



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of June 24, 2024

Upcoming Programs:

June 25, 2024
6:00 pm

HSNP Rotary Club Installation Banquet
See Information Below

June 26, 2024 &
July 3, 2024

NO CLUB MEETING

July 10, 2024

While We're Waiting
Jill Sullivan & Janis Brown

HSNP Rotary Club Achievement Day



Left to right: Tim Metcalf, Vice President; Sara Brown, President-Elect; Chris Franklin, President; Director Diane LaFollette; and Director David Trice

President Chris Franklin introduced our Directors, who reported on the respective committee's achievements:

Director Renee Bartholomae was not able to be in attendance, so the report for Administration was given by **Tim Metcalf**.

Mary Metcalf chaired the **TRF Grants**. This committee had a goal of distributing a grant to a suitable nonprofit. "Anchored on the Range" and their raised garden beds project were selected for the grant.

History Report by Liz Robbins: Maintained and improved the Rotary Room to facilitate the update of club history. Processed and organized both paper and digital materials, including memorabilia from Pancho Rowe, notebooks containing Dick Gladden's Rotary Minutes from the late 1990s to 2023, digital copies of 1916 minutes, and a 1990 scrapbook.

TRF Report by Robert Zunick: The goal for the year was to achieve the \$100 per member donation to the Rotary Foundation, which was successfully met.

Technology Report by Justin Nicholas: Facilitated live-streaming for each meeting, maintained technology equipment, and managed all subscriptions.

Public Relations Report by Matt Barrett: Worked to increase reach, engagement, and net followers, and to maintain a consistent presence on social media platforms.

Performance Overview (Last 90 Days):

- Reach: 3,345 (+138% from previous 90 days)
- 3-Second Video Views: 14 (-42% from previous 90 days)
- Engagement: 527 (+234% from previous 90 days)
- Net Followers: 5 (-62% from previous 90 days)

Director Cheryl Stafford, Community Service, was unable to be in attendance, so her report was given by **President-Elect Sara Brown**. **Joyce Whitfield**, chair of **Community Enhancement**, worked with her committee to complete the Rotary Garden, assisted with bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and added a new activity to participate in the Garland County Reads Event.

Environment Chair, John Hoeffl reported the club completed fall and spring planting at Whittington Fountain and trash pick-up on Fountain Street.

Scott Lauck, Chair of International Services, reported that our club is donating \$500.00 to the Jacksonville, FL Rotary Club, which is raising money for a *Handwashing* Stand in Haiti. These handwashing stations provide clean water for Haiti's national water, sanitation, and hygiene initiative.

Director of Growth & Vice President Tim Metcalf reported that **Brent Atkins**, who was chair of **Membership**, reflected on the year and in the future, would like to ask that each committee member bring at least 1 guest per month to generate new member growth. In addition, Tim shared the report from **Mark Graham** on the importance of **New Member Development** for the future of our club. **Gary Troutman's** report for the **Rotary Information/Past Presidents' Cabinet** stated that only 10 new members attended the 2 meetings held this year. The hope is that membership will grow, and new members will see the importance of attending the Rotary Information meetings in the upcoming year.

David Trice, Meetings & Activities Director, presented a report from **Carolyn Pierce, Attendance & Visitation Chair**. Carolyn

Club Leaders



[Chris Franklin](#)
President



[Sara Brown](#)
President-Elect



[Tim Metcalf](#)
Vice President



[Gary McKuin](#)
Secretary



[Courtney W. Moore](#)
Treasurer



[Renee Bartholomae](#)
Club Director



[Diane LaFollette](#)
Club Director



[Cheryl Lynn Stafford](#)
Club Director



[David Trice](#)
Club Director

Birthdays

David Trice
June 23rd

Charles H. Dante Jr.
June 23rd

Gary A. Troutman
June 28th

Liberty Lee
July 1st

Mary Anne Couch
July 3rd

Janet E. Smith
July 5th

Susan Allen Harper
July 6th

Sarah Richardson
July 6th

Sara Brown
July 15th

John A. Hogan
July 18th

William L. Kerst
July 18th

John A. Pratt

David Fleming, Meetings & Activities Director, presented a report from **Carolyn Pierce, Attendance & Visitation Chair**. Carolyn reported that Rotarians that were absent for 3 consecutive meetings were contacted to let them know they were missed and hoped to see them soon. This committee also sent out appropriate get well and sympathy cards.

