



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of January 13, 2025

Upcoming Programs:

January 15, 2025	Alyssa Haley LifeNet Services
January 22, 2025	Melissa Goff AR Real Estate Commission
January 29, 2025	Shae Lewis, Director Division of AR State Parks

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Broyles Award Moves to Oaklawn



Today's speakers were introduced by Rotarian Jeff Hildebrand (pictured far left) from Club 99 in Little Rock. In his introduction he shared that he has had the fortune of being associated with the Broyles Award for 19 years. The award is now 29 years old and was created by David Bazzel. Jeff and David have known each other for over 40 years. The Broyles Award recognizes the top assistant football coach in the country. The award is nationally recognized by the National College Football Awards Association and is the only nationally recognized award for division one football coaches. After 28 years in Little Rock, the event is moving from Little Rock to Hot Springs and will be held at Oaklawn. The Broyles Foundation and Broyles family have developed a relationship with Wayne Smith and Oaklawn, and are excited to be in Hot Springs moving forward. The event will be Thursday, February 13 and will be an evening event. The Broyles Award is put on by the Broyles Foundation with the help of many volunteers and sponsors. The Broyles Foundation is run by Executive Director Molly Harrell, (pictured third from left) Coach Frank Broyles' granddaughter. Todd introduced Molly to share a few words. Molly shared that they are very excited to be moving the event to Hot Springs and to work with Oaklawn. In 2001, her grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and the family lived in Houston at the time and had no idea really what that was. There was no help for caregivers or support groups. The family moved from Houston,

Texas to Fayetteville and ended up living in the house to take care of her grandmother full-time. Because of the public nature of Frank Broyles' job, when his wife passed away, people started calling the Razorback Foundation to ask for help or advice for their loved ones suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's. The family wanted to help, so they wrote a book titled, "Coach Broyles' Playbook for Alzheimer's Caregivers." It's a practical tips and strategies guide written in sports terms. This was the start of the foundation in 2006. Expanded programs now include caregiver coaching to assist families to form a game plan of care.

David Bazzel (pictured far right) spoke to members about the beginnings of the Broyles Award to honor the greatest assistant coaches. Just 10 years ago, they saw an opportunity to use this event to help the foundation. David shared that this award is so coveted by coaches around the country. Frank Broyes thought it was important to recognize good assistant coaches. Coach Broyles' assistant coaches included Barry Switzer, Jimmy Johnson, Joe Gibbs, and Johnny Majors. He commented that the years in Little Rock have been great, but now that they have moved to Hot Springs, it is going to be better than it's ever been. Hot Springs has more to offer to those who will be in attendance and their overall

Birthdays

Susan G. Aldridge-
May
January 11th

experience. For more information on how you can purchase tickets, tables, or sponsor the event, visit www.broylesaward.com.

4 Way Test



Forrest Spicher – Invocation



Mark Graham – Pledge



Alan Spraggins – 4 Way Test

Jeremy W Brown
January 12th
Martin Northern
January 12th
Karol Bailes
January 21st
Jason T Perdieu
January 21st
Jack C. Porter
January 29th
Daniel E. Disney
February 5th
William Solleder
February 6th
Blake O. Bartholomae
February 7th

The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Today's lucky numbers and a chance to win half the pot belonged to **Jay Winters** and **Chris Franklin**. I saw a Diamond, but not the Ace of Diamonds!

There are now 44 cards in the deck and the total of the pot is currently \$262. Let's do it again next week and see if someone will win the money. Purchase to win and help build our scholarship fund.

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 Brent Atkins introduced the Rotarians who brought guests today and our special guests.

Don Gooch introduced his guest, Wayne Smith, General Manager of Oaklawn, and guest Franklin Bass, Community Bank President for southwest Arkansas.

Richard McGrew introduced his guest and daughter, Carrie Ware with McGrew Properties.

It was great to have **Michael Gastman** with us today. **Larry Levi** will be introducing him as a new member next week. Hope you will be there to welcome him to our club.

