

Club Meeting

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

MLK Holiday January 20, 2025 NO Club Meeting. There is a Board Meeting at 1:00PM

Due to the MLK Holiday on January 20, 2025, there will be no club meeting at the Botanical Gardens on this date. However, there is a Board of Directors Meeting at 1:00PM located at BTS Technology, 311 W. Valley Ave. Homewood, AL, 35209. For further information, you may contact William Wentowski at: williamw@askbts.com

Richard E. Simmons, III - January 27, 2025



RICHARD E. SIMMONS III

AUTHOR | SPEAKER | LEADER

Richard E. Simmons III is the founding director of The Center for Executive Leadership, a faith-based ministry in Birmingham, Alabama focused on counseling businessmen and professionals, which he started in 2001. Richard and The Center's team currently meet weekly with over 500 people in small groups and one-on-one studies and coaching sessions in the Birmingham, Alabama area.

[Read More](#)

Tom Underwood, Executive Director of Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens on January 13, 2025

Tom Underwood, Executive Director of The Friends of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens presentation on 1/13/25.

On Monday, January 13, 2025, Tom Underwood, Executive Director of The Friends of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens thanked the SVRC for our continued support of their annual Internship Program funded by the Botanical Bash. Mr. Underwood went on to highlight the close relationship that exists between the two entities and then spoke about the Gardens' long-standing history. Rotary Club of Shades Valley members, visiting Rotarians and guests were treated to a variety of interesting facts: The Botanical Gardens opened in 1962 and has grown to be one of the top five attractions in Birmingham; the grounds cover 67 acres; and there are two dozen separate gardens that display native plants and are designed to attract a variety of animal species. Additionally, Jane Underwood, Tom's wife and fellow horticulturalist, is happy to provide golf cart tours of the Gardens and can be reached at (205) 414-3950. [Read More](#)

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

Speakers

January 27, 2025

[Richard Simmons](#)

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

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](#)
 President-Elect
 Vice President



[Jon E. Lewis](#)
 iPast President



[Robert E. Schuler](#)
 Secretary-Elect
 Treasurer-Elect



[Laura Gilmour](#)
 Secretary
 Treasurer



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



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

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=RmhFVGpGpMjFkVWxXUzduTzJ2cjFVUT09>

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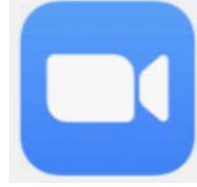
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Via phone:

+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 7, 2025

Total Number of Cases in 2024:96

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 7, 2025

Afghanistan

Total for 2024: 25

Total for 2023: 6

Total for 2022 is: 2

Total for 2021 is: 5

Pakistan

Total for 2024: 68

Total for 2023: 6

Total for 2022 is: 20

Total for 2021 is: 1

Mosambique

Total for 2023: 0

Total for 2022 is: 8

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