



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of March 27, 2023

Upcoming Programs:

March 29, 2023

Attorney General Tim Griffin

April 5, 2023

Kim Williams
AR Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism
Eclipse 2024 update
This meeting will be held in the Trifecta Room downstairs

April 12, 2023

Sheriff Mike McCormick
County Sheriff's Update

Legislative Update



L-R: Senator Alan Clark, Rotarian and Representative Richard McGrew, President Neal Gladner and Rotarian and Representative Les Warren

This week's meeting featured a panel of elected officials to discuss the business still to be conducted in the current session, which has already been quite controversial. The panel started with the following questions for each, which had been provided to them in advance.

1 – Most reporting on the session says the bigger matters yet to be settled are the budget, including the RSA (Revenue Stabilization Act), a tax cut and the "crime bill". What else is sitting out there that you think needs attention before you adjourn?

Warren: State income tax and new prison. With the RSA, some bills will have been passed in this session, but funding will not be available.

McGrew: A property management bill that will make it necessary for 3rd party real estate managers to be a real estate broker.

Clark: Commitment to education, judiciary prison reform and how to do the tax cut.

2 – While there is a big surplus now, is there much discussion about the long range impact of new spending combined with a tax cut? (What might be the impact 3-5 years from now?)

Club Leaders



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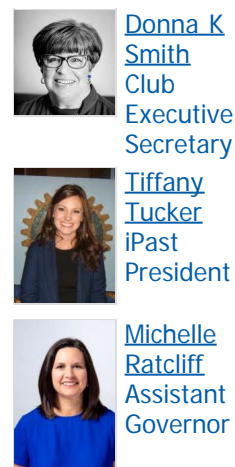
[Cheryl Lynn Stafford](#)
Club Director
Youth

Clark: There has been lots of forward thinking with the education bill. It is to be implemented over a period of 4 years. The next 2 years should be okay but they are unsure about the following years.
 McGrew: The economy and inflation will affect the future, especially with tax cuts. They have to wait and see what happens with the reserves we have now.
 Warren: Our budget surplus is not a long-term solution. They are adding to the budget with the education bill, but basically, until they hear from the Governor's office what her items will cost, they don't know how much is left to budget on the revenue and tax bills that are in committee. He is working on two things on behalf of Hot Springs: getting funding replaced for the renovation of the Arlington Hotel, as it is a cornerstone of downtown. Also, he is trying to secure funding for the Literacy Councils across the state, as their funding has not increased in the past 22 years. He is also working to get our YMCA a tax exemption.

3 – From your perspective, what items/issues still to be settled will have the biggest impact on Hot Springs/Garland County?

McGrew: Short Term Rental bills. Hot Springs is different from other areas in Arkansas, as we are the biggest tourist destination in the state. He believes it needs to be a local decision. Also, the solar bill. They are trying to ensure that some local projects will be grandfathered in if they are implemented before September of next year. They are also asking for money for a program called "100 families" which is a tracking system to provide resources for underserved people coming into our state.
 Warren: House Bill 1307, an ESG bill (Economic, Social and Governance), has bothered him since Day 1. Basically, what it is doing is allowing companies and financial institutions to have a company policy that says "we don't like this, so we won't loan to companies for a specific reason". Which is fine. But it is down to it's last stage and two amendments will be presented this week with a black ball list of the companies that they can invest in. This will create losses for our retirement systems.

After questions, the meeting adjourned and all of our speakers made themselves available for further conversations with our members concerning some of these issues.



[Donna K Smith](#)
Club Executive Secretary
[Tiffany Tucker](#)
iPast President
[Michelle Ratcliff](#)
Assistant Governor

Birthdays

- E. Brad Hudgens
March 25th
- Saddiq Mir
March 28th
- S. Robert Zunick
March 30th
- Mary Metcalf
April 2nd
- Jane Phillips-Jolly
April 5th
- Diane LaFollette
April 6th
- Lawrence W. Levi
April 7th
- Ralf Bailes
April 9th
- Judith Heikes Kelly
April 12th
- Stephanie Alderdice
April 14th
- William H. Sample
April 16th
- Stuart Allen
Fleischner D.D.S.
April 22nd
- Cindy Wagstaff
April 24th
- Peter Davin
April 25th
- Brian Canales
April 26th
- Tiffany P. Terry
April 30th

The 4-Way Test

INVOCATION
Michelle Ratcliff



PLEDGE
Renee Bartholomae



4 WAY TEST
Brian Canales



The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Rotarians James Frierson and President-Elect Chris Franklin had the winning ticket numbers, but the old Ace of Diamonds continued to hide out in the deck. Next week, we begin with:

\$259 in the pot

44 cards left in the deck

Rotary Foundation Matching Points Opportunity *One more week*

The Rotary Board recently approved a proposal by the TRF Fundraising Committee, chaired by **Mark Fleischer**, to have a matching points opportunity for members **during the month of March, 2023** as described below:

This will be a 1:1 match of donated dollars to The Rotary Foundation for an equal amount of points to be matched by the club. There is a minimum of \$100 donation per club member, at which the club will match the \$100 in points.

