

# Rotary



## Club of ShadesValley

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### TODAY'S PROGRAM: Heath Thompson, Rotary Global Scholar



Heath Thompson, as a Rotary Global Scholar completed a year and a half of postgraduate study at the University of Glasgow in Scotland and was awarded a Master's in Education, Public Policy & Equity, with the highest honors. He is the first in his family to earn a postgraduate degree, and he plans to share with you a bit about this experience and what it has meant to him.

He is a native of Lexington, Alabama and attended the University of Alabama for his undergraduate degree. After graduating, he worked at UA for five years as an International Education Coordinator, where he assisted hundreds of students seeking to study abroad, focusing much of his efforts on students like himself, in-state students with limited resources struggling to study abroad. Working with these students motivated Heath to better understand the connection between education and personal empowerment, how inequity limits student potential, and how policy can improve our institutions of learning. Studying at Glasgow was for Heath the perfect opportunity to do just that.

### Next Week

**Jennifer Jones: Trustee, The Rotary Foundation  
and  
Past Vice-president, Rotary International**

### COVID-19 Response Meals Project

To date the RCSV has served meals to the Critical Care Transport team of Children's of Alabama, the employees of the Birmingham Zoo, the first responders and office staff of the city of Mountain Brook, the homeless of the Firehouse Shelter and the Arkadelphia Road based Alabama State Troopers. No meals were served this past week but plans are for a couple more in the next few weeks!

