

Rotary

Club of Shades Valley



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

November 13th

[Richard Friedman & Brooke Bowles](#)

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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.

BROOKE BOWLES

Brooke Bowles is the executive director of the Levite Jewish Community Center. She has extensive experience in the non-profit community including starting and building a successful agency to serve the needs of people challenged with disabilities.

As the LJCC's director, Brooke oversees a broad network of services and programs that not only serve the Jewish community but also the broader Birmingham community. Under her leadership, the LJCC has become a beacon of diversity, marked by new partnerships with other local agencies and the introduction of innovative strategies to welcome marginalized communities.

Report of the 2023 Nominating Committee

Last Monday November 6, in accordance with club by-law, Chair Bob Baker thanked fellow committee members, Claude Rhea, Jim Shepherd, Wayne Hester, and Bo Porter for their deliberations and then presented the RCSV 2023 Nominating committee report and recommendations for club officers and directors to be elected to serve during RY2024 - 2025 and beyond. The following were proposed:

2025 - 2026 President - Bill Dean

2024 - 2025

- Vice-President/President elect - Bill Dean
- Secretary/Treasurer - Laura Gilmour
- Administrative Director - Ashley Neese
- Community Service Director - Rachel Upton
- Vocational Service Director - Tom Somers
- Youth Service Director - Billy Longshore
- Membership Director - Dan Pahos
- Public Image/Public Relations Director - Bridget Sikora
- Director at Large (Past President) - Claude Rhea
- Director at Large = David Bell
- Director at Large - William Johnston

2024 - 2027 (3 Year Term)

- International Service Director - Frank O'Neil

Following the report of the committee, President Jon Lewis opened the floor for additional nominations and upon hearing none, declared that the nominations were closed by acclamation. He then announced that the election voting would take place at the annual meeting on December 4.

Officers and directors elected in the December 4 voting will join the following who will comprise the 2024 - 2025 Board of Directors effective July 1, 2024:

- 2024 - 2025 President - William Wentowski (Previously elected)
- 2024 - 2025 Immediate Past President - 2023-2024 President Jon Lewis (serving automatically)
- 2023 - 2026 The Rotary Foundation Director (Previously elected)
- 2024 - 2025 Sergeant at Arms (To be elected by the 2024 - 2025 Board during January 2024)

District Rotary Foundation Dinner

Upcoming this Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Valley Hotel in Homewood is the annual District 6860 The Rotary Foundation dinner. Our club is co-hosting the event along with the Rotary Club of Homewood and our own Tom Killian is serving as Chair. TRF major donors, Bequest society members, Paul Harris Society members and other significant supporters are the primary invitees but the recognition dinner is open to all wishing to attend! Past Chair of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation and Rotarian from Wells, Maine, Brenda Cressey will be the featured speaker. Brenda is an outstanding speaker who is inspiring and has a proven record of walking the talk very effectively.

Technically, the reservations have closed out but somehow between Tom, Carol Argo, and Bo, a few additional spots could possibly be made available for any RCSV members wishing to attend. Cost is \$75 per person!

Please check with any of the three tomorrow at the regular meeting!

Clothing Drive for Firehouse Shelter

The **Rotary Club of Shades Valley** will conduct a clothes drive in support of the Men's Firehouse Shelter during the entire month of November, 2023. During the month of November, Members and other Donors are asked to bring clean men's clothing in plastic bags to any November Monday meeting of the **Rotary Club of Shades Valley** or Donors may give bags to any RCSV Member. The **Rotary Club of Shades Valley** meets on Monday at lunchtime (Noon until 1:30 PM) in Strange Auditorium at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. In this month when we give thanks for our blessings, a minimum

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