



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter














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Week of March 17, 2025

Upcoming Programs:

March 19, 2025	Chris Goodman General Manager Wiseguys Arena Football
March 26, 2025	Liz Robbins Executive Director Garland County Historical Society
April 2, 2025	Kevin Sexton Director of Tourism Hot Springs Village

Club Leaders

-  [Sara Brown](#)
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-  [Mary E Zunick](#)
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-  [Arthur D. Floyd](#)
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-  [Chris Franklin](#)
iPast President

Abilities Unlimited



Susan Aldridge May introduced today's speaker, Karen Kight Powell, Executive Director of Abilities Unlimited. If you have never taken a tour of their facility, you should schedule a time to visit. It's amazing what a difference this organization makes in the lives of those living with a disability. The mission of Abilities Unlimited (AUI)... Providing an engaging, goal-oriented environment that promotes informed choice, personal achievement, life skills, self-advocacy, and employment choices. Many of you may know AUI as a thrift store, but the services they provide encompass so much more. Did you know they were established in 1961 by local families, and they are known as the original Community Work Center Program in Arkansas? AUI offers career development services that include Ticket to Work, which is a social security program supporting career development, and Supported Employment, an Arkansas Rehabilitation Services supported employment vendor. AUI provides Pathways 2 Employment to offer employment transition learning opportunities for students aged 14-21 in both the community and the classroom by exploring areas of interest, aptitude, and ability. They provide work-readiness skills with REAL WORK! AUI bid jobs in assembly/subassembly, sorting, labeling, collating, packing/re-packing, and re-work jobs at competitive prices with on-time delivery. Other classes provided at AUI that teach Essential Skills include: kitchen management and nutrition, interactive rhythmic music, drama and plays, dance, yoga and chair palates, a book club that includes creative writing, and American Sign Language classes. Also offered are technology classes, arts & leisure classes, health & fitness, and budgeting with basic finances. The number

of ways this organization provides opportunities for those with a disability is outstanding! The skills they help develop, the work opportunities given, and the sense of purpose and community provide an environment that gives these clients dignity and fulfillment in life. Named the 2021 Organization of the Year by the Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, they have a commitment to ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to meaningful opportunities.

Birthdays

John S Stobaugh
March 16th

Visit their website for more information by clicking [Home](#). Take a moment and enjoy the Abilities Unlimited song performed by some of their clients - [AUI Song](#)

Justin Nicklas
March 21st
E. Brad Hudgens
March 25th
Saddiq Mir
March 28th
Jordan Stepka
March 29th
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

4 Way Test



Jim Randall, Invocation



Joyce Whitfield, Pledge



Brian Canales, 4 Way Test

The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Today, **Justin Nicklas** had both numbers and picked two cards from the deck for a chance to win \$371, but he was not successful! The Ace of Diamonds is still there, so maybe next week it will be you? The only way to find out is to buy your tickets.

There are now 30 cards left and the total of the pot is up to \$743. See you next week and don't forget to bring your cash to help build our scholarship fund and for your chance to win!

*Email me if you can help man the table for one week selling chances. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Guests

Rotarian Alan Spraggins introduced the members of the club who brought a guest to the meeting...after a hilarious joke by the way.

Bill Burrough introduced his guest, Garrett Collier. Garrett has an interest in joining our club.

Jay Winters introduced guest Christi Nation. Christi is certainly no stranger to our club as a former member and past president. It was great to have her with us today.

It is always great to have guests at our meetings. If you know someone you would like to invite and who would be interested in learning more about our Rotary club and how to join, give them a call, and invite them to join you next week.



Student Guests



Dianne LaFollette welcomed Brianna Graves, a senior at Fountain Lake High School, for her second visit to Rotary. We look forward to having Brianna back next week to share what her plans include after graduation.

Student Guest Speaker



Michelle Ratcliff introduced today's Student Guest Speaker, Andrew Dettmer, a Senior from Cutter Morning Star High School. Andrew started off by reassuring us that he did not have a PowerPoint. If you remember, his first week visiting the club, our speaker fussed about having to use PowerPoint and had a few hiccups along the way! Andrew gave special thanks to **Jared Zeiser** and **Michelle** for hosting him and making him feel welcome. He has lived in Hot Springs for several years now, but his journey started in Texas, where he first developed a passion for technology. Andrew was that kid who would rather take apart a computer than play outside. When his family moved to Hot Springs to start a small business, he quickly found a way to put his skills to use. Setting up networks, troubleshooting tech issues and learning firsthand how technology can solve real world problems. At Cutter Morning Star, he has had the privilege of serving as the Beta Club President, Student Council Vice President, and East Student Champion. Through East, he has led projects that benefit the community, including creating a promotional video for the Garland County Sheriff's office. Andrew won a national tech competition, proving that small schools can make a big impact. He shared proudly that when he graduates in May, he will be the salutatorian of the class of 2025. After graduation, he plans to attend Ouachita Baptist University to pursue a dual major in computer science and cybersecurity. His goal is to become a software engineer and sees technology, not just as a career path, but a tool to serve others, whether by securing networks, improving business operations or mentoring students who share the same passion. Andrew said that Hot Springs has given him so much that he wants to contribute to the place that shaped him and has plans to return to Hot Springs after graduation. He was inspired by our Rotary commitment to service and

will carry that same spirit with him wherever he goes.

