

ROTARY

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THE WEEKLY CLUB BULLETIN

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHADES VALLEY

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BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

MONDAYS 12:30 P.M.

### ON THE CALENDAR

- Feb 22** — Orientation, 11 a.m.; If you have a candidate, contact [becky@shadesvalleyrotary.org](mailto:becky@shadesvalleyrotary.org) (date alternated)

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- Mar 1** — Bev and Mimi Head on Iran

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- Mar 8** — Fred Spicer on the Botanical Gardens' New Master Plan  
— Orientation, 11 a.m.; If you have a candidate, contact [becky@shadesvalleyrotary.org](mailto:becky@shadesvalleyrotary.org)

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- Mar 15** — Shelley Stewart, CEO of O2 Ideas on the Mattie C. Stewart Foundation

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- Mar 22** — Group Study Exchange Team from India  
— Board Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room

### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

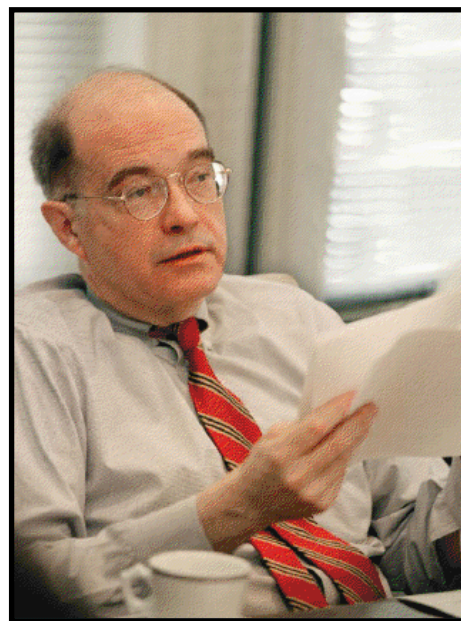
- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### JIM WHITE ON THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SEWER CRISIS

On Monday, Feb. 22, James H. White, III will present a program titled "The Jefferson County Sewer Fiasco: A Way Forward." Mr. White will provide a summary of a presentation from a Cumberland Law School symposium on the financial mistakes made in connection with the sewer system. He will also describe the steps that he thinks necessary to resolve the crisis and speculate on what alternative outcomes might be.

Mr. White of Porter, White & Company is an investment banker and lawyer with over 32 years of experience in public, project and real estate finance and development, and in middle market and venture capital corporate finance.

He founded the predecessor to Porter, White & Company in 1975. Mr. White's professional career began as an associate at the Birmingham, Alabama law firm of Bradley, Arant, Rose & White where he worked in the late 1960s in the areas of municipal securities and public law, tax, mergers and acquisitions and corporate securities. His interest in public law led to a position as legal counsel to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and subsequently to J. H. Shannon & Co., an investment banking firm that was one of the founders of revenue bond financing for health care institutions.



**Jim White**

As legal advisor and subsequently consultant to UAB, Jim led the effort to fund a significant expansion of the campus including the original concept, tax, reimbursement strategy and financial structure of a medical faculty practice plan, the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation, to support the teaching, research and service function of UAB. Later he coordinated the innovative planning and financing of a world-class outpatient facility for the Foundation.

Jim has served as the investment banker for start-up biotechnology companies capitalizing on scientific

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### MONDAY'S MENU

GRILLED CHICKEN TENDERS AND SHEPHERD'S PIE,  
ROASTED MIXED VEGETABLES, CANDIED YAMS,  
TED'S SALAD, ROLLS, & PECAN PIE

## JIM WHITE

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discoveries at UAB, and in connection with numerous leveraged buy-outs, and tax-exempt and middle market financings. Jim also works on valuation and fairness opinions related to corporate acquisitions and reorganizations and gift and estate tax planning.

An important aspect of Jim's work has been project coordination and financial planning for major private and public-private projects, including a green-field steel mill, an automobile plant site location, an airport restructuring and modernization, a convention and civic center expansion and financial restructuring, and a water and sewer system restructuring.

For 22 years, beginning in 1977, Jim served as financial advisor to the City of Birmingham and its principal agencies and assisted the City in addressing the problems of a core industrial city with a declining population, low per capita income and changing economy by implementing development and financing strategies that have resulted in job growth, improved infrastructure and civic amenities, a growing tax base, and improved credit standing.

In recent years, Jim has developed a specialty in performing asset-liability analysis for governmental and non-profit organizations and middle market companies, and in preparing financial, investment and debt plans and policies for these organizations in the context of long range financial plans.

