



## The Big Wheel

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## This Week's Program - July 13, 2021

### *How COVID Has Impacted Craighead County*

This week Craighead County Judge **Marvin Day** will share the impact COVID has had on the county and the measures the county is taking to mitigate the impact.

Judge Day has lived in Jonesboro most of his life. He is a fifth-generation resident of Craighead County. As newly-elected Craighead County Judge, Marvin was sworn in on January 1, 2019. He is a 1988 graduate of Jonesboro High School and a 1992 Graduate of U of A with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering.



## Rotary projects around the globe

by **Brad Webber**

### United States

After hundreds of Rotary clubs in Zones 33 and 34 provided millions of meals to community members in need during the inaugural year of their Feed 10 Million initiative in 2019-20, District 6910 in northern Georgia is serving up a generous portion in the food drive's second year. As of late April, the district had provided more than 2 million meals. District 6910 coordinated with the Farmers to Families Food Box program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which was designed to address the waste of produce that was left to rot in fields as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, says Randy Redner, a past president of the Rotary Club of Duluth, Georgia. ♦The food is paid for by the government. We provide the organization, the volunteers, and the connectivity in the local community to make sure it goes to the people who need it. ♦

### Nicaragua

In the city of Chinandega, impoverished children scavenge at a garbage dump in search of items to resell. Frank Huezo, now a member of the Rotary Club of Kingwood, Texas, introduced his former club, the Rotary Club of Lake Houston Area, to the work of a local nonprofit called Fundaci♦n Chinandega 2001, which helps the children. Rotary members helped build a trade school, which trains students in practical skills such as woodworking, metalworking, welding, digital photography, and sewing. Funding from an expanding network of Rotary members in Texas and elsewhere also supported a hospital, a shelter for pregnant women, and a group home that helps blind children transition to mainstream schools.

### Lithuania

To lift the spirits of health workers responding to the pandemic, members of the Rotary Club of Vilnius sv. Kristoforo treated the staff of Vilnius City Clinical Hospital with pastries ♦to make them feel appreciated and, hopefully, make them smile a little more often,♦ says club member Giedrius Sulnius. Over the course of 10 Fridays concluding in late March, the club ordered 600 pastries, at a cost of \$825, from a local bakery. ♦We cannot visit medics, but we can help them feel appreciated,♦ Sulnius says, while noting that documenting the ♦Smiles for Doctors♦ project proved to be a challenge. ♦As soon as someone tried to take a photo, the pastries were already gone.♦

### Rwanda

The Rotaract Club of Kie is devoted to helping schoolchildren. The club, which has raised money for



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## Events

Meetings are online and in person.

**July 13** ♦ Weekly meeting. Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge. How COVID has affected Craighead County.

**July 20** ♦ Weekly meeting.

the Rwandan unit of SOS Children's Villages through T-shirt sales and a charity walk, heard about pupils whose families were having a hard time meeting the expenses of public school; although education in Rwanda is ostensibly free, costs still add up. The club donated books, pens, a mathematics set, and a schoolbag for each of 15 students at the GS Gahanga I School, and covered fees and school uniforms, says Musa Kacheche, club president. The club also does smaller projects, such as street cleaning and building toilet facilities for senior citizens.

## Jordan

The Rotary Club of Amman Jordan River is making beautiful music. Club member Rana Rizkallah, maestro of the Youth Orchestra at the National Music Conservancy, assembled talented musicians for a Rotary-sponsored orchestra. For musicians who do not read music but can play by ear, the orchestra offers special classes in music reading, which Rizkallah notes might open up career opportunities. For the time being, all the members are Rotaractors, but Rizkallah hopes to open the orchestra to non-members in the future. Socially distanced rehearsals began in early 2021. With its repertoire of both Western and Arabic pieces, ♦ the goals of the orchestra include offering in-house entertainment for all events and activities we organize, to save the cost of getting outside entertainment, ♦ says Rizkallah.

## Good News, July 6, 2021

Nineteen years ago, **Chad Chadwick** buffaloed his wife into marrying him. Congratulations to Chad!

**Hatton Weeks'** son Chase played the best golf game ever last weekend!

## Last Week's Program, June 6, 2021



Due to technical problems, the video of last week's program is not available. For those of you who missed the program, Jill Cravens, a Certified Residential Specialist and Principal Broker at Westbrook & Reeves Real Estate in Jonesboro, gave an informative program on buying and selling real estate.

The main point of her message was to hire a full-time professional to sell your house or when buying a house. A house is one of the most expensive purchases a person will make. Going into the process of buying or selling without knowledgeable guidance can be costly. Cravens stressed that you wouldn't go to court without a good attorney, so don't go into the real estate market without an informed real estate agent.

## Photos from the July 6, 2021 Meeting



## Report Card - July 6, 2021

Membership  
Total Active Members - 129  
Active members - 49  
Active-Service - 44  
Active-Partner - 4  
Active-Modern - 9  
Active-LOA - 0  
♦ Active Rule of 85 ♦ members - 23

Matt Knight, FUMC. How COVID Is Affecting Church Attendance.

**July 27** ♦ Weekly meeting. Rusty Guinn. Update on the work of the Credit Bureau and Collection Agencies.

Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 48

Active Members - 43

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 0

Guests - 5

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## Birthdays



[Claudia Shannon](#)  
July 11th



[Hannah Wimpy Stroupe](#)  
July 21st



[Kathleen Doty Pruitt](#)  
July 21st