Fellowship Committee Chair Kayla Rogers reported that 2 events were held – the Annual Christmas Party & an organized event to watch the Night Hawks™ basketball team who went on to win the national championship.

Dr. Don Floyd, Sergeant-at-Arms Committee, chaired this committee and assigned one Rotarian for each month to find volunteers to do the Invocation, Pledge, and 4 Way Test at each meeting.

Director of Youth Services, Diane LaFollette gave reports from the chairs who served in this area.

Brian Canales, Chair of the Education Development Committee, partnered with Hot Springs School District and the Kiwanis Club to support the Garland Reads Program. This committee made transportation available for Camp Ryla students. They worked with Hot Springs High counselors and invited the students who attended Camp Ryla to come and speak to our club.

Joyce Craft, Interact Chair, met with sponsors and was involved with meetings of the students to discuss projects. Also entertained the idea of bringing another county high school on board as a new Rotary Interact Club.

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Nicole Herndon, awarded 20 scholarships to deserving students. The annual Scholarship Luncheon was held in April.

Sarah Richardson led the Student Guest Committee to host students from 7 Garland County School Districts and from Arkansas School for Mathematics, Science, & the Arts. Students visited the club for 3 weeks and gave a presentation on their final visit.

Sara Brown, President-Elect and Program Chair, reported that this year we hosted 44 program speakers. From cheering on the winning horses at Oaklawn, to riding through the therapeutic stables at Sunshine, to soaring on the wings of the Nighthawks for their winning season, we caught fly-balls from the Travelers GM, then soft pitched them to our kids at Majestic Park, we read books, saw theater performances, watched films, performed science experiments, tapped a Rubber Tree, took a mental health break, drank the Sake, tiptoed through the tulips, bathed in the hot waters, gave meals to those in need, protected and educated our children, shared perfume with some very lucky cats, waddled around with a cute little penguin, applauded the state of our city, drove over new roads and bridges, felt safe at the hands of our trained law enforcement, most importantly we saluted our Veterans.

While we physically may not have done all these things, I am appreciative of our speakers sharing their world with us this year. Thank you to my program committee for helping create a successful year of programs for us all to enjoy.

Gwen Carter, Chair of the Satellite Club, was unable to be at the meeting. **President Chris Franklin** reported that the club completed 118.25 community service hours, including donations. Projects included the following:

St. Luke's Cooling Center at the Salvation Army
Arkansas Senior Olympic Games
National Park College 50th Anniversary
Pawsathon, hosted by Ouachita Behavioral Health & Wellness
Gudrun Mountain Bike Festival
Scholarship Fundraiser
National Park College Service Day
CASA's Jeep Fest
Adopt-a-Street on Mountain Pine Drive
Multiple rounds of tutoring & Back to School Classroom Setup and Cleaning
Bottled water & sports drinks were donated to be at the Warehouse Event Center.
Book donations to the Little Free Library outside the Literacy Council.
Participated in the Out of the Darkness Walk to Fight Suicide.
Toy donations to the Cooper-Anthony Mercy Child Advocacy Center.
Pet food donations to the Hope for Paws Animal Rescue.
Donations to Warming Centers and donations to Tri-Lakes CASA.

All in all, it was a very productive year for our club, as evidenced by the list of accomplishments and service in these reports.

4 Way Test

Invocation
David Fleming



Pledge
Dick Gladden



4 Way Test
Susan Aldridge



The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarian Bill Burrough had both lucky numbers, but the luck stopped there!
The Ace of Diamonds is still in the deck!

