



The Bath Tub

Hot Springs National Park Newsletter



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Week of February 3, 2025

Upcoming Programs:

February 5, 2025	Cliff & Susan "Life as Professional Musicians"
February 12, 2025	Kathy French Executive Director Arkansas Kids Read
February 19, 2025	Steve Arrison CEO Visit Hot Springs World's Shortest Parade Preview

Club Leaders



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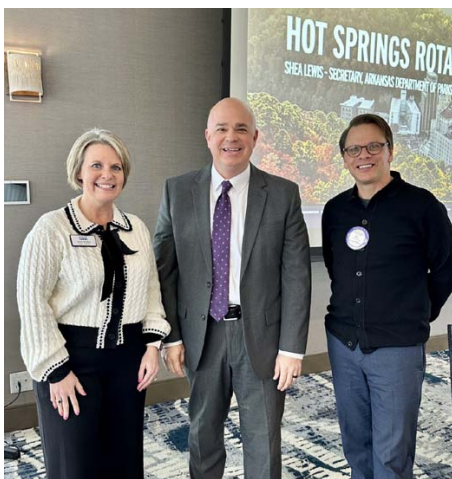


[Arthur D. Floyd](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



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iPast President

Shae Lewis - AR State Parks



Shae Lewis - Secretary, AR Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism was the speaker at Rotary. The mission of this organization is to protect and promote our state's natural, cultural, and historical assets, contributing to a thriving economy and a high quality of life. The state tourism economic impact is impressive. Total visitor spending of \$9.9B in 2023, which was 7.5% over 2022. Visitor spending generated \$574M in state taxes and \$232M in local taxes. Visitor spending generated 70,026 jobs in Arkansas with an income of \$2.2B. Arkansas saw 50.7M visitors in 2023 with 36.4M of those identified as leisure visitors. Garland County saw a 7.4% increase in visitor spending in 2023, totaling \$903M. State taxes collected in Garland county last year were \$54.7M, and local taxes \$22.9M. Garland County employed 7,024 people in the travel industry in 2023 with income to the travel industry labor of \$189.2 M. The Arkansas State Parks Department work to define the experience at each Arkansas State Park. It is important to make each camping experience unique, focusing on infrastructure, existing facilities and high-level maintenance. The department is investing in the future with the latest fixtures and equipment along with building new trails and funding trail maintenance. Arkansas tourism continues to be highlighted in these ways - Enhancing the user experience on Arkansas.com,

highlighting Arkansas' premier outdoor recreation products through a targeted and expanded media presence, continuing brand development to establish Arkansas as a premier destination for rock-climbing, trails for cycling, mountain biking and shared use. Those same marketing and branding efforts show the outdoor enthusiast that Arkansas is a place to relocate to, whether it be for retirement or job relocation. Shae Lewis is pictured above (center) with **President Sara Brown** and **Rotarian Bill Solleder**. Bill had the honor of introducing Shae as the speaker.

Birthdays

Daniel E. Disney
February 5th
William Solleder

4 Way Test



Libby Harrington – Invocation



Renee Bartholomae – Pledge



Michael Gastman – 4 Way Test

February 6th
 Blake O. Bartholomae
 February 7th
 Michelle Ratcliff
 February 9th
 Neal Harrington
 February 12th
 Kelsey B Blackmon
 February 15th
 Jared Zeiser
 February 22nd
 Libby Harrington
 February 26th
 Matt Barrett
 March 2nd

The Rotary Scholarship Trust Drawing



Two Kings of Rotary drew 2 Queens - no Ace of Diamonds today! Better luck next time Ira Kleinman and Larry Bailey. Maybe next week you will be the one.

There are now 38 cards left and the total of the pot is up to \$423. See you next Wednesday...bring your cash and help build our scholarship fund!

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

Guests



Rotarian Mary Zunick introduced today's guests. She welcomed Lillian Alderman, a counselor at Mountain Pine High School. Lillian came to support Jakob Walpole who was with us for his first visit today.

Mary also welcomed Traci Britt and Brian Bales from Lake Hamilton High School who were in attendance with our student guest speaker Beyoncé Alvarez-Sanchez.

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



Justin Hickman introduced Jakob Walpole, a senior at Mountain Pine High School. We were happy to welcome Jakob for his first visit and look forward to seeing him again next week. Please make Jakob feel welcome to our club.

Student Guest Speaker



Jim Randall introduced Beyoncé Alvarez-Sanchez for her third and final visit and as the Student Guest Speaker for the day. Pictured left with **President Sara Brown** receiving her 4 Way Test coin, Beyoncé shared with the club that she was born and raised in California, but now calls Hot Springs her home. She is a senior at Lake Hamilton, adopted and the oldest in a large family. She is like a second mother to her younger siblings. After graduation, she plans to attend BYU Hawaii to become an attorney specializing in adoption and immigration law. This is something she is deeply passionate about. Beyoncé believes that knowledge is a powerful tool to bring about positive changes, whether in life or in the courtroom. She believes that we can create a world where everyone has an opportunity to succeed. She is active in her church and serves as a counselor to young women, mentoring them in life skills and their spiritual journey. Her favorite quote comes from Thomas S. Monson, "The future is as bright as your faith." Beyoncé believes we all have the power to uplift and support each other and make the world a better place.

Announcements

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4 at noon at the Hot Springs Country Club. If you are working on your blue badge and have not attended a board meeting yet, we hope you will join us. All members are welcome to attend.

Broyles Award

There are still a few tables left to be filled, so if you would like to be a part of this long tradition that has moved to Oaklawn, contact Brent Atkins or visit www.broylesaward.com. The award celebration will be held on February 13.

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.

Thought for the Week

This year's Rotary International Motto is "The Magic of Rotary". We continue to spread the magic of rotary through programs like our student guest program, scholarship program and RYLA. Thank you all for continued efforts throughout the community. In honor of our program today, state parks remind us that the best adventures aren't always far away—they're nestled in the heart of our own backyard.

President Sara Brown~

