



# The Bath Tub

## Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of December 9, 2024

### Upcoming Programs:

December 11, 2024	<i>Wayne Smith</i> General Manager Oaklawn Hot Springs
December 18, 2024 December 25, 2024 January 1, 2025	<b>NO MEETINGS</b>
January 8, 2025	<i>David Bazzel</i> Frank Broyles Awards Preview

### Club Leaders



[Sara Brown](#)  
President



[Tim Metcalf](#)  
President-Elect



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Club Director



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Sergeant-at-Arms



[Chris Franklin](#)  
iPast President

### City Engineer Talks Greenway Trail



Gary Carnahan, City Engineer for the City of Hot Springs, was the presenter at this week's meeting. He covered the history of the Hot Springs Creek Greenway trail and the next phases of development that are almost complete and ones that will come in the future. The further downstream the trail goes, the prettier the scenery. One of the biggest hurdles to overcome during the development of the Greenway Trail has been funding. The city has relied heavily on grants for each phase of trail completion. A grant application has been submitted for 3 million dollars to plan the Stokes Creek and Gulpha Creek trails. Funding sources include various grants such as ATEP, TAP, FLAP, and Outdoor Recreation Grants. Groups that help out in ways that add cost savings include Friends of the Park, Master Gardeners, Complete Streets Policy, Complete Streets Team, and Beautiful Natural Resources.

Currently, the city is building a fountain at the trailhead at the end of TV Hill Road, which will be a beautiful addition. It is amazing that the Greenway Trail has made it all the way to TV Hill Road from Transportation Depot. Future projects include a kayak launch where the creek meets the lake. It will consist of a wooden dock with a concrete ramp going down two feet below water level, so if you want to bring your canoe or kayak,

you will be able to enter the lake at that point. Future trails include Stokes Creek, Southwest Trail, Airport Perimeter, Gulpha Creek, Railroad Safety Trail, and the Northwoods Trail. The city also has Streetscape Projects on Malvern Avenue, Park Avenue and Whittington Avenue. We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful city with beautiful surroundings. Our city officials are working hard to enhance and maintain the natural beauty we have.

City Manager & Rotarian **Bill Burrough**, pictured left, had the honor of introducing Gary, pictured above, with him and **President Sara Brown**.

## 4 Way Test



David Fleming – Invocation



Kevin Newton – Pledge



Brent Atkins – 4 Way Test

## Birthdays

Roxanne Butterfield  
December 7th  
Dana M. Lambert  
December 8th  
Larry A. Bailey  
December 8th  
Forrest L. Spicher II  
December 10th  
Parth Patel  
December 14th  
Linda Langan  
December 19th  
Chris Franklin  
December 21st  
James Frierson  
December 23rd  
Roger Giddings  
December 25th  
Cecil W. Cupp III  
December 26th  
Les A. Warren  
December 29th  
Gary McKuin  
December 30th  
Arthur D. Floyd  
January 2nd  
Tim Metcalf  
January 2nd  
Beau Britton  
January 3rd  
Renee Bartholomae  
January 4th

## The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Two more cards were taken from our new deck of cards at this week's meeting. Now there are 48 cards in the deck and the pot of money is up to \$139. The lucky numbers that were drawn by **President Sara Brown** gave **Bill Burrough** and **Sarah Richardson** a chance, but no Ace of Diamonds today.

\*Still looking for help to collect money each week. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know.\*

Thanks for supporting this fun way to raise money for scholarships!

## Guests

**Rotarian Forrest Spicher** introduced the Rotarians who brought guests today and our special guests ~

**Michelle Ratcliff** introduced her mom, visiting from Louisiana, Carol Stepp. It was a pleasure having Carol with us today.

**Larry Levi** introduced Michael Gastman. Michael recently retired from Dillard's and has made his home in Hot Springs. Michael requested an application to be considered for membership.

**Justin Nicklas** welcomed Aaron Criswell to the meeting today. Aaron's membership application has been confirmed by the membership committee and the board and is published in today's BathTub.

It was great to have visiting Rotarian, Larry Gay with us today! Also, happy to welcome Traci Britt, a counselor at Lake Hamilton School, with her



student guest, Brittonie Haley.