It was great to have visiting Rotarian, **Larry Gay**, with us today! Larry is a member of the club in Magnolia.

Student Guests



Liz Robbins introduced student guest Brittonie Haley at this week's meeting. This was Brittonie's second visit to our Rotary Club. We will hear from Brittonie next week and her future plans after graduation. She is a senior at Lake Hamilton High School. We were also pleased to have one of her guidance counselors, Traci Britt, and Principal Clint Jones visit today as well.



Joyce Whitfield introduced student guest Janet Coon. Janet is a senior at Mountain Pine High School and was with us today for her first visit. We look forward to seeing her again next week. Joining her at Rotary today were her parents, Tim & Crystal Mitchell.



JJ Galloway introduced Kelvin Orduna, a senior at Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, & the Arts. This was Kelvin's first visit, and we look forward to seeing him over the next 2 weeks. Always a pleasure to have student guests and learn more about their future plans.

Red to Blue Badge



Congratulations to **Linda Langan** (pictured left) on receiving her blue badge presented by **Gary McQuin** (pictured right). Without a doubt, always, always an entertaining presentation by Gary! Never quite know what to expect, which is why we love it so much!

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New Members

Welcome to Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club:

Ann Xu, MD

Hot Springs Internal Medicine
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Email: anniexu2377@gmail.com

Annie joined because she believes in volunteer service and contributing to the community. Since returning to Hot Springs, joining Rotary felt like a natural next step. Annie also volunteers her time with the Arts Advisory Committee. She is sponsored by Pat McCabe. Annie is married to Dr. Ruchit Rana and they have a young daughter, Jade Rana.



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Aaron Criswell, Director of Sales & Marketing

US Stations, LLC

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Email: Aaron@usstations.com

Aaron joined Rotary to connect with like-minded individuals who are committed to making a positive impact in our community. He is passionate about giving back and believes Rotary offers a unique opportunity to support meaningful local initiatives. Aaron enjoys music and golf. He is married to Jaime and they have 4 children.

Please welcome both of these members to Rotary as we all work together to make our community the best it can be.

Prospective Members

The Board and Membership Committee approved the following prospective member. This is the second of two publications for the proposed member. If there are no written objections sent to the secretary within 3 days of this second publication, he will become a member at our January 15, 2025, meeting.

Michael Gastman

Retired Dillards Executive

Sponsored by Larry Levi

Announcements

Ouachita Children Youth & Family Services Fundraiser

Take the night off from cooking and have dinner at On The Border. Mention you are there to support Ouachita Children Youth & Family Services. A portion of the sales for the night will benefit the programs supported by OCYFS. If you have questions about the programs, contact fellow Rotarian and Executive Director Ashely Thompson.

Annual Chamber Banquet

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Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Carolyn Pierce-Domereze** who recently married Gary Domereze on December 28, 2024. The members of Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club want to wish you much love and happiness in all the days ahead!



Board Notes

Notes from the last board meeting held January 7, 2025:

- Al Carney has resigned from Rotary due to health concerns. The board regretfully accepted his resignation.
- Ashley Bennett has resigned from Rotary because she is no longer with ASMSA and has taken on another role elsewhere, not allowing her to participate in Rotary.
- Rob Koller has resigned from Rotary because they are no longer part owners of AR Logo Logic and a lack of time prohibits him from continuing as a member of Rotary.
- Sadly, John Selig, long-time member and most recently an Honorary Member of Rotary, has been removed from our membership. John passed away in December.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Country Club on **Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at noon**. As always, all membership members are 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.

Rotary Minute



Rotarian Robert Zunick presented the following Rotary Minute:

Why do people join Rotary? Why did you join Rotary? Perhaps it was for professional networking, or service opportunities, or to foster new friendships. Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference. Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and social activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules.

Rotary encourages high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days.

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

Whatever your reason, we are glad you joined our club, and we hope you will look for others to join our club as we work to make a difference in our community and the world around us.

