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Rotary Program 10-12-21 Sheldon Landry - One Heart Ministries

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 11, 2021

Sheldon Landry - One Heart Ministries



My name is Sheldon Landry, and I can remember a time when I thought life was good. I was a young man, full of life and vigor, a hard worker, esteemed highly among my peers. I had a beautiful family (a wife and two boys.) I enjoyed providing for my family and others. In fact, I left college to work. I would work countless hours just to ensure that I would have the means to help others. Sounds pretty good good, right? Wrong! My work was dealing in illegal drugs. On March 25, 1999, God put an end to it. I was arrested that day for drug trafficking. I was crushed. Many may not understand this, but I actually thought I was doing something good. As I sat in a cold, dark cell trying to make it through what was the worst day of my life, something happened. Something happened that turned the worst day of my life to the greatest day of my life. That night, I received a visit from the Lord Jesus. Though I did not see Him, His presence filled the jail cell and I found myself conversing with a God that I had not known. That night, I received the Lord Jesus into my life, and He accepted me. The Lord said to me, ♦Son, I know your heart and how you will to do good, but you are going about it the wrong way. I am going to give you something truly precious that you can share with all men. ♦And He gave me His Son.

That night I was enslaved to Christ and there I remain to this day. My greatest desire immediately was to know the Lord Jesus Christ. My only task was to serve Him. I became obsessed with the word of God because it was my only comfort in my afflictions. From sun up to sun down, I would read my Bible and commune with the Holy Spirit. I was excited and totally taken up by this newly found grace. Such power, such love, such faithfulness! This was great!

Now do not get me wrong, this was a very trying time for me in my life. All around me things were seemingly falling apart. I was separated from my family, losing material possessions, and trying to keep my family encouraged; on top of all that, I was dealing with the possibility of being sentenced to 25 years in prison as a plea bargain. But through it all, God was with me. He gave me understanding of what I was going through and why. God showed me the errors of my ways and used my afflictions as a teaching tool rather than punishment. The fire was being used to refine me, not destroy me. My trials were working for me, not against me. I grew daily. Fear was replaced by faith, worrying by prayer, and uncertainty by confidence. I was able to see above and beyond my circumstances because His grace enabled me to trust Him. And in trusting Him, He turned every single adverse situation for my good; after I learned from them, they fell away as if they were never there.

So I stand before you today, not reformed, but transformed. I now see things from God's perspective, being filled with His Spirit. Now I realize that I will go through trials and endure many afflictions, not because of wrong doing, but because of my Christian testimony. Victory is assured. The Scriptures tell us that ♦many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all, and thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph in Christ Jesus. ♦

As Christians we must prevail. If we follow the flow of our circumstances, we will definitely fall under the power of the tempter. But if we would just trust God at His word; He will not allow our enemies to triumph over us, He will not forsake the righteous, He is a stronger tower to those who trust Him and victory and deliverance is sure. I can now declare as Job declared, ♦I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eyes have seen you. ♦

Now, 17 years later, here I remain in the love and power of God. Through God's faithfulness, I now serve as Director of One Heart Ministries out of Conyers, Georgia and serve as Pastor of Fellowship of Believers as well as other positions with various ministries. Through these ministries, we have witnessed the power of God at work in seeing thousands of lives transformed and the Kingdom of Heaven populated. Truly God has allowed us to be the ♦Salt of the earth and the Light of the world. ♦

Topic: Tuesday Rotary Meeting: Sheldon Landry - One Heart Ministries

Time: October 12, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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E. Wayne Pugh
October 3rd
C. L. Johnson
October 3rd
Dale L. Evans
October 17th
Cathy Dobbs
October 24th
Terry Ozburn
October 31st
Stephen C. Smith
October 31st

Wedding Anniversaries

Stuart E. Hamilton
October 12th

Club Member Anniversaries

Tracey Clark
10-05-2004
17 Years
Carter Rogers
10-12-2004
17 Years
Cathy Crenshaw Laseter
10-06-2015
6 Years
Stephen Farrell
10-06-2015
6 Years

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October Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, October 1, 2021

October Birthdays

CL Johnson 10/3
Wayne Pugh 10/3
Dale Evans 10/17
Cathy Dobbs 10/24
Terry Ozburn 10/31
Steve Smith 10/31

October Anniversaries

Stuart & Ann Hamilton 10/12

Member Anniversaries

Tracey Clark 17 Years
Stephen Farrell 6 Years
Cathy Laseter 6 Years
Carter Rogers 17 Years

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 11, 2021

Meetings are being held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM

10-12-2021 - Sheldon Landry - One Heart Ministries
10-19-2021 - Annette Shepherd - Hospice Care
10-26-2021 - Hunter Hall - Community Business
11-02-2021 - Serra Hall - Economic development
11-09-2021 - Terri Badour - American Red Cross
11-16-2021 - Elaine Cook - Alzheimers
11-23-2021 - Meeting Canceled for Thanksgiving
11-30-2021 - Official visit by District Governor Mike Berg

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2021 Cars of the Past Sponsors

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, October 1, 2021

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a BIG THANK YOU to all of our sponsors for the 28th Cars of the Past car show. The show wouldn't be successful

without our sponsors. They really stepped up again this year. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

28th Cars of the Past car show WINNERS

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 4, 2021

This was really tough this year. Every car that came deserved an award and recognition. We really had a top notch car show. Thank you to everyone that brought a vehicle out, our sponsors and all the spectators that came to enjoy the day with us and the awesome cars.

