

### Club Meeting

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

### Gary Christian Biography



#### Gary Christian

Gary has lived the ultimate underdog story. He has experienced golf at all levels, through his playing career on the PGA Tour and Korn Ferry Tour and his broadcasting career over the last eight years he is very familiar and comfortable with every player on the PGA Tour. Known for his on-course commentary, thoughtful and insightful interviewing style, Gary is highly respected in the field of golf media

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### Roberto Carlino, NASA Scientist

SVRC Monday, March 31, 2025, ZOOM Program. Roberto Carlino, NASA Scientist, joined Shades Valley Rotary Members and others online to provide a historical perspective on the human drive for exploration and the development of technology from sailing ships in the 1600s to evolving solar sails to explore our solar system. He also shared videos of astronauts using tools in zero gravity such as drones and mechanical arms on the International Space Station.

### Spiritual Moment, Pledge and Four-Way Test

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
4/7/2025	James Sheperd	George Casey
4/14/2025	Bridget Sikora	Dianne Davis

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

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

### Speakers









### Events

No Events found

### Years of Service

- Thomas A. Ritchie  
04-06-1965  
60 Years
- David W. Bell  
04-23-2007  
18 Years
- John D. Gleissner  
04-02-2018  
7 Years
- William C. Wentowski  
04-09-2018  
7 Years
- Rachael P Upton  
04-03-2023  
2 Years
- Bridget B Sikora  
04-03-2023  
2 Years

### 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
-  [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  
Director-Administration
-  [Bridget B. Sikora](#)  
Public Relations Chair  
Director-Public Relations

**The Rotaract Club of Birmingham  
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# Rotaract

Club of Birmingham



**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

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

## SVRC work with Mt. Brook High School Interact Club & BSA Troop 21



Claude Rhea is organizing a Greenway Service Project on April 26 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, April 24.

## 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). THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY IS APRIL 19. 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](#)

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

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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## Multi-District Conference Chattanooga, 2-3 May 2025

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Please allow me to invite you to one of the most anticipated and rewarding events in our District this year... **Registration is now open for our Multi-District Conference!**

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77814969>

I am excited to invite you to our **Rotary Multi-District Conference** taking place in **Chattanooga** from **May 2-3, 2025!** This event is set to be one of the most exciting and impactful gatherings of the year, bringing together Rotarians from across the region for a weekend of learning, fellowship, and inspiration.

And we're proud to announce some very special **VIP guests** joining us:

**Barry Rassin** - Past Rotary International President & Immediate Past Chair of the Trustees of



**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

The Rotary Foundation  
**John Germ** – Past Rotary International President  
**Beth Stubbs** – Rotary International Director and Executive Treasurer [Read More](#)

## 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 SVRC 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](mailto: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

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



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.

## Zoom Details

### Via the web:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87420262528?pwd=RmhFVGpGpMjFkVWxXUzduTzJ2cjFVUT09>

Meeting ID: 874 2026 2528

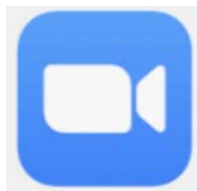
Passcode: Yellowbowl

### 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 <Mar 27, 2025: 7**

**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 Mar 7, 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: 6**

**Total for 2024: 73**

**Total for 2023: 6**

Total for 2022 is: 20

Mosambique

Total for 2023: 0

Total for 2022 is: 8

