

## 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 12 Speaker Brian Barsanti, Ph.D Director of the Southern Museum of Flight



**Brian J. Barsanti, Ph.D.**  
Dr. Brian J. Barsanti was born in Detroit, Michigan, but he spent much of his early life growing up in San Antonio, Texas. Brian has been a part of the Southern Museum of Flight team in Birmingham, Alabama for fifteen years, and he also serves as a part-time faculty member at Huntingdon College, the University of Alabama at

## SVRC Presentation May 5, 2025, Julia Riedel, Associate Director of Development at Mitchell's Place



Rotary Program, May 5, 2025, Julia Riedel, Associate Director of Development at Mitchell's Place (<https://mitchells-place.com/>), discussed with Members of Shades Valley Rotary, visiting Rotarians and guests the signs and symptoms of Autism and the comprehensive program Mitchell's Place provides to children suffering from Autism between 2 and 7 years old and some older children needing counseling.

## 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!

## Speakers

### Events

No Events found

### Years of Service

Charles Keith Sides  
06-01-1991  
34 Years  
Steven L. Boone  
05-12-1997  
28 Years  
Mary Lynn Campisi  
05-17-1999  
26 Years  
Marcus Chatterton  
06-01-2015  
10 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

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

Yours in Rotary Service, Tom

## Choose Your Attendance Level at the Botanical Bash

Dear Shades Valley Rotarians,  
Just a friendly reminder that **tomorrow, 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 (zero expense!) with all proceeds benefiting the Shades Valley Rotary Charitable Foundation (i.e., 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**

## Spiritual Moment, Pledge and Four-Way Test

Please note that the Primary person is responsible for preparing the Spiritual Moment. Pledge and Four-Way Test. If the Primary is not able to attend the assigned meeting date, he/she is responsible for contacting the Secondary to perform the Spiritual Moment, Pledge and Four-Way Test. [Read More](#)

## 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=RmhFVGpqMjFkVWxXUzduTzJ2cjFVUT09>  
Meeting ID: 874 2026 2528  
Passcode: Yellowbowl

**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



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|  | <b>Bridget B. Sikora</b><br>Public Relations Chair<br>Director-Public Relations                     |
|  | <b>Tom Killian</b><br>Rotary Foundation Chair<br>Director-The Rotary Foundation                     |
|  | <b>Rachael P. Upton</b><br>Community Service Projects<br>Chair<br>Director-Community Service        |
|  | <b>Frank B. O'Neil</b><br>International Service Projects<br>Chair<br>Director-International Service |
|  | <b>James Thomas Somers Jr.</b><br>Director-Vocational Service<br>Vocational Service Projects Chair  |
|  | <b>David W. Bell</b><br>Director-At-large<br>Club Learning Facilitator                              |
|  | <b>Daniel P. Pahos</b><br>Director-Membership<br>Membership Chair                                   |
|  | <b>William H. Johnston Jr.</b><br>Director-At-large   |
|  | <b>Claude H. Rhea</b><br>Director-At-large<br>Past President  |
|  | <b>Paul R. Nurre</b><br>Bulletin Editor   |
|  | <b>John W. Porter</b><br>Past President<br>Club Executive Director<br>Club Executive Secretary      |

**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