Tune in next week when we start with:
\$120 in the pot and
48 cards in the deck.

Volunteers Needed!

SPA CITY CLASSIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Roger Crawford recently announced that Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club was chosen as the organization of choice to set up at the upcoming Spa City Classic. The Classic is the largest pickleball tournament in Arkansas. Last year, over 500 players from 13 different states competed. The Classic will be held on **June 27-30** at the Bank OZK Arena. We need volunteers to man the booth from 10:00 until 3:00 each day. If you can spare an hour or two, please sign up at Donna K's table. This is an excellent opportunity for recruitment! Below are the dates and times available with any volunteers thus far:

Thursday, June 27			
10:00 â€" 12:00	Janet Smith	John Hoefl	Richard Poole
12:00 â€" 2:00	Jim Randall		
2:00 â€" 3:00	Tim Metcalf	Greg Quinney	
Friday, June 28			
10:00 â€" 12:00	Bill Burrough		
12:00 â€" 2:00			
2:00 â€" 3:00	Tim Metcalf	Mary Metcalf	
Saturday, June 29			
10:00 â€" 12:00			
12:00 â€" 2:00			
2:00 â€" 3:00			
Sunday, June 30			
10:00 â€" 12:00			
12:00 â€" 2:00			
2:00 â€" 3:00			

Guests



Rotarian Mark Graham introduced this week's guest:

Bill Burrough introduced Justin Hickman. Welcome Justin!

Announcements

FOUNDING MEMBER STATUS WITH THE NEW HSNP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

As **President Chris** announced earlier this year, our club has started a new 501c3 Community Foundation that will have a lasting impact on our entire community. As a reminder, you have until June 30 to make a \$1,000 donation that will make you a Founding Member of this foundation. As a Founding Member, you will also receive a commemorative coin from President Chris.

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. If you haven't yet "liked" our Facebook page, please [CLICK HERE](#) and do so!

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ADULT TUTORS NEEDED

The Literacy Council of the Ouachitas is looking for tutors for Adult Learners in Reading, Writing, Math, ESL, Digital Literacy, etc. - If you are interested in helping, you can apply online at <https://ouachitaliteracy.org/get-involved/>

Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, July 9 at noon**. As always, all membership is invited to join us, especially new members who are trying to earn that coveted Blue Badge! This last meeting of the Rotary Year will include current and incoming Board members. Please let Jackie 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.

At our June 11 Board Meeting, the Board regretfully accepted the resignations of **Greg Quinney** (health), **Kevin Hall** (retirement) and **John Hogan** (retirement and relocation). We will miss these Rotarians and wish them the very best!

Prospective Members

The Board and Membership Committee have approved the following prospective member. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 3 days of this second publication, he will become a member at our July 10 meeting.

Wade Derden

Incoming President
National Park College
Sponsored by **Darla Thurber**

The Board and Membership Committee have approved the following prospective members. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 10 days of this first publication, they will become members at our July 17 meeting.

Hunter Temple

Partner/Manager
Harrison Roofing, Solar & Exteriors
Sponsored by **Richard Poole**

Justin Hickman

Warfighter Integration Manager
SAIC
Sponsored by **Bill Burrough**

Congratulations!



President Chris Franklin awarded **Rotarians Jeremy & Sara Brown** (shown left) and **Rotarian Jay Winters** (shown right) with a special commemorative coin in honor of becoming a Founding Member of our new HSNP Rotary Club Community Foundation. For a \$1,000 donation before the end of our Rotary year, June 30, you will be considered a Founding Member. This foundation will benefit non-profit organizations in our community.



President Chris Franklin



Wednesday was Juneteenth. Which, for those of you that don't know, was made a National Holiday in 2021. The holiday is sometimes called the Second Independence Day. On this day in 1865, two years AFTER President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the slaves in Galveston, TX were finally notified that they were free. Although the struggle for equal rights would be far from over, this put our nation one step closer to a perfect union. As this is our last full meeting as President of this club, please include me as I make this last personal appearance.