Thought for the Week

What a great first meeting of the new year! It was good to see so many in attendance. A new year brings with it renewed energy, fresh opportunities, and the chance to dream even bigger. Let's begin this year with gratitude - for the friendships we've built, the work we've accomplished and the shared mission that unites us. With each new year comes new hope, new dreams, and the opportunity to create magic every day. To quote Oprah Winfrey, "Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

President Sara Brown~





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LifeNet Emergency Medical Services



Diane LaFollette (pictured left) introduced Bruce Townsend & Klay Hall (pictured center). Both are employees of LifeNet Emergency Medical Services and the speakers for today's Rotary meeting. Bruce has been a dedicated team member of LifeNet since 2004. Starting as an EMT at the age of 18, Bruce's commitment and passion for the field has seen him advance through many roles, such as Field Training Officer, Operations Manager and now the Texas Clinical Manager. In his current role, Bruce focuses on quality improvement and education, drawing on over 15 years of experience as an EMS educator. Klay has been with LifeNet for six years and currently holds the position of Academy Coordinator. His career in emergency services includes 20 years as an officer in the fire service in various roles. After obtaining his paramedic license, he transitioned to EMS education, a field in which they found his calling. As Academy Coordinator, Klay is responsible for coordinating and teaching EMT and Paramedic courses.

LifeNet EMS is a multi-state ground and air emergency medical services provider. LifeNet serves communities across Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. They are governed by a 15-member board of directors, with Diane LaFollette as the board chair. The ground operations emergency 911 service includes Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support trucks. LifeNet also offers non-medical transport for patients in hospitals, nursing homes or in hospice agencies. LifeNet's Medical Air Transport program provides critical patient care through interfacility transfers, scene flights, and other urgent air medical helicopter services in Arkansas. Whether it's local scene response or cross-country transport, LifeNet is committed to providing timely, high-quality care when it matters most. LifeNet operates 2 dispatch centers to ensure seamless coordination for the service area.

Community Outreach includes events, providing an ambulance at a hometown football game, educating local civic organizations, or showing the ambulance to a group of students. Training courses and events include teaching bystander CPR to local groups, educating the public on correct use of 911 or teaching Stop the Bleed courses. The LifeNet team is always ready to share education and information with the community. 2025 marks 20 years of

Birthdays

4 Way Test



Alan Floyd – Invocation



James Frierson – Pledge



Joey Williams – 4 Way Test

The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Today's lucky numbers went to **David Paul** and **Bill Solleder** for the chance to win half the pot! Today was not the day! Maybe next week you will find the Ace of Diamonds!

There are now 42 cards left and the total of the pot is up to \$288. See you next Wednesday and hope you make plans to purchase your chance to win.

Are you interested in helping out with the weekly selling of tickets? If so, please let us know.

Guests

Rotarian Justin Nicklas introduced the Rotarians who brought guests today along with our special guests.

Diane LaFollette introduced her guest, **Romeo Lopez**. Romeo works at the Mid America Science Museum and is the organizer of the Satellite Club.

Justin welcomed Traci Britt and Shane Aitken of Lake Hamilton High School, who attended in support of our guest student speaker, Brittonie Haley.



Student Guests



Liz Robbins introduced Brittonie Haley as our Student Guest Speaker of the Day. Brittonie is graduating from Lake Hamilton High School, and it has been an honor to have her with us for the past 3 weeks. We wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors.



Joyce Whitfield introduced student guest Jannet Coon. Jannet is a senior at Mountain Pine High School and was with us today for her second visit. We look forward to seeing her again next week and hearing more about her future plans.



JJ Galloway introduced Kelvin Orduna, a senior at ASMSA. This was Kelvin's second visit, and we look forward to seeing him next week and hearing about his plans after graduation.



Jim Randal introduced Beyoncé Alvarez-Sanchez, a senior at Lake Hamilton High School. We were happy to welcome Beyoncé for her first visit, and we look forward to seeing her back over the next 2 weeks and learning more about her, her interests and what she plans to do after graduation.

