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Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of March 3, 2025

Upcoming Programs:

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| March 5, 2025 | Bill Burrough City Manager State of the City Address |
| March 12, 2025 | Karen Kight-Powell Executive Director Abilities Unlimited |
| March 19, 2025 | Chris Goodman General Manager Wiseguys Arena Football |

Club Leaders



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Visit Hot Springs CEO - Upcoming Events



Mayor Pat McCabe introduced today's speaker, Steve Arrison. Steve is the CEO of Visit Hot Springs and shared some insight into their success and why people like to visit Hot Springs...in fact, it starts with the "visit." Steve Arrison shared that everything starts with the visit. Visits are how we get people to move here, move a business here, or make an investment here. In the advertising for Visit Hot Springs there are 3 things that are highlighted: quality of place, quality of living, and quality of experience. Hot Springs has something for everyone, whether you are a visitor or a resident. Beautiful lakes, hiking and biking trails, a National Park, a beautiful downtown, fun festivals, and so much more. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is coming up soon on March 17. It's the First Ever 22nd Annual World Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade, and this year is going to be better than all the rest. It's on a Monday, so celebrations will begin on Sunday. The Grand Marshal is Valerie Bertinelli and the Official Starter of the Parade is Flavor Flav. Sunday night's entertainment is Grand Funk Railroad and after the parade, The Molly Ringwalds, an 80's cover band, will be back for the third time. Other events coming soon include the Cherry Blossom Festival, Sumo Wrestling, and the Sake Festival. Tickets are on sale with Ticket Master for Sumo on April 11. It

is all a great celebration of Japanese culture and celebrates our Sister City relationship with Hanamaki, Japan. These fun events and the fact that we have a sake brewery in Hot Springs are a direct result of that relationship. The Vietnam Memorial Wall is coming to Hot Springs and will be on display at the airport and open to the public over the Memorial Day weekend. Fireworks over Lake Hamilton will take place on May 27th. In June is The Running of the Tubs downtown. Baseball weekend will be held in August and will bring six baseball legends: Johnny Bench, Goose Gossage, Ron Guidry, Brett Saberhagen, Steve Garvey, and Al Hrabosky. Steve credits his team at Visit Hot Springs for the success they have each year in the convention business, events,

Birthdays

Matt Barrett

festivals, Majestic Park, Northwoods Trail, the Visitors Center, and the Historic Baseball Trail. Quality of place, quality of life, quality of experience. That's what Visit Hot Springs strives to give everyone who visits. For more information, go to [Hot Springs, Arkansas | Hot Springs National Park Arkansas](#).

March 2nd
Billy J Burrough Jr.
March 11th
John S Stobaugh
March 16th
Justin Nicklas
March 21st
E. Brad Hudgens
March 25th
Saddiq Mir
March 28th
Jordan Stepka
March 29th

4 Way Test



Michelle Ratcliff – Invocation



Ira Kleinman – Pledge



John Brunner – 4 Way Test

The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Today, **Bill Burrough** and **Linda Langan** had the right numbers for a chance to win \$287, but didn't pick the right card. Better luck next time! Who will pick the Ace of Diamonds? Will it be you?

There are now 34 cards left and the total of the pot is up to \$574. See you next Wednesday...bring your cash and help build our scholarship fund!

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

Guests



Rotarian Bill Burrough introduced the only Rotarian who brought a guest today.

Justin Nicklas introduced his guest and co-worker, Robyn Hoover. Robyn is a member of Oaklawn Rotary.

It is always great to have guests at our meetings. If you know someone you would like to invite and potentially become a member of our club, give them a call, and invite them to join you next week.

Student Guests



Jared Zeiser welcomed Andrew Dettmer, a senior at Cutter Morning Star High School. We look forward to having Andrew with us over the next 2 weeks. Please make a point to introduce yourself to Andrew and make him feel welcome.



Scott Dews welcomed back Peyton Richard, a senior at Fountain Lake High School, for her second visit. She will be our student guest speaker at our March 5 meeting. We look forward to hearing about her future plans after graduation.

Student Guest Speaker



Sarah Richardson introduced "her favorite student," Jalea Hawthorn. Jalea is a senior at Cutter Morning Star High School. She became Sarah's favorite student in middle school simply because she was a polite and easy student, which in middle school is a great compliment. Jalea shared that she has lived in Hot Springs her entire life and has attended Cutter Morning Star School since preschool. In fact, she has never missed a day of school and plans to finish her senior year without any absences. Jalea has always been a straight A student and believes education is very important. One of her biggest passions in life is softball. If you ever wonder where she is, chances are you'll find her on the softball field. To Jalea, softball is so much more than just a game. It's a community. It brings girls from different backgrounds together, teaches valuable life lessons, and offers a second family. She has worked hard to get where she is and is excited about the opportunity to play college softball at National Park College. As she looks to the future, one of her goals is to become a softball coach. She wants to give younger girls the same opportunity that softball has given her. Beyond softball, Jalea has a strong passion for art design, and loves painting, especially with watercolor and acrylic. Some of her paintings have been displayed in galleries in downtown Hot Springs. She enjoys graphic design and spends a lot of time in the school's design classes, creating work in Photoshop and illustrator. After receiving her associates degree from NPC, she would like to transfer to another Arkansas school to complete her bachelor's degree and maybe even a master's degree in graphic design. Her dream job is to become a graphic designer here in Arkansas to create designs that highlight the beauty of

our state. Jalea thanked everyone for the chance to speak and for the opportunity to attend the Rotary meetings. One of her favorite moments was watching the Red to Blue Badge ceremony! Jalea closed by thanking Sarah Richardson for not only being a fantastic teacher, but also an incredible host. HSNP Rotary Club wishes her great success on her journey!

Announcements

Rotary Information Meeting Scheduled

The next Rotary Information Meeting, a red to blue badge requirement, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, at 11:00 a.m. in the DeGray Room. All members are welcome to attend.

Camp RYLA Fundraiser - Raffle to win Advertising Package

This advertising package has a \$2000 value. The drawing will be held on **March 5, 2025**, at the Rotary meeting. The cost of each ticket is \$20. All proceeds go towards covering Camp RYLA registration fees for local high school students and expenses to cover the cost of the package. Contact Brian Canales for more information...time is running out!

PETS International Project

President-Elect Tim Metcalf and Vice President Justin Nicklas are headed to President-Elect Training March 21-25, 2025 and need to take at least 20 pairs of new shoes! We hope every member will donate at least one pair of new

shoes. The greatest need is for boys ages 14-18. Deadline is March 19th!



Shoes for Orphan Souls

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

Contact your local Rotary Club to donate shoes or funds so we can purchase shoes.



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.

New Members

Welcome to Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club:



Bob Geer

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Sponsored by Gary Troutman

Bob came to us as a transfer from the Scenic 7 Rotary Club. He is ready to meet new people and help others in our community as a new member of HSNP Rotary Club. Bob enjoys boxing and fishing and Gary shared that he competed in the Olympics in the sport of boxing.

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.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to these Rotarians for being named by AMP Magazine as part of a group of outstanding leaders in the 2025 class, "50 over 50" !



Gary Troutman



John Hoefl

Thought for the Week

In honor of our guest speaker and the First Ever 22nd Annual World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade, I leave you with an Irish Blessing, "May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door." See you next week!



President Sara Brown~