As this is my last full week as President of this club, please indulge me as I make this last remark more personal than normal. First, let me just say that it has been my honor to have led this club for the last year. Being asked to serve as president for a year is no small thing, it means that the nomination committee has faith in your ability to see a club through a year. No one knows how their year will progress, or what challenges we will face. Our club has been in continuous operation for 108 years, so the pressure to succeed is not a trivial matter. You are stepping into a position that has been held by 107 presidents before you, they handed you a club that has done amazing things, (so don't screw it up). Secondly, I would like to thank all the people that made it a successful year. That list is

long. Our Board this year has been amazing. They have worked to help us start our own foundation, and for the first year in several years, balance the budget. It is not just me and the board that made it a successful year, from **Vice President Sara Brown** planning the programs to the committee chairs, the volunteers ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, or planting flowers and cleaning up trash, it is all the people that volunteered to participate in our fundraiser or to do a Spiritual Reflection, Pledge, 4 Way Test, guest introduction, etc. it is **Jim Pate** selling raffle tickets, (mostly to **Dennis Smith**), **Dr. Don** making sure the room is set up, so many people go out of their way to ensure our club is second to none. We even added a fund-raising committee this year, chaired by **Ashley Thompson** and **Stephanie Alderdice** that raised over \$10,000 in our first fundraiser, on a budget of zero dollars. I would like to say a special thank you to the **Executive Secretary Donna K Smith**. Even through her own personal tragedy this year, her dedication to the club's success has been unmatched. Every president will tell you that the executive secretary is the one that really makes things happen, and I can not stress that enough.

It has been a great year, and to all the people that helped to make our 108th year a success, I would like to convey my sincere gratitude. I could not have done it without all of you. Lastly, just before then **President Tiffany Tucker** asked me if I would be willing to serve as President, **Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff** told me that the word of the day was "yes". They were both on the nominating committee, but Tiffany, as the sitting president, was given the task of asking me. I did say yes, and although it has been more work, it has been a blessing and an honor. I have gotten to know our club and its members much better than I would have otherwise, and I have gotten a lot more out of my experience in the club than I ever would have if I had said no. So, my last comment as president for all of you, when asked to participate, remember the word of the day is, "yes".

Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Atkins, Brent Barrett, Matt Bartholomae, Renee Bennett, Ashley Bennett, Delores Blackmon, Kelsey Bornhoft, James Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Canales, Brian Carney, James A Chapmond, Chris Crawford, Roger Dante, Charles Davin, Peter Dews, John Scott Disney, Daniel Dodd, Nick	Frierson, James Hogan, John Jarmon, Nadine Johnson, Paulette Kerst, William Kleinman, Ira Koller, Rob Launius, Chuck Lee, Liberty Lipton, Michael Martinez, Rafael McGrew, Richard McNary, Mechele Moore, Courtney Mouton, Alex Northern, Martin Patel, Parth Ragsdale, Linda Ratcliff, Michelle Richardson, Sarah	Ross, Doug Pratt, John Sample, William Smith, Janet Solleder, William Spicher, Forrest Spraggins, Alan Stafford, Cheryl Stepka, Jordan Stobaugh, John Thompson, Ashley Troutman, Gary Wagstaff, Cindy Warren, Les Warren, Will Whitfield, Joyce Williams, Noel Zeiser, Jared Zunick, Mary Zunick, S. Robert	R85 Arnold, Douglas Bailey, Larry A. Brunner, John H. Cupp III, Cecil W. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, Stuart Allen Levi, Lawrence W. Payton, Richard LOA Bartholomae, Blake Couch, Mary Anne Helm, Michael Rogers, Kala
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Thought for the Week

- See the future.
- Engage and develop people.
- Reinvent continuously.
- Value results and relationships.
- Embody values.

~Ken Blanchard & Mark Miller~