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Newsletter of the *River City*
Grotto – Jacksonville, FL
An [NSS](#) Affiliated Grotto

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
NEXT MEETING: TBD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cavort Workday #2: With help from the FSS we had our first workday this past month (read about that [Here](#)), but there's still more work to be done!

We will have our second work day to prepare for the cavort on January 14th.

2024 Cavort: The location and dates for the 2024 cavort are set; the cavort will be March 15th-17th at Jerry's Farm so mark your calendars! Information regarding the details will be given as we get closer to the date.

2024 Karstmas Party: This year's Karstmas Party will be at 7:00 p.m. on December 8th at Mike and Connie's house; you can RSVP and get more details [here](#).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial State: We are solid financially.

MEMBER SECTION

Membership Dues: It's time to pay membership dues; membership dues are \$15.00 (plus \$5.00 for each additional family member). The benefits of membership are too numerous to list, but let me just say one thing: Members Only Escalator in Warren's. Yeah, that's right. You can pay online here:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/RiverCityGrotto>.

CAVING IN THE NEWS

SCCI Names New Volunteer Chief Scientist.

The board of the Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc has named the esteemed Dr. Hazel Barton as it new Volunteer Chief Scientist. Dr. Barton is a well known name in the worlds of cave exploration and speleology with a very long resume that she will be bringing to the largest cave conservancy in the United States. Read more about it here, and while you're at it make sure to become a member and support all the work they do protecting caves and access to caves: [Here](#)

CAVING!

No grotto trips these past couple months. The Cave-In had most pretty busy.

Aside from that it was still a pretty TAG heavy time, with Scott and Striker getting up to Pigeon Mountain and Chattanooga for some climbing and stealing away time to get in some caving. Caves visited included a multi-pitch pull down trip in Richard's Cave (read about it [Here](#)) as well as South Pittsburg pit (story [Here](#)) and a very dry [Gourdneck Cave](#).