Tribute to Dick Gladden

Dick Gladden joined our club in July 1979. He served as President in 1987-88, was a Paul Harris Fellow and a 2-time Rotarian of the Year. Dick was one of the first members I met and visited with in 1997 when I first came to this club as a student guest. He always had a smile and kind words. He had a remarkable, well-lived 90 years. Many times, when he ended the Rotary Minute, he would say that the person in the story he told was a fine

example of "Service Above Self." Let us honor Dick's legacy by continuing to embody the values he cherished and shared with us. May we always strive to live by his example of selflessness and service to others. I know each of us today would agree that Dick Gladden was truly a fine example of "Service Above Self." There will be a graveside service on Monday at 3pm at Pinecrest Memorial Park in Alexander and a memorial service will be announced at a later date. I hope you all continue to keep his wife Pat, their children and family close to your heart.

Sara Brown, Rotary President 2024-2025



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Email: michaelgastman@sbcglobal.com

Sponsored by Larry Levi

Michael joined Rotary to meet new people, network, and to make a difference in our community. He worked for Dillards for 37 years and is excited about this next chapter in life. He enjoys golf, exercise, and all types of sports. Michael also enjoys being on the lake and traveling.

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.

Economic Minute

Chamber President Gary Troutman gave us a quick monthly update on all the recent happenings in Hot Springs, including but not limited to the following :

- *Had the 5th meeting with our five local Aerospace/Aviation companies

- *Held our 4th Quarter meeting with HSMP's top investors

- *With thanks to Dr. Jack Porter and Representative Bruce Westerman, a \$895B



bill passed that included a section allowing a 3-year timeline to find a solution to the Army/Navy Hospital issue

*Scott Dews was interviewed by KHTV Channel 11 about the Majestic Village renderings prepared by David French

*The HS Board of Realtors installed their 2025 officers and directors

*Gary attended HS Village POA GM's Kelly Hale's last meeting in December and new GM Ken Unger's first earlier today

*Tommy Thurman, the school superintendent at Cabot, was named as the new superintendent at Lake Hamilton starting in July

Exciting site visits with Wayne Smith at Oaklawn and Matt Bell at Origami Sake,

the latter has gone from supplying one state to 25 in less than two years

*Gary presided over his last AEDCE Board meeting as 2024 Chair

*A new expansion project was opened with AEDC, with a local company looking to double their production in the next year

*Gary and Vickie have just returned from U.S. Chamber Institute where Vickie completed Year 3 and Gary served on the Board of Regents and taught a class on Workforce

*A local realtor is working on a massive development project for Hot Springs

*Home Depot's rezoning was approved by the City Board of Directors

*David Bazzel is the guest speaker for the Annual Chamber Banquet & Community Awards at Oaklawn on January 30, tickets at the Chamber or on the website

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Fun Fact!

Today, January 15, was the day that our Sister City agreement with Hanamaki, Japan was signed in 1993. Past President Dennis Smith was a huge champion and involved in the establishment and early success of the program. Thank you, Mary, for sharing this, and we appreciate your continued work with our Sister City Program.

Thought for the Week

This year's Rotary International Motto is "The Magic of Rotary." As we remember our dear friend Dick Gladden, along with so many others that have passed that strengthened the foundation of our club, let us honor their legacy by serving others with kindness, dedication, and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of those around us.

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AR Real Estate Commission



Today's speaker was Melissa Goff, Executive Director of the Arkansas Real Estate Commission. The Arkansas Real Estate Commission is a body that is entrusted with the protection of the public interest through regulation of real estate, licensing, examining the salespersons and brokers of real estate, and enforcement of real estate Laws in Arkansas. The commission oversees the licensing and brokerage activities of real estate salespeople, brokers and real estate education providers across the state, in addition to administering the timeshare registration program. No taxpayer dollars are received to fund the commission. The Real Estate Commission is fully funded by license fees. Melissa believes that education is key to making sure agents and brokers have the knowledge and the tools that are necessary to protect not only themselves, but potential buyers and sellers. Two "Hot Topics" that are currently being discussed and watched closely in the industry are fraudulent sellers who typically target vacant land and vacation ownership properties and real estate wholesalers who look for undervalued properties to target. For more information, visit [About Us - Arkansas Real Estate Commission](#). **Karol Bailes** introduced today's guest. Karol is a realtor with Crye Leike Realty and is pictured left with our guest Melissa Goff (pictured center) along with **President Sara Brown**.

