



## Homewood Keynotes 03.28.2024

Speaker  
**Chuck Holmes, Executive Director**  
Alabama Humanities Alliance

A distinguished career in journalism formed Chuck's passion to lead the Alabama Humanities Alliance. Chuck believes in the power of storytelling and civic engagement to propel positive change. The humanities, he says, provide the vital ingredients that tell us who we are, where we've been and where we're going.

Years in public radio and newspapers took Chuck around the world, but he has deep roots in Alabama (his mother from Decatur, his father from Birmingham). In 2017, he came back South from Washington, D.C., to lead and expand WBHM, Birmingham's NPR affiliate. Previously, at NPR and Atlanta-based Cox Newspapers, he served in leadership roles and as an editor and correspondent, including postings in Jerusalem and Moscow. At NPR, he shared a Murrow Award for Afghanistan war coverage and a Peabody Award for The Race Card Project, a grassroots storytelling initiative.

Chuck holds a B.A. from George Washington University and an executive leadership program certificate from Harvard Business School. He serves on several nonprofit boards and is active in Leadership Alabama (2020) and Leadership Birmingham (2018).

### Save the Date:

**Saturday, 4/5**, 9am-3pm - **District Training Assembly**, Gardendale Civic Center (club pays registration)

Breakouts 1A/1B/1C - 10:10 - 11:20

Secretary & Treasurer Roles & Responsibilities

Youth Services: Interact, RYLA & Youth Protection

Engagement & Membership Leads

Breakouts 2A/2B/2C/2D - 12:30-1:45

Secretary & Treasurer: Status, RI compare & Calendars

Public Image

Developing Successful Fundraisers

Leading Your Club Committees

**Friday/Saturday/Sunday - April 12-14 - Lakeshore Foundation -**

**USWRA Wheelchair Rugby Eastern Division Semifinals Tournament**

Volunteers are needed to assist with:

Score Table - Game Clock, Shot Clock & Scorebook

Penalty Box

Livestream Camera Operators

Concessions & Team Lunches!

Link for new volunteers in email.

**Birthdays:** 3/5 Ben Johnson, 3/8 Crystal Lee, Robert Sprain 3/25, Mary Lou Reynolds 3/25

**Club Anniversaries:** Mike Hathorne 3/25/1999 - 25 years



### Club Leaders

**Jennifer M. Kyle**  
President

**Robert Holmes**  
President-Elect

**Gregg Wadsworth**  
iPast President

**Rachael Dollins**  
President-Nominee  
Secretary

**Kathryn S. Henry**  
Treasurer

**Sandra B. Nelson**  
Sergeant-at-Arms

**Michelle D Hamrick**  
Public Relations Chair

**Michael L. O'Kelley**  
Rotary Foundation Chair  
Director-The Rotary  
Foundation  
International Service  
Projects C

**Mary Lou Reynolds**  
Club Service Chair  
Membership Chair

**Courtney Miller**  
Club Grants Chair

**Mike S. Hathorne**  
Director-Youth Service

**James P. Duke III**  
Director-At-large

**Robert H. Sprain Jr.**  
Director-At-large

### Club Meeting

Homewood  
Meets at Homewood  
Library Main Auditorium.  
Third Thurs service or  
social - call 205-566-  
8693 for info.  
1721 Oxmoor Road  
Homewood, AL 35209  
Time: Thursday at 12:00  
PM

### District Leaders

## Service Project at Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve, March 22, 2024



Sloan Miles, Volunteer Coordinator, wrote to us following our service morning at Ruffner Mountain:

*"It was such a joy to meet and work with you all yesterday! I just wanted to formally thank you all for coming to help us with the garden area we've been trying to revitalize now for a while. Hopefully, as you've become more aware of the importance of biodiverse-gardening and the environmental and ecological implications this practice has, I and the rest of our team hope you carry its lessons forward in your day-to-day lives, maybe even starting a biodiverse garden yourself."*

*The Homewood Rotary Club's collective green-thumbprint will be seen and valued as a warm welcome to all of Ruffner's visitors (hopefully including yourselves). We'd love to partner again with you all, but at the very least we hope you feel the invitation to visit any of the greenspaces we have here in Birmingham."*

Eight club members enjoyed fellowship and teamwork working hard clear the area, spread top soil, and plant native plants at the entrance. We learned a lot about native plants along with identifying weeds and poison ivy, and saved a salamander.

We all agreed that we'd like to do a similar project in the future or organize a social visit to the facility.

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Mary Grace  
Evans  
District  
Governor

### Events

April 4th

[Homewood Club](#)

[Assembly](#)

**Speaker:** Club

Assembly

April 11th

[Homewood Weekly](#)

[Club Meeting](#)

April 17th

[Homewood Club](#)

[Board Meeting](#)

[\(virtual\)](#)

April 18th

[Homewood Club](#)

[Service Project](#)