And the winners are:



the Platinum Sponsor Pick was Kevin Backer with his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro.



Here is Kevin with his award winning Camaro



That yellow paint just glows



The Rotary Pick winner was Joe Garner with his 1969 Chevrolet Corvette with the matching Corvette Trailer



What an awesome Corvette with a modern LS7 powerplant.



What a cool trailer. on the hitch it says no Corvettes were harmed in making the trailer



The Best of Show goes to Jason Grindle for his 1967 Chevy Chevelle.



Jason with his amazing 1967 Chevy Chevelle.



The Judges said they were hard pressed to find anything that wasn't just right on Jason's Chevelle



Glenn Stallings was our big 50/50 winner walking away with \$538.00 to top off his day

Rotary Club of Covington thanks to the ER employees at Piedmont Newson

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 4, 2021



Rotary club wanted to thank our ER employees at Piedmont Newton with candy bars for going above and beyond!!!



Rotary Club wanted to thank 911 for always being there for our community. Pictured with Teresa Cleary.

Rotary Club of Covington 22nd Annual Sportsman Raffle

By Joseph Davidson on Thursday, September 16, 2021



22nd Annual Sportsman Raffle

Drawing to be held Tuesday, November 16, 2021

\$20.00 Donation

1st prize: Ruger American 243 Rifle



2nd prize: Beretta A300 Outlander 12 GA Shotgun



3rd prize: Henry Golden Boy .22 Rifle



4th prize: Ruger American 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle



5th prize: Ruger 10/22 Rifle



**** Subject to Federal/State Background requirements****

All proceeds to benefit Covington/Newton County Empty Stocking Fund and other Community Projects

Prizes to be redeemed at Shots Fired, Washington St. Covington, GA.

Drawing to be held Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Rotary Members Brad Bettis for your tickets to sell

See any Rotary Member to purchase raffle tickets

or purchase tickets on our website at www.rotarycovington.org. Use the link on the left bar to go to the Sportsman Raffle on the menu. Direct link to the [Sportsman Raffle](#)

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Rotary Club Thanks Boy Scout Volunteers With Picnic

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 11, 2021



Members of BSA Troops 270 and 370 stand at attention, saluting or resting their hands over their hearts, while doing the Pledge of Allegiance during the Newtown Rotary Club's picnic at Dickinson Memorial Park on September 21.

The Newtown Rotary Club hosted a picnic at the Dickinson Memorial Park pavilion, on September 21, to show their appreciation for Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 270 and Troop 370.

Both BSA troops have volunteered with various community projects that the Rotary has led in the past. Most recently, they helped with the plantings at the Fairfield Hills Fruit Trail.



At the volunteer picnic, Newton Rotary Club President Alex Villamil gives a speech and applauds the BSA Troops for their work helping them with Community projects.

During the picnic, the older BSA scouts took a moment to speak with the younger scouts about the importance of giving back. They encouraged the young scouts to participate in an upcoming volunteer opportunity with the Rotary to break ground for pollinator gardens at the local elementary schools on Thursday evenings.

Meanwhile, Rotary members David Freedman, Daniel Honan, Judy Grabarz, and president Alex Villamil work diligently to grill hotdogs and hamburgers for their guests to enjoy.



The Newton Rotary Club members Judy Grabarz, Alex Villamil, David Freedman, and Dan Honan helping grill hotdogs and hamburgers for the volunteer picnic at the Dickinson Memorial Park on September 21.

Once everyone sat down at the tables to break bread and connect with one another, Villamil stood to express the Rotary's gratitude to the many volunteers.

◆We want to thank you for everything◆ for helping us and the community,◆ he said. ◆This is our way of saying ◆Great job, keep it up.◆◆

Villamil concluded by saying, ◆Hopefully, one day you◆ll be Rotarians.◆

Newtown resident Rob Sibley was onsite with the Scouts and commended the Rotary for reaching out to the BSA troops for volunteer opportunities and for going out of their way to show their appreciation for their work.

◆This is how you knit relationships,◆ Sibley said.

Villamil was in agreement and added that ◆This is the beginning of something◆ between the civic organizations◆ partnership.



Fifth grader Claire Hoyack, of Cub Scout 470, Snacks on some Oreos with her mom and Den Leader Karen Hoytack during the Rotary Club's picnic. The Hoyaks also participated in helping with the Fruit Trail at Fairfield Hills.

For information about the Newtown Rotary Club and to help volunteer, visit newtownctrotary.org or e-mail info@newtownctrotary.org.