4 Way Test

Birthdays

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January 29th

Daniel E. Disney
February 5th



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Neal Harrington
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Kelsey B Blackmon
February 15th
Jared Zeiser
February 22nd

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There are now 40 cards left and the total of the pot is up to \$357. See you next Wednesday and hope you make plans to get your chance to win.

Any week you would like to give Carolyn a break and sell chances, just let me know!

Guests



Rotarian Tim Metcalf introduced the Rotarians who brought guests today along with our special guests.

Sara Brown introduced her guest, Tammy Browning. Tammy serves on the AR Real Estate Commission and is a relator with Trademark Real Estate.

Kevin Newton introduced his guest and lifelong friend, Jeff Hutzel.

Hunter Temple introduced Bob Geer, who is a member of the Scenic 7 Rotary club.

Jim Randall introduced Traci Britt and Clint Jones from Lake Hamilton High School, who were there to support student guest, Beyoncé Sanchez.

Tim welcomed Tim Mitchell and Raith Monroe, who attended in support of our guest student speaker, Jannet Coon, a senior at Mountain Pine.

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

Student Guests

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back next week as our student guest speaker.

Student Guest Speaker



Introduced by **Joyce Whitfield**, Jannet Coon was the first of two student guest speakers. Jannet is a senior at Mountain Pine and the "Tuesday Child" in a family of 7 children. She wrote an essay for scholarships titled, "Just an Average Tuesday," that explored the 7 children in her family. Jannet and her family moved to Arkansas from Michigan, and she shared that being in a smaller school at Mountain Pine had given her greater opportunities to grow, learn, and develop confidence. She has always dreamed of being an architect. When she graduates with not only her high school diploma, but also an Associates Degree from National Park College, she plans to attend Henderson State University to study Engineering. She plans to transfer to the University of Arkansas to fulfill the dream of becoming an architect. She ended with a quote from Winston Churchill, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it's courage to continue that counts."



Our next student guest speaker, Kelvin Orduan, was hosted by **JJ Galloway**, and in her introduction she noted what a delight it was to get to know Kelvin. He is a senior at ASMSA. Kelvin shared that he is from Huntsville, AR and his older sister is also a graduate of ASMSA. He has worked on many projects, but is particularly proud of one where, along with fellow students, they created an app to help visually impaired users to safely cross the street using AI. The app is set to release in February and will be free to users. This past October, Kelvin was invited to Yale where he was admitted to

participate in one of their student programs and is also enrolled to begin classes in the fall to study Computer Science & Economics.

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.



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Riser Lincoln Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of Riser Lincoln is scheduled for February 6, 5 pm - 7 pm at 4201 Central Avenue. Stop by and see **Matt Barrett** and the new Riser Lincoln.

US 97 Home & Outdoor Show

Sponsored by US 97 & Royal Home Improvement, the annual Home & Outdoor Show is being held at the Hot Springs Convention Center on Friday, February 7 & Saturday, February 8, 10 am - 6 pm. Aaron Criswell brought tickets for the show, which will be available at next week's meeting if you would like to make plans to attend.

Read Between The Wines

The Literacy Council of the Ouachitas is hosting Read Between The Wines on Thursday, February 20th at 6 pm at the Chittum at Forrest Lakes, 305 Forest Lakes Blvd. You will have a chance to enter to win a trip to Cabo San Lucas. Tickets can be purchased at the Literacy Council and at Black Ribbon Books. Contact Sarah Richardson for more information.
