

Club Meeting

Shades Valley
 Meets at Birmingham Botanical Gardens
 2612 Lane Park Rd
 Mountain Brk, AL 35223-1802
 Time: Monday at 12:30 PM

May 5 Shades Valley Rotary Club Speaker

The May 5th SVRC speaker is to be determined.

Multi-District Conference Chattanooga, 2-3 May 2025 Chattanooga, TN

If you have already registered - thank you - you won't regret it! ...and this challenge is especially for you - bring a friend. If you haven't registered - here's your opportunity for a lifelong Rotary memory, and an opportunity to **garner your Club 1000 Paul Harris Points** - a full Paul Harris Fellow - for your Club to use as it would like. Even if you are not able to bring a friend - you will meet over 300 once you get there - friends you didn't know you had!

To get us those 300 new friends - we need your help... simply bring yours and share them with us! But time is running out. I want to highlight that **9 April is really 30 April** - we **lose our hotel block on 9 April** and the hotel price (these are really nice luxury rooms) - go from our \$179 price I secured in 2023 to the market price of \$550. *You do not have the last 2 weeks of April to register.*

[Read More](#)

Choose Your Attendance Level at the Botanical Bash

Dear Shades Valley Rotarians,
 Just a friendly reminder that **May 1**, is the big day for our 2025 **Botanical No Show Bash** the most important event you'll never attend. As of today, we have approximately \$17,000 committed with zero expense! All proceeds benefit the Shades Valley Rotary Charitable Foundation and your gift is 100% tax-deductible. If you haven't already "registered" (a.k.a. made a donation), there's still time to *not* show up in style and simultaneously support the significant work our Club does year-round. Choose your level of delightful absence:

- Wallflower Society: \$150
- Potted Plant Patron: \$250
- Ghost Orchid Benefactor: \$500
- Invisible VIP: \$1,000
- Phantom Philanthropist: \$5,000
- No-Show Legend: You decide!

Donate online here: [2025 Botanical NO SHOW Bash Donation Page](#)

Or bring a check to our Monday, May 5th meeting!

Thanks for supporting our Club by not showing up tomorrow, but by helping us stand out!

With gratitude,

Andy Bell

May 14-18 Regions Tradition - Greystone



Greetings Shades Valley Rotarians!

Be a Rotary volunteer at the May 14-18 Regions Tradition - Greystone for charity, fun and fellowship! This is the 5th year we've participated as a club, and it's a Community Service Project that is both fun and meaningful, with proceeds going primarily to Children's of Alabama.

We will be inside the ropes and marshall hole #16 again this year, which is a beautiful par 4, not far from the clubhouse. **Bring your folding lawn chair and enjoy the day!** When you register via the link below, be sure to select RCSV hole #16. David Bell and I are co-captains, and I signed up for the Pro-Am on

Wed. (1/2 day) and Sat.-Sunday (all day), which will qualify for the free round of golf later at Greystone, and is fully transferable to anyone! Check out and enjoy ALL the other perks listed on the Regions Tradition link below!

RegionsTraditionVolunteers@trustevent.com

I always look forward to this charity volunteer event, and register today to join us thru the link below!

Speakers

Events

No Events found

Years of Service

Steven L. Boone
 05-12-1997
 28 Years
 Mary Lynn Campisi
 05-17-1999
 26 Years
 Christopher O. Pfefferkorn
 05-16-2016
 9 Years
 Rick W. Sprague
 05-15-2017
 8 Years
 Arthur E. Johnson
 05-20-2019
 6 Years

Club Leaders



[William C. Wentowski](#)
 President



[Willard L. Dean](#)
 President-Elect
 Vice President



[Jon E. Lewis](#)
 iPast President



[Robert E. Schuler](#)
 Secretary
 Treasurer



[John G. Beard](#)
 Sergeant-at-Arms



[William L. Longshore III](#)
 Club RYLA Contact
 Director-Youth Service
 Youth Service Projects Chair
 Club Young Leaders Contact



[Ashley L. Neese](#)
 Club Admin Chair
 Club Service Chair
 Director-Administration



[Bridget B. Sikora](#)
 Public Relations Chair
 Director-Public Relations



[Tom Killian](#)
 Rotary Foundation Chair
 Director-The Rotary Foundation

SVRC worked with Mt. Brook High School Interact Club & BSA Troop 21



Seventeen Shades Valley Interact students from Mountain Brook High School, and Troop 21 Scouts and leaders convened to spruce up a stretch of the Shades Creek Greenway on Saturday, April 26. We planted 12 native trees ranging in height from one to 10 feet, cleared six brush piles, and trimmed swaths of grass and vines along the popular pathway. One of the Interact Club students energetically planting trees, spreading mulch and dragging brush was MBHS Junior Lulu Gribbin. She continues to courageously recover from a horrific shark attack last year.

Restoration Academy Scholarship Awards



Fellow Rotarians, George Casey and Tom Somers awarded the Community College and Trade School Scholarships on Monday 4/21 at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Tom was invited to the Restoration Academy (RA) campus on Tuesday 4/22 to award the same four students their scholarships in front of their faculty members and schoolmates. It turned out to be an exceptional experience for both Billy Longshore, a long-time RA supporter and Tom as they proudly represented the Shades Valley Rotary Club. After the award ceremony, Billy and Tom met with Brian Goessling, Exec Director, and Ty Williams, Assoc Director of RA. Mr. Williams happens to be a former Shades Valley Rotarian. They gave Tom and Billy a tour of their impressive multipurpose gym, where the award ceremony took place, and their equally impressive new kitchen facilities.


Save The Date For The Following Upcoming Shades Valley Events


David Bell is planning a Red Cross Spring Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens Rotary Meeting Room. Please plan on donating your blood and a half hour of your time that benefits adults and children in need of platelets, plasma or red blood cells.





Zoom Details


Via the web:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87420262528?pwd=RmhFVGpzMjFkVWxXUzduTzJ2cjFVUT09>
Meeting ID: 874 2026 2528
Passcode: Yellowbowl


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Rachael P. Upton
Community Service Projects
Chair
Director-Community Service
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Frank B. O'Neil
International Service Projects
Chair
Director-International Service
- 


James Thomas Somers Jr.
Director-Vocational Service
Vocational Service Projects Chair
- 

David W. Bell
Director-At-large
Club Learning Facilitator
- 

Daniel P. Pahos
Director-Membership
Membership Chair
- 

William H. Johnston Jr.
Director-At-large
- 

Claude H. Rhea
Director-At-large
Past President
- 

Paul R. Nurre
Bulletin Editor
- 

John W. Porter
Past President
Club Executive Director
Club Executive Secretary



Via phone:
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 874 2026 2528

Passcode: 9021295071

WEEKLY POLIO UPDATE

Number of Cases as of April 22, 2025: 8

Total Number of Cases in 2024:98

Total Number of Cases in 2023: 12

Total Number of Cases in 2022: 30

Total Number of Cases in 2021: 6

Polio Country Headlines –As of April 22, 2025

Afghanistan

Total for 2025: 2

Total for 2024: 25

Total for 2023: 6

Total for 2022 is: 2

Total for 2021 is: 5

Pakistan

Total for 2025: 6

Total for 2024: 73

Total for 2023: 6

Total for 2022 is: 20

Total for 2021 is: 1

Mosambique

Total for 2023: 0

Total for 2022 is: 8