### Polio Eradication Update (As of June 2)

This YTD = 61  
Pakistan: 49

Cases Last YTD = 34  
Afghanistan: 12

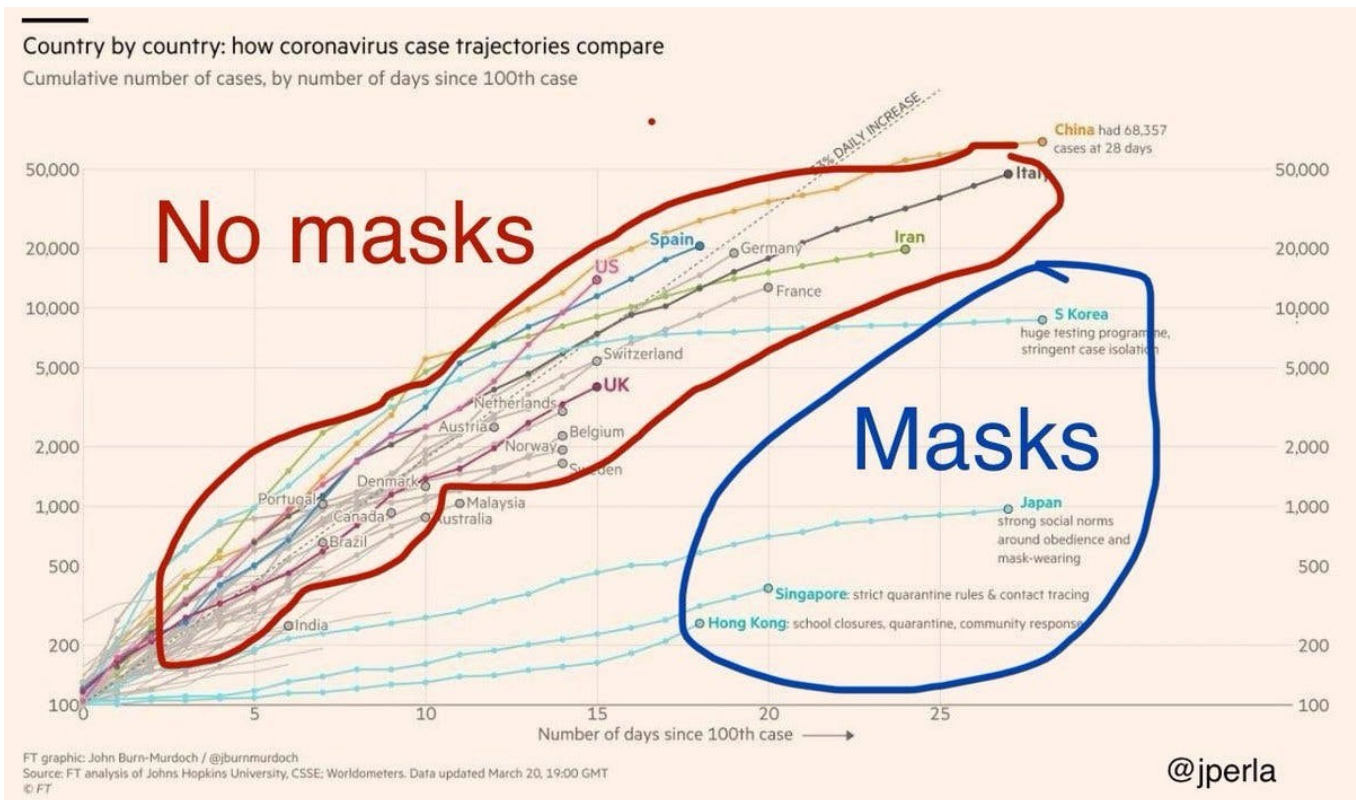
Total 2019= 176  
Nigeria: 0

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# MASKS

by John Gleissner

We hope Americans wear masks in public, in cities, and when close to others. Masks serve the valuable purpose of keeping our mouths shut, and this reduces respiratory droplets. Masks are a sign of courtesy to others, showing that we do not want to infect them. They stop or reduce droplets, and constantly remind us to keep social distance. Masks signify that we are not taking the pandemic lightly. Some resist and regard mask-wearing as submissive to government authority, and are right. We are in bondage to the law so that we may be free. Our religions tell us to submit to the laws of those in authority. Birmingham has an ordinance requiring that masks be worn, and other cities may adopt those ordinances in the future. It is clear from this chart that the nations using masks have better COVID-19 outcomes. The mask-wearing nations are closer to the source of novel viruses that turn into epidemics and pandemics, and they have densely populated cities. This means they have “been there and done that” regarding viruses and epidemics. We ought to benefit from their experience, as we in the USA have had more COVID-19 deaths than other nations.



## COVID-19 TESTING

Of the four (4) COVID-19 testing centers, the one closest to our Club is **UAB Medicine**, Environmental Sciences Lab parking lot at University Boulevard & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street South (205-975-1881). The **Cahaba Medical Care** site is located at 1308 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Birmingham (205-679-6325).

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## CELEBRATION TIME

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Adams, Donelson R. (DONELSON)	30 June
Birmingham, John M. (JOHN)	18 June
Harvey, Fletcher III (FLETCHER)	26 June
Hester, Wayne A. (WAYNE)	18 June
Martin, William Fred (FRED)	10 June
Slater, Elizabeth (LIZ)	29 June
Spencer, James V. III (JIM)	29 June
Steele, John Taylor (TAYLOR)	06 June
Sullivan, Dave (DAVE)	07 June

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years(P)	Total
Casey, George (GEORGE)	06/25/12	8	0	8
Chatterton, Marcus (MARCUS)	06/01/15	5	0	5
Clark, Walter D. (WALTER)	06/01/79	41	0	41
Evans, Michael J Sr. (MIKE)	06/24/19	1	0	1
Lewis, Jon E. (JON)	06/25/18	2	4	6
Murphy, Erica Pezent (ERICA)	06/10/19	1	13	14
Oldham, Benjamin R (BEN)	06/10/19	1	0	1
Peeples, Candace B. (CANDI)	06/10/02	18	0	18
Relfe, Ann (ANN)	06/01/91	29	0	29
Roberts, Alieze Drake (LISA)	06/04/18	2	0	2
Sides, Charles Keith (KEITH)	06/01/91	29	0	29
Summey, Sidney C. Jr.(SID)	06/04/18	2	25	27

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Anthony, Carter E. (CARTER)	Janice	06/02	52
Bell, David W. (DAVID)	Betsy	06/21	40
Blackenburg, Ryan J. (RYAN )	Kim	06/17	14
Bradford, Patton Jr.(PETE)	Marian	06/20	56
Brasfield, Charles Theodore III(TED)	Jeannie	06/16	19
Davis, Jennifer D. (JENNIFER)	Jim	06/20	44
Gross, Michael S. (MICHAEL)	Marillyn	06/08	57
Haskell, Wyatt R. (WYATT)	Susan	06/01	42
Johnson, Orson L. (PETE)	Mary Jean	06/15	46
Lewis, Robert J. (ROBERT LEWIS)	Sonya	06/07	23
Major, Lamont (LAMONT)	Mary Alice	06/18	37
Nigri, Victor Patrick (VIC)	Beth	06/01	19
O'Neil, Frank B. (FRANK)	Janet	06/30	36
Peeples, Candace B. (CANDI)	Lloyd	06/29	18
Roberts, Lynette R. (LYNETTE)	Todd	06/19	21
Robin, Theodore Tydings Jr.(TY)	Helen	06/08	57
Rogers, Fred E. Jr.(FRED)	Judy	06/16	67
Ross, William Hale (BILL)	Kitty	06/07	51
Somers, James Thomas (Tom) Jr.(TOM)	Mary Ann	06/26	27
Wade, Mike Douglas (MIKE)	Judy	06/05	49
Williams, John Q. (JOHN)	Jan	06/05	55