For example: If a member currently has a total of \$800 in donations to the Rotary Foundation, and makes a \$100 contribution, then the club would match the 100 in points to give the member a total of \$1,000 so they would receive their Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Another example: If a member only has \$200 in their donations, they can then make a \$400 donation to the Rotary Foundation and the Club would match the 400 in points, to give the member \$1,000 for their PHF. Or if a member has \$2,500 in contributions and makes a \$250 donation, the club will match with 250 in points and the member will reach their PHF +2 level.

Again, **the minimum amount is \$100 donation from the club member and the total amount must get the member to either the initial Paul Harris Fellowship amount (\$1,000) or a "plus" level (\$1,000 increments).**

The Club has been authorized to use a total of 10,000 points during the month of March and they will be on a first come, first served basis. Once we reach 10,000 matched points, this opportunity will be over. This will only be available to members from March 1 through March 31 (or whenever the 10,000 points allotment is reached, whichever is first).

You can check your current contribution amount at www.rotary.org OR reach out to **Donna K, Club Secretary Gary McQuin or Assistant District Governor Michelle Ratcliff**. Your donation checks should be made out to the **HSNP Rotary Club** with "**matching TRF points**" in the memo line. You can bring them to Donna K's table at the weekly meeting beginning March 1 or mail them to our PO Box 909, HS, AR 71902, with receipt **no later than March 31**. Sorry, we cannot process credit card payments for this special opportunity.

PLEASE NOTE: These donations and forms will be mailed on April 3, so please be sure that you have your forms and checks to Donna K no later than Friday, March 31 in order to take advantage of this opportunity. Any questions, see **Donna K, Gary or Michelle**.

Congratulations to these Rotarians!

Congratulations to **Rotarian Robert Zunick**, who was recently named by Forbes Magazine as one of the best in-state wealth advisors. The list is compiled for Forbes by Shook Research, using several criteria such as revenue trends, assets under management, compliance, results and other items. There were over 34 thousand nominations nationwide. From that, only 34 earned the distinction in Arkansas.

Congratulations, Robert!



Guests



Rotarian Lori Erickson introduced our guests this week:

Gary Troutman hosted Vickie Gilliam; **Michelle Ratcliff** introduced Austin Wilson; **Tim Metcalf** hosted Roger Crawford; and **Mary Zunick** introduced Hot Springs Village Rotarian, Stephanie Heffer.

New Members

We welcomed our newest member to our club this week:

Saddiq Mir

Email: dine@jandshospitality.com

PH: 713-818-5711

Position: Owner - J&S Italian Villa, Copper Penny and The Ohio Club



Saddiq and his wife Jeannie came to Hot Springs when he accepted a job with Oaklawn. They soon decided to make Hot Springs their permanent home and purchased J&S Italian Villa, then soon added two more of our city's popular restaurants.

Welcome to the HSNP Rotary Club, Saddiq!

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, she will become a member at our March 29 meeting.

Christie Dawson

Speech Writer for the Veterans Administration

Sponsored by **J. J. Galloway**

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 April 5 meeting.

Nadine Jarmon

Executive Director, Hot Springs Housing Authority

Sponsored by **Joyce Craft**

Garrett Naveran

Chiropractor at The Specific Chiropractic Center

Sponsored by **Loren Benedict**

Announcements

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

On March 30 at 5:30, **New Member Development Chair Mike Tuohey** and his partner, Liz Kaumeyer, will host a reception for new members and one guest at 215 Osprey Drive. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided. New members from January, 2021 are invited to attend.

For more information, call 501-463-0364

a temporary gate code will be available the day prior to the event

CAMP RYLA TRANSPORT

We need Rotarians to provide transportation for 2 Camp RYLA students to the camp and transportation back home.

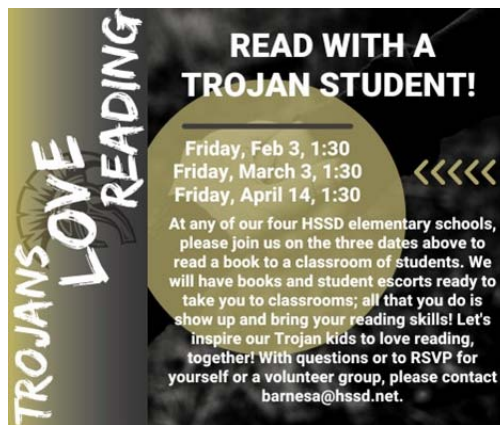
The drop off will be on Thursday, April 13 at 10:00 am

Pick Up will be on Sunday, April 16 at 10:30 am

Both Camp RYLA girls are from Ft. Lake High School.

Please reach out to **Chair Stephanie Nehus** for more information (nehuss@hssd.net)

TROJANS LOVE READING PROGRAM



Trojans Love Reading is an initiative to build community support and excitement around reading! When elementary students feel this village approach from Trojan families and individuals/partners/leaders from the Hot Springs community, they are more likely to maintain and grow their own interest in reading and developing literacy skills.

