

Club Meeting

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

Clark Dean Speaker on March 17, 2025

By Willard L. Dean on Wednesday, March 12, 2025



Clark Dean
Executive Managing Director
Transaction Sciences Group
Transwestern Real Estate

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Clark Dean is the founder of the company's Transaction Sciences Group, which operates across asset classes and service lines, and helps direct Transwestern's Tenant Representation & Workplace Solutions business. Clark is a member of Transwestern's Board of Directors and its National Tenant Representation and Workplace Solutions Steering Committee. He also helps lead the company's global partnerships with

BNP Paribas Real Estate and Encor Advisors.

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The Rotaract Club of Birmingham Foundation's Annual Spring Fundraiser: Foundation Ball

RCSV members, employers and friends are encouraged to consider sponsorship support!!!

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Event Overview

Event Name: Foundation Ball
Date: April 5th, 2025
Location: The Fennec (upstairs)
Time: 6:30pm-10:30pm

Join us for an evening of glitz and glam at Rotaract's annual black tie fundraiser, Foundation Ball, that will be held April 5th, 2025 at the Fennec. Enjoy delicious appetizers, grab a drink at the bar, and dance the night away while benefitting Rotaract's Signature Service projects, Ready2Read and Ready2Succeed, which make a lasting impact in our community.

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Rotary Leadership Institute

Upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute

Rotary Leadership Institute training will be available on April 19th at the Central United Methodist Church, 616 Jackson St. SE, Decatur, AL (75 miles from Birmingham). Our RCSV President, William Wentowski, will be attending and has room for two passengers if you are interested in carpooling. What better way to spend three uninterrupted hours with our Club President! You may register by going online to DACdb.com

Successful Bucket Building Service Project

A special "Thank You" goes to David Bell for successfully coordinating the March 10th Emergency Bucket Assembly. Well done! Thanks also to all SVRC and Sunset Rotary Club volunteers who showed up at the Botanical Gardens to unload the supplies, stock the tables and fill the bucket contents. It was heartwarming to see fellow Rotarians pick up 182 buckets lined up in front of the speaker's table and carry them to the awaiting truck. This year's Bucket Assembly eclipsed last year's by 32 buckets helping

Speakers

Events

No Events found

Years of Service

Thomas A. Ritchie
04-06-1965
60 Years
Robert K. Baker
03-31-2003
22 Years
Richard C. Duell III
03-31-2003
22 Years
Leandra Yvonne Celaya
03-15-2010
15 Years
Tom Killian
03-14-2011
14 Years
George Jones
03-21-2011
14 Years
John D. Gleissner
04-02-2018
7 Years
William C. Wentowski
04-09-2018
7 Years
Ernest C. Wood
03-20-2023
2 Years
Bridget B Sikora
04-03-2023
2 Years
Rachael P Upton
04-03-2023
2 Years
Andrew C Bell
04-01-2024
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



Rotaract
Club of Birmingham

disaster relief victims located in Kentucky and Tennessee.

SVRC work with Mt. Brook HS Interact Club & BSA Troop 21; Inclement Weather Notice



Claude Rhea is organizing a Greenway Service Project on March 15, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please bring your gloves and your own tools. Meet at Shades Creek at the intersection of Green Springs Rd. and Laskeshore Dr. near the Homewood Soccer Fields. In case of inclement weather, Claude will notify all concerned volunteers by late afternoon on Thursday, March 13.

Leaf Food Pantry and Urban Farm

Fellow Rotarians, here is a friendly reminder of our ongoing monthly volunteer opportunity at The Leaf Pantry and Urban Farm (LPUF) sponsored by Eric and Veronica Smoke. LPUF supports families facing food insecurity, so please join us every 3rd Saturday for a 2-hour shift (7:30-10:00am, 10:00am-12:30pm, or 12:00-2:30pm). NEXT OPPORTUNITY is March 15. This unique service opportunity helps clients choose food items from shelves; or you may choose to restock shelves; bag and load groceries; or assist with the clothing pantry. There is no heavy lifting required!

