

Rotary

Club of Homewood



Homewood Keynotes 05.02.2024

SPEAKER

William Hereford

Graduate Research Assistant

Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery, UAB

Advocating for the Prevention of Spina Bifida



William Hereford works with the Global Alliance for the Prevention of Spina Bifida (GAPSBiF). GAPSBiF serves to advocate for the fortification of folic acid into the diets of the millions of mothers worldwide who are at risk of having a child with a neural tube defect, such as spina bifida. Originally from Birmingham, Alabama, William graduated with Cum Laude honors from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences in 2022. He was a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa honors society and the Randall Research Scholars Program, the nation's oldest undergraduate interdisciplinary research program. He also holds master's degrees in Business Management (UA) and Biomedical and Health Sciences (UAB).

William has spent three years conducting research at Children's of Alabama's Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery. Over the years, he has studied the impact of healthcare access and sociodemographic factors on the outcomes and complications of several neurosurgical pathologies, including spina bifida and tumors of the central nervous system.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Homewood Rotary's Chalk Art Festival at We Love Homewood, Central Park, Saturday, May 4. Rhett McCreight is seeking club

members to assist in this event which is now classified as a club service project. Reach out to Rhett via email or text

(rhett.mccreight@homewoodlife.com or 205.266.2774). Or be sure to stop by to check out the awesome works of art created in chalk.

Our International Project in Action - Visit Trussville Noon Rotary on Wednesday, May 15. We have been invited to join Trussville Noon to



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Club Meeting

meet Rotarians from Escandon, Mexico, who are implementing prenatal clinics in rural Mexico. We provided funding for 3 fetal monitors that have already arrived at the clinic. We expect to hear more about this ongoing project and the impact our contribution is making. We need a head count for lunch that day. Sign up on the circulating sheet if you plan to join us. We'll arrange carpools, if there is interest. Trussville Noon meets at Hampton Inn, 1940 Edwards Lake Parkway, Trussville, AL 35235.

Saturday, May 18, 6:30pm - Social night at Birmingham Barons with Shades Valley Rotary and Birmingham Sunrise - member cost \$25, family and friends \$40 each. Includes food and we are located at first base this year. Make reservations with Mary Lou Reynolds (marylou.reynolds@att.net or 205.915.5635). Advance payment appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



Left to right: Marin Smith, Maggie Player, Florence Korley, Lillian Ballard. Our scholarship recipients and their parents joined us last Thursday and shared with us how Homewood High School had shaped their future, the college they will attend and their career plans for the future. Also in attendance was HHS Career Counselor, Ashley Davenport. Several of our recipients expressed the desire to return to Homewood to work in the Homewood School System. The future looks good as these students move on to their chosen college and career path.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Changing of the Guard Social on evening of Thursday, June 27 - time and location TBD

Club Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 6th at Valley Hotel, 6pm cocktails, 7pm dinner.

2025 St. Patrick's Day fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 1 at Valley Hotel, 5:30-9:30pm

Birthdays: Robbie Lee 5/9, Gregg Wadsworth 5/29

Club anniversaries: Mike O'Kelley 5/1/1985, Walter Brown 5/8/1997, John Krontiras 5/28/1998, Leslie Noble 5/22/2003, Vickie Atkins 5/12/2011, Rachael Dollins 5/2/2019

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



Mary Grace
Evans
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Events

May 2nd
[Homewood Weekly
Club Meeting](#)

May 9th
[Homewood Weekly
Club Meeting](#)

May 15th
[Homewood Club
Board Meeting
\(virtual\)](#)

May 16th
[Homewood Club
Service Project](#)

May 23rd
[Homewood Weekly
Club Meeting](#)

May 30th
[NO Club Meeting](#)