

### Club Meeting

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

## Ken Berg, Director of the Birmingham Boys Choir, Presents to RCSV on February 3

By Lindsay Elizabeth Gardner



Ken Berg is currently celebrating 46 years as Music Director and Resident Composer for the Birmingham Boys Choir. (ken@birminghamboyschoir.org) Under his leadership, the Choir has toured extensively throughout the United States as well as internationally in Costa Rica, Europe, Japan, and Canada. Additionally, the Choristers of the BBC have sung for OAKE, MENC and ACDA State, Division and National conventions. Ken and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of two sons, Michael and David; both fine musicians in their own right, as well as BBC Alumni! David is also a proud alumnus of the Alabama Young Voices Festival! Ken has served as a State and Southern Division officer with the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and has also served on the Training Courses Committee of the Royal School of Church Music in America. (RSCM) He is also a published composer.



### 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 at 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 golf at Greystone Golf and CC. 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 [Dbell256@gmail.com](mailto:Dbell256@gmail.com) or Tom Sommers at 205-243-7900 [JTSomers@Gmail.com](mailto:JTSomers@Gmail.com)  
[Read More](#)

## February 5, 2025, The Rotary Foundation Dinner, Renaissance Shoals Resort & Spa, Florence, AL

David Allgood, District Governor, cordially invites Shades Valley Rotarians to the Rotary Foundation Dinner. You will be joined by other Rotarians from around the District to honor our benefactors that enable Rotary's amazing efforts both around the world and

### Speakers

February 03, 2025

[Ken Berg](#)  
 Birmingham Boys Choir

February 10, 2025

[Frank Woodson](#)  
 CityServe Alabama

### 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

James Trotter Cobb Jr.

02-20-2023  
 2 Years

### Club Leaders



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[Jon E. Lewis](#)  
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[Laura Gilmour](#)  
 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

here at home. There will be an engaging program presented by Trustee Chair of The Rotary Foundation and keynote speaker Mark Maloney. .

The reception will begin on February 5th at 4:30 PM, and dinner will be served at 5:30 PM at The Renaissance Shoals Resort and Spa, formerly the Marriott Shoals Hotel Convention Center, Florence, Alabama.

You may register online at DACdb or contact Holly Trawick at: [hetrawick@bellsouth.net](mailto:hetrawick@bellsouth.net) or at her cell phone number 205-310-3189. Online registration for this event can be accomplished at the following email address: <https://dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77806139>

A block of rooms will **not** be available for this event. However, a convenient recommendation for an overnight stay is at the convention site: The Renaissance Shoals Resort and Spa. Reservations can be made at: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/mslmc-marriott-shoals-hotel-and-spa/overview/>

Once again, you are invited to join in the celebration of our great Foundation and those who ensure The Magic of Rotary continues to change lives in Alabama and across the globe.

## Save The Date For The Following Upcoming Shades Valley Events

Hurricane Helene has depleted the emergency buckets put together by Shades Valley Rotarians due to its devastating effects on several southern states. David Bell is planning a bucket assembly date in March, and he will need assistance in procuring and transporting bucket items. More information will be provided in coming Scripts. Please plan on attending this important service project.

Claude Rhea is organizing a Greenway Service Project on March 15, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Additional information will be provided in future Scripts.

## Summary of the January 27, 2025, Shades Valley Rotary Presentation

Richard Simmons, III, Executive Director of the Center of Executive Leadership, shared with members of the Shades Valley Rotarians, visiting Rotarians and guests information on Wisdom Principles which assist each of us in finding the right path in life by making good choices in judgment decisions. Should you wish to learn more about his insights, Mr. Simmons has written a book on the subject Entitled Practical Wisdom: The Art of Living Well and can be viewed at his link: <https://richardessimmons3.com/books/>

## Results of the Holiday Clothing Drive

Thank you, John Gleissner for organizing the December 1st and 16th holiday clothing drive that benefits the A.C. Johnsons' Clothing Bank! Members of the Shades Valley Rotary Club generously donated thirty-five bags of adult clothing and this is three more bags than the December 2023 collection. Thank you to all who donated to this very worthy nonprofit.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you, David Bell for organizing the January 21 Red Cross Blood Drive located at the Botanical Gardens and to all Shades Valley Rotarians who took time out of their schedules to donate to this most important life-giving event. Twenty-five blood units were collected, and will be separated into three different components: whole blood, platelets and plasma, benefiting seventy-five different patients. Thank you once again to all Rotarians that participated in this blood drive!

## Zoom Details

### Via the web:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87420262528?pwd=RmhFVGpQmJFkVWVxXUzduTzJ2cjFVUT09>

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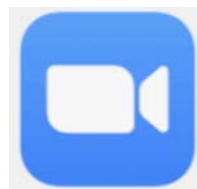
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### Via phone:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 874 2026 2528

Passcode: 9021295071



## WEEKLY POLIO UPDATE

Thursday, August 24, 2017



**Number of Cases as of Jan 22, 2025**

**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 Jan 22, 2025**

**Afghanistan**

**Total for 2024: 25**



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Director-Public Relations



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Rotary Foundation Chair  
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Vocational Service Projects Chair



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Club Learning Facilitator



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



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



**Paul R. Nurra**  
Bulletin Editor



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

**Total for 2023: 6**

**Total for 2022 is: 2**

**Total for 2021 is: 5**

**Pakistan**

**Total for 2024: 73**

**Total for 2023: 6**

**Total for 2022 is: 20**

**Total for 2021 is: 1**

**Total for 2020 is: 84**

**Mosambique**

**Total for 2023: 0**

**Total for 2022 is: 8**