Jim is a co-founder and member of the board of directors of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama whose mission is applied research and public education on public policy issues in Alabama.

## IN THE NEWS

### CLASSIFICATION UPDATES

Please look at the classification sheets that will be on your table at Monday's meeting. The ORANGE cover letter will explain that we are updating the classifications of RCSV members. Please make a note for change by your name if necessary. If your classification is correct, please initial your name. The sheets will be collected following the Monday meeting.

Thank you for your help!

### GUEST MEALS

Members of RCSV are doing a great job of introducing people to our organization by inviting guests who are potential members.

As a reminder, potential members can be a guest of the club for two visits. This is usually for the first visit with RCSV and for the meeting after candidate attends Orientation.

If the prospective Rotarian would like to attend additional meetings as a guest, either the prospect or their sponsor needs to pay for their lunch (\$12). Payment may be made by cash or check or may be billed to the sponsor's account.

Please make arrangements at the administrative table prior to lunch.

### ATTENTION RED BADGERS

Please collect cards from 50 percent of the membership (80 cards) and attend one board meeting (next scheduled on March 22) in order to qualify for a blue badge. New members should try to complete this process in one quarter.

### THANK YOU

We appreciate Dr. Kathy Nugent's biotechnology presentation on Monday, Feb. 8.

We also appreciate Stan Bradley's presentation on Air Ambulances on Monday, Feb. 15.

### RECOGNITIONS

District Governor Georgia Medori attended our Feb. 15 meeting and presented the following awards and recognitions.

Dr. Art Cara was recognized for outstanding club leadership.

Jim Spencer accepted the 2008-09 Star Award on behalf of RCSV for Foundation contributions given per member. The RCSV's life-to-date giving to The Rotary Foundation has surpassed \$1M.

RCSV also received a Certificate of Appreciation for its contribution toward achieving the District goal in the Polio Challenge.

### CLUB FLAGS

New flags were recently received by two members visiting out-of-state clubs. Sean Dardeau visited the local club in Ville Platte, Louisiana, and Sperry Snow visited a club in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Thank you to both for representing RCSV.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Wayne Dove and Ted Hull received their blue badges on Monday, Feb. 15.

THE THIRD ANNUAL  
*Botanical Bash*  
PRESENTED BY THE SHADES VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

Friday, April 9, 2010, 6 p.m.

Dinner, Music, Dancing, Silent Auction

\$35 per person

In support of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens — Intern Program

**ATTENTION: Rotarians, we need your help! Only two items have been donated for the silent auction. Please start submitting your silent auction items now so they can be cataloged and placed. Bring your items to the meeting and give them to Bonnie Richards with a completed donation form. Suggested items include art, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, electronics, etc. If you like it, someone else probably will too! Donated items need to retail for a minimum of \$50 to \$75 and the maximum is unlimited. Ask the merchants that you shop with or restaurants you frequent to donate either items or gift certificates. It is a great way to create publicity for them.**

**ATTENDANCE UPDATE**

Club attendance on Feb. 15, was 63 percent.

**MISSING ROTARIANS**

**ROTARIAN GUESTS**

Georgia Medori Vestavia

**GUESTS GUEST OF**

Leandra Celaya John Beard

Roger Owens Mike Holder

Sam Price Donald Rice

**ROAMING ROTARIANS**

Bob Baker Jan 25, Orientation

Cecil Bostany Jan 28, Ed Fnd Mtng

Cecil Bostany Feb 1, Ed Fnd Mtng

Cecil Bostany Feb 8, Ed Fnd Mtng

Frank Adams	Ellen Holladay
Jane Baker	Clyde Jones
Dave Bannon	Marty Keely
John Beard	Jean Lorino
Bill Bolen	Dan McKiever
Steve Boone	Barbara Monaghan
Susan Brouillette	Sue Murrell
Jack Brown	Frank O'Neil
Bob Burton	Dan Pahos
Frank Caley	Chris Peterson
Lynn Campisi	Ken Rhoden
Jack Carney	Doug Rigney
Jim Cearlock	Ty Robin
Tim Coker	Fred Rogers
David Comfort	Bill Ross
Sean Dardeau	Brad Russell
Angela Davis	Keith Sides
Dianne Davis	Parker Stringfellow
Frank Dean	Brian Sullivan
Don Drennen	Sid Summey
Richard Duell	Wes Templeton
Glenn Estess	Buzz Veal
Bob Faircloth	Steve Vickery
Art Freeman	Scott Watson
Wyatt Haskell	Doc Wiley
Sam Henderson	Ernie Wood

**BIRMINGHAM AREA CLUBS**

**MONDAY**

EASTWOOD  
McElwain Baptist 12:15 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

BIRMINGHAM-SUNRISE  
The Harbert Center 7 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

TRUSSVILLE/E. JEFFERSON  
Courtyard Marriott 7 a.m.

