



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of March 31, 2025

Upcoming Programs:

April 2, 2025	Kevin Sexton Director of Tourism Hot Springs Village
April 9, 2025	Mary Zunick Visit Hot Springs Cherry Blossom Festival & Sumo!
April 16, 2025	Saddiq Mir Restaurant Owner Coming to America

Club Leaders



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iPast President

Majestic Park Youth Complex



Bill Solleder, pictured far right, introduced our speaker Derek Phillips, General Manager at Majestic Park, pictured center. What an amazing history Hot Springs has with baseball dating back to 1908 when we hosted training games for the Detroit Tigers, Boston Red Sox, Cincinnati Reds, and the St. Louis Cardinals. Fast-forward to 2020 for the ground-breaking of Majestic Park - a complex that has far exceeded the expectations of Visit Hot Springs and Derek Phillips. The park is not only home to youth baseball, but hosts many events throughout the year that include camps, tournaments, NSCL (wood bat collegiate league), community events, home to National Park College and Champions College, NFL Flag Football league, and so much more! On August 7, 2025, the Babe Ruth World Series will take place in Hot Springs at Majestic Park with the championship game on August 16, 2025. What a great event for Hot Springs! In 2024 and 2025, there were over 800 youths that signed up for baseball at Majestic Park. The Majestic Park Foundation offers scholarships for those who can't afford the registration fee and will provide equipment for the players as needed. No child should be denied the opportunity to play baseball in Hot Springs. Majestic Park is in the second season of Yo-Ball - this is for the younger kids, 3 and 4 year olds - giving them a chance to learn the fundamentals of the game in a safe and fun way. The bases that are used for this league honk when you run across the base. An encouraging and fun

way to teach them to run the bases! Hot Springs is very fortunate to have Majestic Park, Derek Phillips, and his team to make sure it is the best it can be for our community and for those who visit. For more information, visit [Majestic Park – Hot Springs National Park Youth Baseball Complex](#).

4 Way Test

Birthdays

Saddiq Mir
March 28th
Jordan Stepka



James Frierson – Invocation



Pete Davin – Pledge



Neal Harrington – 4 Way Test

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
 Alan Spraggins
 April 15th
 William H. Sample
 April 16th
 Stuart Allen Fleischner
 April 22nd
 Cindy Wagstaff
 April 24th
 Peter Davin
 April 25th
 Brian Canales
 April 26th
 Jay Winters
 April 27th

The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Today, **Matt Barrett** and **Mark Graham** had the right numbers for a chance to win \$465. Matt picked an Ace, but it was the Ace of Hearts! The Ace of Diamonds is still there waiting for you to buy a ticket and pull it from the deck. Next time, will it be your lucky day?

There are now 26 cards left and the total of the pot is up to \$930. Thank you for supporting the scholarship fund!

Guests



Rotarian Libby Harrington introduced the members of the club who brought a guest to the meeting.

Gary Tourtman introduced his guest, Vickie Gilliam. Vickie is the Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce Vice President and will be transferring her membership to our club!

Bill Solleder introduced guest Bucky Monreal. Bucky works with the company that services National Park gift shops.

It is always great to have guests at our meetings. Invite a guest - recruit a new member - give them a call to join us next week.

Announcements

Last Chance 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.

Community Health Needs Assessment

Every 3 years, Levi Hospital does a Community Health Needs Assessment to find out the current health concerns in our community. Please take a moment and fill out the survey. This information is very helpful, and your participation is greatly appreciated - [Complete Survey](#)

New Member Reception

A New Member Reception will be held for new members and their sponsors on April 24, 2025 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Waters Rooftop Terrace.

Paul Harris Matching Points

District 6170 is launching a special matching foundation points campaign for the month of April. You earn 1 point for every dollar you contribute to the Rotary Foundation. You need 1,000 points to obtain Paul Harris Fellow recognition. For example, if you need 600 points (\$600) to reach your next Paul Harris Fellow recognition, write a check to the Rotary Foundation for \$300, and the Rotary District 6170 will match the remaining points on your behalf (300 points).

Bring Cash or Check for a chance to dine anywhere in the world!

Who is ready for a chance to have dinner anywhere in the world? Each year our Rotary District sells tickets for \$25 that allow you and your guest to enjoy dinner anywhere in the world. The winning ticket covers airfare and dinner and is valued at \$5,000 OR you can choose to take \$2500 cash. Only 400 tickets total will be sold, so your odds of winning are great. A portion of the proceeds come back to our club to be used for Rotary grants. President-Elect Tim Metcalf will have tickets with him at the next few meetings.

Red to Blue Badge



Congratulations to **Michael Gastman** (pictured left) and **Adam Webb** (pictured far right) on receiving their blue badge presented by **Gary McKuin**. Thank you, Gary, for another stellar presentation of the blue badge. We are so excited to have both of these gentlemen in our club and are thankful for their desire to make our community and the world around us a better place. Welcome to Blue Badgeville! We hope that you will wear it proudly!

If you are working on your Red to Blue Badge and want to know what is left on your list, see Don Floyd at his spot in the back of the Rotary meeting room.

District Matching Points Opportunity

DISTRICT 6170 MATCHING GIFTS CAMPAIGN

You should have received an email this week announcing the Matching Gifts Campaign. District 6170 is launching a special matching foundation points campaign for the month of April. You earn 1 point for every dollar you contribute to the Rotary Foundation. You need 1,000 points to obtain **Paul Harris Fellow** recognition. For example, if you need 600 points (\$600) to reach your next Paul Harris Fellow recognition, write a check to the Rotary Foundation for \$300, and the Rotary District 6170 will match the remaining points on your behalf (300 points).

Mail your check to:

Kateryna Pitchford
Chair of the Business Department
Central Baptist College
1501 College Ave
Conway, AR 72034

Notes from Kateryna's email -

If you are planning on giving through Rotary Direct, Ignite, or DACdb, please do so and let me know when you complete the transaction; email to katya_ligon@yahoo.com. If you need help to find out how many points you have currently, please visit Jackie, contact me, or follow these instructions -

- Go to <https://my.rotary.org>
- Sign in or create an account
- Under My Rotary > Select Membership and Foundation Reports
- Under Individual Reports > Select Donor History Report
- Your Donor History Report will open.
- On the right side of the report, you will see the PHF Recognition Amount.

What we give to the Rotary Foundation this year, almost 50 % will come back to our district three years from now in the form of District Designated Funds, which our district can spend on Global Grants, District Grants, and the eradication of Polio.

The matching program will end on May 1st, so please consider giving in the month of April.

If you would like to recognize another individual with your points, please email me at katya_ligon@yahoo.com and I will help you through the process.

Please support our district and help us continue *THE MAGIC OF ROTARY.*

Thought for the Week

We all enjoyed hearing from Derek Phillips as he shared information about Majestic Park and America's favorite sport. Mike O'Halloran said, "The fans can make you famous. A contract can make you rich. The press can make you a superstar. But only the love can make you a player." Go swing for the fences and have a great week as we continue to create the "Magic of Rotary!"



President Sara Brown~