On the two dates above, on April 14, 2023, we are inviting anyone in the Hot Springs community to support students in grades 1-6 at all four of our [#HSSD](#) elementary school campuses by committing to read a book to two or more Trojan classes.

---HSSD Elementary Schools and Locations:

Langston Elementary Leadership Academy (300 Silver Street)
Main Street Visual & Performing Arts Magnet School (701 Main Street)
Oaklawn STEM Magnet School (301 Oaklawn Boulevard)
Park Magnet, an IB World School (617 Main Street)

RSVP as an individual or group to barnesa@hssd.net if you would like to be assigned to a #HSSD school; OR if you have a connection with a Trojan student or staff member, feel free to attend that school as a reader and request to be assigned to that classroom.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY
May 19-20, 2023 at the DOUBLETREE BY HILTON - HOT SPRINGS**

We are in need of host family/families for **Enrique Garcia**, a Rotarian from Guadalajara, Mexico, who works with Rotary International through the *Heart 2 Heart* and other programs. He is planning on coming to the District Conference/Assembly, and hopefully will speak at the Foundation Banquet on Friday evening. He would like to spend a week, more or less, visiting clubs in our district. Please let **Donna K or Neal** know if you are interested in hosting Enrique for a night or two, which would include meals in addition to accommodations.

Board Notes

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, April 11 at 11:45**. 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.

Did you know?

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.

President Neal Gladner

Well, of course, I have to start with "How Bout Dem Hogs"! I heard a remake of the Elvis song about Las Vegas earlier this week. And where Elvis would sing



"Viva" – the song was modified to say "Devo - Las Vegas". I'm sure you join me in being able to say I don't remember when I last saw such an example of sheer determination!

I want to also say thank you to all of you who donated blood in honor of **Roxanne Butterfield** after her recent illness. You'll recall our goal was to collect 30 units of blood.

Last week at Business After Hours, I ran into one of our new members, **Lori Erickson**, who coordinated that for us in her role at Our Blood Institute, so I asked her how we did. I learned a lot in that conversation. The answer to my question was 15 units. Being goal oriented, I was, frankly, disappointed. I told Lori that, but she told me something. She said that's pretty good, and here's why:

First, for various reasons, 60% of the population is unable to give blood. That surprised me. Second, while they would like more, 5% of the population is considered acceptable. So, if we take 5% of our members, that number, (with rounding up) would be 7 units of blood. We donated 15. That's just over twice the average in blood drives – so two things: Thank you to Roxanne for being so open and encouraging us to take action as a club – and thank you to our club members. Maybe you can't get blood out of a turnip – but you can get it out of Rotarians.

Please take a moment this week to consider the change maker you can be, as we all "Imagine Rotary". And as some of us head back to work, a few thoughts about the job:

George Carlin said *"Most people work jut hard enough not to get fired and get paid just enough not to quit"*.

And actress Sarah Brown, who said *" The only thing that ever sat its way to success was a hen"*.

Absence

Alderdice, Corey Alderdice, Stephanie Bartholomae, Blake O. Benedict, Loren J. Bennett, Delores C. Blackmon, Kelsey B Bradford, Jay Brinlee, Bryan Britton, Beau Brown, Jeremy W Brown, Sara Burrough, Billy J Jr. Chapmond, Chris Couch, Mary Anne Dante, Charles H. Jr. Dews, John Scott Dingler, Brett Disney, Daniel E. Dodd, Nick Echols, Taryn E. Gooch, Lloyd (Don)	Graham, Mark T. Gronwaldt, Robert C Harper, Susan Allen Harrington, Neal Harris, William T IV Helm, Michael D. Herndon, Nicole Hogan, John A. Johnson, Paulette S. Kelly, Judith Heikes Kerst, William L. Kleinman, Ira M. LaFollette, Diane Launius, Chuck E. Martinez, Rafael McNary, Mechele Mitchell, Tanya Moore, Courtney W. Mouton, Alex Nicklas, Justin Northern, Martin	Patel, Parth Phillips-Jolly, Jane Poole, Richard Praetzel, Daron C. Pratt, John A. Roberts, Thomas W Ross, Doug Sample, William H. Simmons, Svetlana Smith, Janet E. Spraggins, Alan Stobaugh, John S Taylor, Kathy H. Terry, Tiffany P. Thurber, Darla Trice, David Tucker, Tiffany Tuohey, James Michael Zeiser, Jared	Active-R85 Aldridge, Susan G. Cupp III, Cecil W. Davenport, H. W. Endicott, Lynn E. Fleischner, Stuart Allen Hudgens, E. Brad Levi, Lawrence W. Smith, Dennis C. Active-LOA Burluson - Popp, Brad
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Thought for the Week

I really think a champion is defined not by their wins,
but by how they can recover when they fall.

~Serena Williams