GARDENDALE/FULTONDALE  
Gardendale Civic Center 12 p.m.

HOOVER/RIVERCHASE  
Hoover Country Club 12 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM  
The Harbert Center 12 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

SHADES MOUNTAIN SUNRISE  
Vulcan Park Conf. Center 7 a.m.

BESSEMER  
Bright Star Restaurant 12 p.m.

TARRANT/PINSON VALLEY  
Walker's Restaurant 12 p.m.

INVERNESS  
Greystone Country Club 12 p.m.

ALABASTER/PELHAM  
Shelby County Med. Center 12:15 p.m.

HOMEWOOD-OXMOOR  
Homewood Library 12 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

BIRMINGHAM-EAST  
St. Vincent's East 12 p.m.

VESTAVIA HILLS  
Vestavia Hills Board of Ed. 12:15 p.m.

**RI PRIORITIES & GOALS REMINDER**

**INCREASE ROTARY'S CAPACITY TO PROVIDE SERVICE**

- Emphasize the four Avenues of Service
- Supporting the improvement of clubs that need assistance
- Refine current training
- Expand strategic cooperative relationships at all levels
- Improve RI's efficiency and effectiveness



**SERVING ROTARY IN 2009—2010**

District Governor Georgia Medori

**OFFICERS**

President Art Cara  
 President-Elect Jim Shepherd  
 Treasurer Jodie Smith  
 Secretary Bonnie Richards  
 Sergeant-At-Arms Jacob Erwin  
 Immediate Past President Jim Spencer

Chaplain David Putnam  
 Rotary Script Editor Wayne Dove

**DIRECTORS**

Club Service Wes Brown  
 Community Svc. Jobey York  
 Vocational Service Ken Rhoden  
 International Svc. Bob Baker  
 Membership Hal Cain  
 Public Relations David Bell  
 At-Large Susan Brouillette  
 At-Large Wyatt Haskell  
 At-Large Jean Lorino

Executive Director **Becky Swindall**  
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**SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS**

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Arrive at 11:45 a.m. for facility set up and stay for take down following the meeting. Please contact Jacob Erwin or alternate if unable to perform duty.

Date	Selected	Alternate
Today	Scott Powell, Doug Rigney	Don Rice
March 1	Larry Richardson, Tom Ritchie	Doral Atkins
March 8	Chris Robbins, Bill Ross	Bob Baker
March 15	Mark Russell, Barbara Monaghan	Frank Caley Jr.
March 22	Bill Schoel, Ted Hull Jr.	Steve Coleman, Jr.
March 29	Chuck Sellers, Paul Sharbel	Cecil Bostany
April 5	Neal Shirley, Keith Sides	Carol Argo

**WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID**

"GRANDFATHER'S LIFE lacked the inspiration of fellowship and he thereby suffered a great loss; fellowship would have enriched and sweetened his life. However, grandfather must have had certain resources within himself. He never spoke of being lonesome. During the summer days, he spent some of his idle hours out of doors wherever he could be most comfortable. The front porch was a favorite resort during the morning hours and he preferred to sit on the porch floor with his back against the house. Why he never kept a comfortable chair on the porch, I do not know. Probably it would have seemed too much of an indulgence; he preferred to sit on the south edge of the floor of the porch. Sometimes his left foot was on the ground and sometimes it was stretched out along side its lifelong partner on the porch but whatever variations there might be in the matter of posture, the spot where he sat down was always the same; he was never known to sit on the north edge of the front porch. I wouldn't have believed my own eyes if I ever had found



him sitting there.

**Chapter 23, "Our Front Porch"  
 My Road To Rotary**

**BIRTHDAYS**

David Bell	Feb 17
Richard Hempstead	Feb 19
Bill Hoehle III	Feb 25
Marty Keely	Feb 15
Bob Kracke	Feb 27
Barbara Monaghan	Feb 25
Chuck Sellers	Feb 17
Steve Vickery	Feb 28

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Henry & Suzanne Taliaferro, 11 years Feb 26