

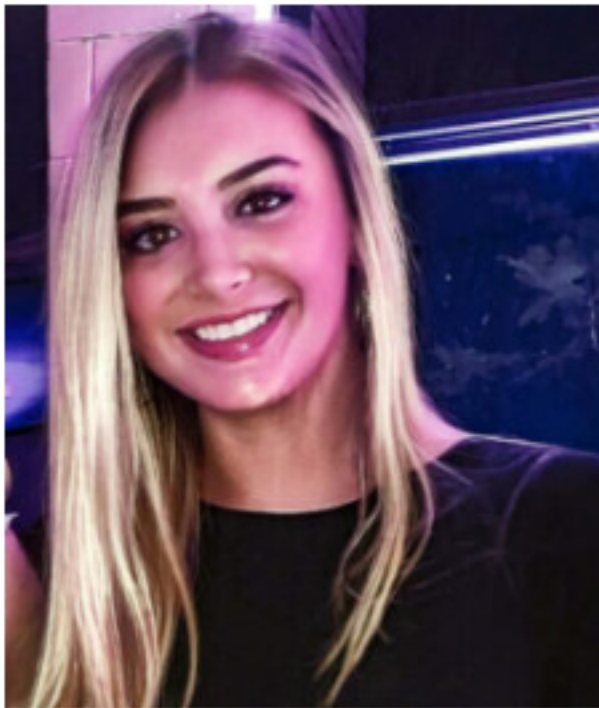


# HOMewood KEYNOTES

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Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta "Serve to Change Lives"  
District Governor 6860 Harold Lewis "Market Rotary: Make it *SHINE*"

## The Program Today- Domestic Violence



Nearly three quarters of all Americans know someone who is, or has been a victim of domestic violence. If the victim does escape & survive, they face many years of therapy to heal from the trauma. That is, if they are able to escape.

Megan felt called to share her experience to help other women avoid the horror that is domestic violence. But Megan was murdered at the age of 31 by her estranged husband just 3 months after she moved away from him. To fulfill Megan's calling, her mother and step-father have established Megan's Fund with the goal of educating students in high school and college about toxic and potentially violent relationships, stopping the violence before it ever happens.

Our speakers today are Susann Montgomery-Clark and Rod Clark, Founding Donors of Megan's Fund. Susann served 37 years in fundraising leadership roles with St. Vincent's Ascension Health in Birmingham, United Way of Central Alabama and her own Clark Consulting LLC. She has served as President of the Boards of the Alabama Association of Fundraising Professionals, (AFP), The Alabama Planned Giving Council, Komen for the Cure and many other non profits. She holds the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy and Fellow in Charitable Estate Planning professional designations and is a graduate of the University of Alabama.

Rod just retired after more than 47 years in media, most with Charter Communications as Director of National Sales, Southeast Region and has held several leadership positions. He is a past president of the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Birmingham and was a Big Brother volunteer, past President of the Birmingham Advertising Federation and is a Volunteer Committee Chairman for the Regions Tradition PGA Champtions Tour.

And Cleola Callahan, MSW. Cleo is Senior Director of Domestic Violence and Shelter Services at the YWCA Central Alabama She has a B.S. degree in Social Work from Miles College and a Master of Social Work from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She was an educator in Birmingham City Schools for 15 years and has been with the YWCA for five and a half years where she developed a trauma-informed approach to domestic violence.

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## Upcoming Dates

Today: A gathering of Rotarians to discuss possible programs and/or fundraising options designed and implemented by our club to support efforts to reduce domestic violence in our community, Takes place right after the general meeting in the same room at the library.

June 15th: The board of directors meets at 8:00 a.m. at the Homewood Public Library. All are welcome.

June 16th. A very special turnover event during our social get together. President Rhett and his board of directors will hand over responsibility for our club to our incoming president, Gregg. Details of the social (when and where etc) will be forthcoming shortly.

June 23rd. The American Legion National Oratorical Competition with Emma Noble