing him next week and hearing about his plans after graduation.



**Jim Randal** introduced Beyoncé Alvarez-Sanchez, a senior at Lake Hamilton High School. We were happy to welcome Beyoncé for her first visit, and we look forward to seeing her back over the next 2 weeks and learning more about her, her interests and what she plans to do after graduation.

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## Tribute to Dick Gladden

Dick Gladden joined our club in July 1979. He served as President in 1987-88, was a Paul Harris Fellow and a 2-time Rotarian of the Year. Dick was one of the first members I met and visited with in 1997 when I first came to this club as a student guest. He always had a smile and kind words. He had a remarkable, well-lived 90 years. Many times, when he ended the Rotary Minute, he would say that the person in the story he told was a fine



example of "Service Above Self." Let us honor Dick's legacy by continuing to embody the values he cherished and shared with us. May we always strive to live by his example of selflessness and service to others. I know each of us today would agree that Dick Gladden was truly a fine example of "Service Above Self." There will be a graveside service on Monday at 3pm at Pinecrest Memorial Park in Alexander and a memorial service will be announced at a later date. I hope you all continue to keep his wife Pat, their children and family close to your heart.

Sara Brown, Rotary President 2024-2025



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## Red to Blue Badge



Congratulations to **Noel Williams** (the one bowing) on receiving his blue badge presented by **Gary McKuin** (pictured right). Gary has a flair for the presentation of the blue badge!

Congratulations on completing your requirements and welcome to Blue Badgeville!

If you are working on your Red to Blue Badge and want to know what is left on your list, see Don Floyd at the back of the room at the next Rotary meeting. The next board meeting (one of the requirements to earn the blue badge) is February 4 at noon at the Hot Springs Country Club.

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## New Members

Welcome to Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club:



### **Michael Gastman**

Retired Dillards Executive

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Sponsored by Larry Levi

Michael joined Rotary to meet new people, network, and to make a difference in our community. He worked for Dillards for 37 years and is excited about this next chapter in life. He enjoys golf, exercise, and all types of sports. Michael also enjoys being on the lake and traveling.

Welcome to Rotary! We look forward to working with you to make Hot Springs a better community, and to change lives in the world around us.

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## Economic Minute

**Chamber President Gary Troutman gave us a quick monthly update on all the recent happenings in Hot Springs, including but not limited to the following :**

\*Had the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with our five local Aerospace/Aviation companies

\*Held our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meeting with HSMP's top investors

\*With thanks to Dr. Jack Porter and Representative Bruce Westerman, a \$895B



bill passed that included a section allowing a 3-year timeline to find a solution to the Army/Navy Hospital issue  
\*Scott Dews was interviewed by KHTV Channel 11 about the Majestic Village renderings prepared by David French  
\*The HS Board of Realtors installed their 2025 officers and directors  
\*Gary attended HS Village POA GM's Kelly Hale's last meeting in December and new GM Ken Unger's first earlier today  
\*Tommy Thurman, the school superintendent at Cabot, was named as the new superintendent at Lake Hamilton starting in July  
Exciting site visits with Wayne Smith at Oaklawn and Matt Bell at Origami Sake,

the latter has gone from supplying one state to 25 in less than two years

\*Gary presided over his last AEDCE Board meeting as 2024 Chair

\*A new expansion project was opened with AEDC, with a local company looking to double their production in the next year

\*Gary and Vickie have just returned from U.S. Chamber Institute where Vickie completed Year 3 and Gary served on the Board of Regents and taught a class on Workforce

\*A local realtor is working on a massive development project for Hot Springs

\*Home Depot's rezoning was approved by the City Board of Directors

\*David Bazzel is the guest speaker for the Annual Chamber Banquet & Community Awards at Oaklawn on January 30, tickets at the Chamber or on the website

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## Announcements

### Annual Chamber Banquet

Mark your calendar for January 30 if you wish to attend the Annual Chamber Banquet being held at Oaklawn. Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club has been nominated for Organization of the Year. Our own president, Sara Brown, has been nominated for Woman of the Year, as well as Mary Zunick, Renee Bartholomae, and Karol Bailes. Nominated for Man of the Year are Justin Nicklas, Brent Atkins, and Saddiq Mir. Nominated for Rising Star are Libby Harrington, and Hunter Temple. Congratulations to our hard-working Rotarians! Thanks for all you do in our community. Good luck to all the nominees.

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### Garland County Library Focus Group

The Garland County Library is hosting focus groups on February 4th to help us with our long-range plan. If anyone is interested in participating, they can sign up here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3C9D2GL>

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### Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4 at noon at the Hot Springs Country Club. If you are working on your blue badge and have not attended a board meeting yet, we hope you will join us. All members are welcome to attend.

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### Fun Fact!

Today, January 15, was the day that our Sister City agreement with Hanamaki, Japan was signed in 1993. Past President Dennis Smith was a huge champion and involved in the establishment and early success of the program. Thank you, Mary, for sharing this, and we appreciate your continued work with our Sister City Program.

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## Thought for the Week

This year's Rotary International Motto is "The Magic of Rotary." As we remember our dear friend Dick Gladden, along with so many others that have passed that strengthened the foundation of our club, let us honor their legacy by serving others with kindness, dedication, and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of those around us.

President Sara Brown~



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OF ROTARY**