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## Student Guests



**Liz Robbins** introduced student guest Brittonie Haley at this week's meeting. This was Brittonie's first visit to our Rotary Club, and she will be joining us again next week and after the new year to share her future plans. She is a senior at Lake Hamilton High School. We were also pleased to have one of her guidance counselors, Traci Britt, visit today as well.

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## Announcements

### **DISTRICT 6170 FUNDRAISER**

Donate \$61.70 for District 6170. Through the fundraiser, every Rotarian gives to the Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus, the District Literacy initiative, and is a part of the global work. Bring your check or cash next Wednesday, **December 11**, which is the deadline to donate.

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### **\*\*CHRISTMAS PARTY\*\***

Mark your calendar for December 17 for the **Christmas Party!** Our fun-filled event is being hosted by Justin Nicklas at Gross Funeral Home. Plans have been made by Karol Bailes & committee for delicious food from Catering Temptations. The deadline to RSVP for this event for you and your plus one is **December 11**. Please email [hsnprotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:hsnprotaryclub@gmail.com) to let us know if you plan to attend and if you are bringing a guest.

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### **DOUBLETREE WAIT STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUS**

Each year we collect money to give to our wait staff as a "thank you" and Christmas bonus. Money will be collected at each table on **December 11**, so again, mark your calendar to bring extra money to give. The wait staff takes good care of us each week, so we want to show our appreciation for their hard work.

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### **A NIGHT OF MAGIC UNDER THE BIG TOP**

Members of HSNP Rotary Club are invited to a special members-only event! A complimentary evening at the



enchancing Piccolo Zoppe' Winter Circus. Wednesday, **December 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** at the former Majestic Hotel site in downtown Hot Springs. This exclusive offer is just for you! Redeem your complimentary ticket using the code HSpreview2024 at [Piccolo Zoppé - Home](#).

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### **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED**

If you would like to sign up to ring the bell for the Salvation Army, see Joyce Whitfield about a date and time. Gary McKuin was last year's "Top Ringer" for having the most money in his kettle. The kettles are already out and will be out until the end of the day on Christmas Eve.

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### **CANNED GOODNESS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

A huge thank you to Michael Helm for the delicious canned goods he donated along with proceeds for scholarships. Thanks to his hard work and kindness, we raised \$1,520. Thank you to all who purchased the goods! If you have empty jars now or in the future, please return those to Michael so he can fill them up for next year.

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## **Holiday Schedule**



**December 17, 2024 - HSNP Rotary Club's Holiday Party**  
Hosted by Justin Nicklas, Gross Funeral Home  
6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner by Catering Temptations  
RSVPs due December 11

**December 18 & December 25 - NO CLUB MEETINGS**  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - NO CLUB MEETING**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025 - Club Meetings Resume**

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## **Board Notes**

### **Notes from the last board meeting held December 3, 2024:**

- Stephanie Alderdice has resigned from Rotary due to working in Little Rock. The board regretfully accepted her resignation. We wish Stephanie great success in her new endeavor.
- Doug Ross has resigned from Rotary because he has taken a new position with CHI St. Vincent in another state. The board regretfully accepted his resignation and wished him continued success.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at noon**. As always, all membership is invited to join us, especially new members who are working to earn their Blue Badge. 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. There is a charge of \$18 that will be added to your next statement. The meetings are held in the Executive Meeting Room.

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## **Prospective Members**

The Board and Membership Committee approved the following prospective members. This is the first of two publications for the proposed members. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 3 days of the second publication, they will become a member at our January 8, 2025, meeting.

### **Annie Xu, MD**

Hot Springs Internal Medicine Clinic

Sponsored by Pat McCabe

**Aaron Criswell**

Director of Sales & Marketing

US Stations

Sponsored by Justin Nicklas

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## Rotarians Out in the Community

**James Frierson** was the first Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army of the season! Thanks to James and to **John Hoefl** and **Dana Lambert** for ringing bells too! Joyce Whitfield is happy to report that a total of 20 members of our club have signed up this year. It's not too late to get your name on the list.



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## Thought for the Week

This year's Rotary International Motto is "The Magic of Rotary." For us as Rotarians, the magic of December aligns perfectly with our mission. It's about creating moments of hope, lighting the way for those in need, and inspiring change that lasts beyond the season.

President Sara Brown~