Rotary Royalty!



Mark Fleischner and **Liz Robbins** will reign over the giant little parade on March 17 along 98-foot Bridge Street in downtown Hot Springs. The king and queen of Hot Springs' First Ever 22nd Annual World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade both have deep ties to the history of the city.

Liz Robbins is the executive director of the Garland County Historical Society and Mark Fleischner is the former owner of Lauray's The Diamond Center, which is celebrating its 100th year of operation on Central Avenue in downtown Hot Springs.

Congratulations to 2 great Rotarians! Hope you will make plans to attend the parade and support our King & Queen.

Announcements

PETS International Project - Time Sensitive!!!

Please support President-Elect Tim Metcalf and Vice President Justin Nicklas -

Shoes are so much more than a fashion statement!

- promote health by preventing disease
- gives access to education when shoes are required to attend school
- increases self confidence

Shoes for youth ages 0-18

- Must be new
- Must be closed toe
- Greatest need - boy shoes ages 14-18

Good shoes take you to good places

SHOES MAY BE DROPPED OFF
AT GROSS FUNERAL HOME
120 WRIGHTS STREET
NO LATER THAN 3/19

Rotary Hot Springs National Park

SHOES for Orphan SOULS™

The poster features a blue vertical banner on the left with the text "Shoes for Orphan Souls" in yellow. The main content is on a light yellow background with a blue border. It includes a list of reasons why shoes are important, a list of requirements for shoe donations, a quote "Good shoes take you to good places", and information about where to drop off shoes. The Rotary logo and "Hot Springs National Park" are at the bottom right.

Steamatic Collecting Duffle Bags & Suitcases

Join Steamatic as they collect new or gently used duffle bags and suitcases to benefit local kids in foster care. Donations will be shared with The Call, Compact, The Answer, and Ouachita Children Youth & Family Services. Drop off at 112 Jefferson Street between now and March 31, 2025. Many of these kids show up with their items in a trash bag. Join in the effort to give them the dignity of having a proper bag or suitcase for their belongings.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is Tuesday, April 1 at noon at the Hot Springs Country Club. For those working on your red to blue badge, this is your opportunity to check that off your list.

Dick Gladden Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Dick Gladden this Saturday, March 15, at Hot Springs Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m.

The Dick Gladden Rotary Minute



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

Rotarians fund and execute projects all over the world, such as polio vaccinations, clean water and sewer projects, and many others. But Rotarian Christopher Clauwers, of Belgium, a documentary photographer, has been traveling around the world for more than a decade to capture the effects of global warming in photos. For his latest project, he was able to visit the Global Seed Vault, on a small island between Norway and the North Pole. Only three people have a key to the seed vault where extra copies of food crop seeds from all over the world are kept. The repository, deep in the permafrost, was built and maintained by the Norwegian government to serve the global community, a kind of safety net for the genetic diversity of our agricultural crops. Duplicates of 1.3 million seed samples from almost every country are stored deep under the ice. The seeds are kept in airtight containers at a constant temperature of about 0 degrees Fahrenheit. When Syria's national seed bank was badly damaged during the civil war there, the Global Seed Vault proved its worth. Syrian scientists came to collect seeds to replenish their collection. The seeds are at the end of a 426-foot-long tunnel leading to three freezing chambers designed to withstand any catastrophe. Ironically, climate change is also making itself felt here. In 2017, meltwater seeped into the bunker and flooded the access tunnel. Fortunately, the storage rooms

themselves remained safe. There is another international storage center in the Svalbard islands for a different purpose. The Arctic World Archive stores data of a cultural, historical, and scientific nature considered essential to humanity. The data is stored both analog and digitally on a thin film designed to last for thousands of years in case of a global calamity. Countries, institutions and companies can store data in the Arctic World Archive. The site is designed to withstand nuclear attacks and electromagnetic pulses. Rotary's focus in recent years on the environment and climate change is what attracted photographer Clauwers to become a Rotarian, and he regularly speaks to Rotary clubs on his travels. He said, "Being among Rotarians is always nice. In the end, everything starts with knowledge, and I try to transfer that by means of my photos, in a visual way."

Rotarians Out in the Community

Big thanks to the Community Enhancement Committee, chaired by **James Frierson**, and the Environment Committee, chaired by **John Hoefl**, for organizing a street cleanup for Fountain Street. Service above Self and clean streets in our city! We would also like to thank **Kelsey Blackmon** and **Jack Porter** for their help in this effort!



Thought for the Week

This year's Rotary International Motto is "The Magic of Rotary." In honor of this weekend, and a little Irish magic, I

leave you with a short Irish blessing: "May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside."



President Sara Brown~