Contact Eric Smoke @ 205.427.939 or David Bell @ 205.966.3645 with any questions. Sign up today on Signup Genius: [The Leaf Pantry and Urban Farm VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP](#) [Read More](#)

Spiritual Moment, Pledge and Four-Way Test

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The following is a list of SVRC members that are responsible for the Monday meeting: Spiritual Moment, Pledge and Four -Way Test. If you are assigned as the Primary and cannot conduct the Spiritual Moment, Pledge, and Four-Way Test on the assigned date, then you need to contact the Club Member assigned Alternate to perform the ceremony.

Date	Primary	Alternate
3/17/2025	Carol Argo	
3/24/2025	Wayne Hester	Stephen Gathings
3/31/2025	Frank O'Neil	Lindsay Gardner
4/7/2025	James Sheperd	George Casey
4/14/2025	Bridget Sikora	Dianne Davis

May 14-18 Regions Tradition - Greystone

Greetings Shades Valley Rotarians!

Be a Rotary volunteer at the May 14-18 Regions Tradition - Greystone for charity, fun and fellowship! This is the 5th year we've participated as a club, and it's a Community Service Project that is both fun and meaningful, with proceeds going primarily to Children's of Alabama.

We will be inside the ropes and marshall hole #16 again this year, which is a beautiful par 4, not far from the clubhouse. **Bring your folding lawn chair and enjoy the day!** When you register via the link below, be sure to select RCSV hole #16. David Bell and I are co-captains, and I signed up for the Pro-Am on Wed. (1/2 day) and Sat.-Sunday (all day), which will qualify for the free round of golf later at Greystone, and is fully transferable to anyone! Check out and enjoy ALL the other perks listed on the Regions Tradition link below!

RegionsTraditionVolunteers@trustevent.com

I always look forward to this charity volunteer event, and register today to join us thru the link below!

Yours in Rotary Service, Tom

Join the Fun for the "No Show" Birmingham Botanical Bash



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Treasurer



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Director-Youth Service
Youth Service Projects Chair
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Director-Public Relations



Tom Killian
Rotary Foundation Chair
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Director-International Service



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Vocational Service Projects Chair



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Past President



Paul R. Nurre
Bulletin Editor



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



This spring, we're shaking things up! Our annual Botanical Bash has evolved into a one-of-a-kind event: the **Botanical No Show Bash**—an anti-event designed to celebrate creativity, humor, and a little bit of non-attendance. The "event" serves as a playful twist on the old Bash—highlighting that sometimes absence (or doing things differently) can be the most engaging presence of all.

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Save The Date For The Following Upcoming Shades Valley Events



David Bell is planning a Red Cross Spring Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens Rotary Meeting Room. Please plan on donating your blood and a half hour of your time that benefits adults and children in need of platelets, plasma or red blood cells.

Bridget Sikora is planning a weeknight wine gathering. The date, time and location are to be determined.

Zoom Details

Via the web:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87420262528?pwd=RmhFVGpQmJFkVWxXUzduTzJ2cjFVUT09>

Meeting ID: 874 2026 2528

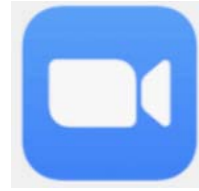
Passcode: Yellowbowl

Via phone:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 874 2026 2528

Passcode: 9021295071



WEEKLY POLIO UPDATE

Thursday, August 24, 2017



Number of Cases as of Feb 25, 2025: 4

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 Feb 25, 2025

Afghanistan

Total for 2025: 1

Total for 2024: 25

Total for 2023: 6

Total for 2022 is: 2

Total for 2021 is: 5

Pakistan

Total for 2025: 3

Total for 2024: 73

Total for 2023: 6

Total for 2022 is: 20

Total for 2021 is: 1

Mosambique

Total for 2023: 0

Total for 2022 is: 8