

Club Meeting

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

Tom Underwood - January 13 Speaker



Tom Underwood
Executive Director
Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Tom Underwood joined the staff of the Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens as Executive Director in February of 2017.

He came to Birmingham from the American Horticultural Society, a national, non-profit member-based educational organization based in Alexandria, Virginia, where he served as Executive Director. Founded in 1922, the AHS is one of the nation's oldest gardening organizations, has over 22,000 members across the nation, and is headquartered at River Farm, a historic property that was once part of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate.

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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 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. This event benefits Children's Hospital of Alabama.

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](#)

Zoom Details

Via the web:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87420262528?pwd=RmhFVGpQmJfKvVWxXUzduTzJ2cjFVUT09>
Meeting ID: 874 2026 2528
Passcode: Yellowbowl

Speakers

January 13, 2025

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

January 27, 2025

[Richard Simmons](#)

February 03, 2025

[Ken Berg](#)
Birmingham Boys Choir

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



[William C. Wentowski](#)
President



[Willard L. Dean](#)
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[Jon E. Lewis](#)
iPast President



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Treasurer



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



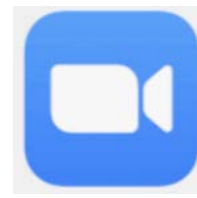
[William L. Longshore III](#)
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[Ashley L. Neese](#)
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WEEKLY POLIO UPDATE



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



Club Service Chair
Director-Administration



Bridget B. Sikora
Public Relations Chair
Director-Public Relations



Tom Killian
Rotary Foundation Chair
Director-The Rotary Foundation



Rachael P. Upton
Community Service Projects
Chair
Director-Community Service



Frank B. O'Neil
International Service Projects
Chair
Director-International Service



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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



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