

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Club Meeting

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

Richard Friedman



RICHARD FRIEDMAN

Richard Friedman is the retired executive director of the Birmingham Jewish Federation, our Jewish community's central fundraising and community relations agency. He has come out of retirement as a volunteer to help the Jewish Federation educate people about the current Israel-Hamas war.

During his long tenure with the Federation, he visited Israel 55 times. Over the years, he has spoken widely and written extensively about Israel and other Jewish themes. His writing has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, New York Jewish Week, Los Angeles Jewish Times and other publications.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Shades Valley Rotarians and their guests are being called to make a significant difference in peoples' lives by donating blood to the American Red Cross (ARC.) Every donated pint benefits three separate patients by providing whole red blood cells, platelets and plasm. Please take time out of your schedule to support this life-giving ARC mission by signing up for a blood donation on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Botanical Gardens Strange Auditorium (our Monday meeting room.) It is important that you reserve a time on the attached link below so that we can accommodate your schedule. Most donations take thirty minutes or less in a snack/water-friendly environment. In thanks for giving to the ARC, you will be entered into a drawing to win a SuperBowl LIX getaway to New Orleans. If you have any questions please contact David Bell at 205-966-3645.

Appointment link: [CLICK HERE](#)

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Rota> [Read More](#)

Regions Bank Golf Tournament Early Registration

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

As a member of the Shades Valley Rotary Club, you have the unique opportunity to volunteer in a premier Birmingham golf event that benefits Children's Hospital of Alabama. Early registration (\$65) for the Regions Tradition ends January 31, 2025.

Early volunteer registration for The Regions Bank Tradition Golf Tournament at the Greystone Golf and Country Club to be held May 14-18, 2025, ends January 31, 2025. The registration fee will increase from \$65 to \$85 after that date. The SVRC needs 12 to 15 volunteers to staff (marshall) the five-day tournament. Volunteers will receive a hat or visor, polo shirt, parking pass, breakfast/lunch each day, entry credentials, and 5-day-passes for guests. If you work three shifts, you will receive a free round of gold at the Greystone.

Log-in to the Regions Classic website and click on:Volunteer at the top of the page to register. For more information, contact David Bell at 205-966-3645 [Read More](#)

Shades Valley Rotary Leaf Pantry Volunteers

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Thanks to all SVRC members that volunteered at the Leaf Church food pantry.

A special thank you to Eric and Veronica Smoke for arranging the opportunity for SVR volunteers to participate in the food distribution on Saturday, December 21st at the Leaf Pantry. The following Shades Valley Rotarians took time out of their busy holiday schedules to guide families through the Pantry and restock shelves: Lindsey Gardner, John Gliesner, Ashley Neese, Fred Martin, Bridget Sikorsky, Bo Bashinsky, Bob Baker, Eric Smoke, Morgan Smoke (Rotract) and David Bell. Thank you once again

Speakers

January 06, 2025

[Richard Friedman](#)
The Middle East

January 13, 2025

[Tom Underwood](#)
Birmingham Botanical Gardens-Friends of the Gardens

January 27, 2025

[Richard Simmons](#)

Events

No Events found

Years of Service

Wyatt R. Haskell
02-01-1979
46 Years

Gwendellyn L. McLean
02-01-1989
36 Years

R. Henry Taliaferro
01-31-1997
28 Years

Theresa R. Ball
01-27-2020
5 Years

Paul R Nurre
01-24-2024
1 Year

Club Leaders



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

to all for sharing your time and Christmas spirit to serve those in need.

WEEKLY POLIO UPDATE

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Number of Cases as of Dec 18, 2024

Total Number of Cases in 2024: 88

Total Number of Cases in 2023: 12

Total Number of Cases in 2022: 30

Polio Country Headlines –As of Dec 18, 2024

Afghanistan

Total for 2024: 25

Total for 2023: 6

Total for 2022 is: 2

Pakistan

Total for 2024: 63

Total for 2023: 6

Total for 2022 is: 20

Mosambique

Total for 2023: 0

Total for 2022 is: 8

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

Rotary Club of Shades Valley

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