Rotary donates coats, hoodies to Salvation Army

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 11, 2021



From left to right, Cathy Criger, Paul Kaminski and Rhonda Brady with the donations.

On Monday, Oct. 4, Rotarians Cathy Criger, Rhonda Brady and Paul Kaminski presented 37 coats and lined hoodies to the Salvation Army's Sandy Chavez.

Rotary is pleased to participate in the Salvation Army's Coat Drive, which is so beneficial to our local elementary, middle school, and high school students.

Rotary encourages all Tehachapi residents who can donate a new or lightly used coat to do so at the Salvation Army facility on Tehachapi Boulevard and Snyder Street.

Paul Kaminski is the Rotary Club of Tehachapi president for 2021-2022.

Newton Rotary pulls partners together to rejuvenate park

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 11, 2021

This has been an exciting year for the Skate Park, located inside of Okerberg Park next to the Newton Recreation Commission.



2021 has been a good year for the skate park in Okerberg Park - and the best is yet to come. Newton Rotary secured grant funds for renovations coming this winter.

New equipment ♦ constructed by students in the career and technical education center at Newton High School ♦ along with a first-ever event as part of a festival helped build some momentum for the park.

A new effort by the Newton Rotary Club will add more to that momentum.

"We want to reach out to a portion of the youth of Newton that are overlooked a little bit," said Greg Hanson, president of the Newton Rotary Club. "That is the skate park and the youth that go there. ... They may not be the star athletes in the community, but they are looking to do something athletic. ... It is just as much as athleticism as it is friendship and talking to friends."

The skate park is located within Okerberg Park,, 200 W. Fifth, next to the Newton Activity Center.

The Newton Rotary Club applied for a matching grant from the National Rotary Foundation, and as a result there will be nearly \$10,000 available for renovations to the skate park facility.

"The park need addressing. There are some drug issues there. ... Students have identified it as a place where there are issues. We thought about what we could do there," Hanson said.

There's also cracked concrete, and dirt with rocks washes onto the skate surface.

The Rotary project, done in partnership with Gaynor Electric, the city of Newton and the Recreation Commission, will address as many issues as possible ♦ starting with security cameras and lighting.

"There needs to be more cameras there. Drug crime can be thwarted by camera use and the chance of being caught on camera," Hanson said. "We adding lighting, make it easier for the cameras to pickup what is happening."

The Recreation Commission will be adding cameras to its building in an effort to deter vandals who have been in the park in recent years ♦ the Rotary is chipping in to add extras above and beyond what the commission approved.

"We want to to broaden the scope," Hanson said.

LED lighting will be installed at the skate park for the area to both be more usable by skaters, and assist the security cameras being placed there.

The city offered to partner with the Rotary for the biggest piece of the project ♦ new concrete. An estimated \$5,000 in concrete work is slated for this winter and spring.

"There is some rocks and dirt washing into the park, and that doesn't mix with skating too well," Hanson said.

All of this comes out of work done at the park within the past year of so by Rotarians Lance Gormley Matt Hensley, who advocated on behalf of the skate park and its users for not only some improvements, but including in the Sand Creek Summer Daze Festival ♦ a festival which was first brought to life by Hanson.

"They came to me and said 'we need to get these kids into the festival.' ... We thought, lets have a skateboard event," Hanson said. "We had a pretty good turnout, and parents came out and saw what we are trying to do to help their students."

The advocacy that brought the park and skaters into the festival also resulted in improvements made earlier this year with the help of career and technical education students at Newton High School.

Tech students designed and fabricated new features for the skate park, which were later installed by the city. Three students were involved, fabricating three rail sets for the park.

That started a little bit of momentum, culminating with the Rotary partnering with the city, Gaynor Electric and the Recreation Commission.

"All of them were very excited with what we are doing and worked with us very well," Hanson said. ... Our board said this would be a good thing for the kids, and for the community. Writing the grant you have to look at who is going to benefit, how they will benefit and how it will benefit the community. It is good for a part of Newton that not a lot of people help with."

RI President's October Message

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, October 1, 2021



Shekhar Mehta

President 2021-22

October 2021

A quarter of the Rotary year is now behind us. I am sure you are helping Rotary to *grow more* and *do more*. And I hope you have already done your part for the Each One, Bring One initiative by introducing one person to Rotary.

Do you ever think about your earliest days as a Rotarian? I often do ♦ because those first moments of discovering the power of service shaped who I am today. When I joined my Rotary club, our efforts focused on India's rural communities, where people were living without toilets, getting their drinking water from the same pond they bathed in, and sending their children to outdoor classrooms set up under a tree. The nearest health care provider often was miles away ♦ and the services were inadequate. But after Rotary clubs carried out some service projects, the villages had toilets, clean drinking water, a classroom for early learning, and a nearby health care center.

The spark that Rotary kindled within me forced me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity. It made service a way of life and led me to a guiding principle I still stand by: Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on Earth.

If you feel the need to reignite the spark of service in yourself or your club, October ♦ Community Economic Development Month ♦ is a great time to do so. When we work to improve the lives of people in underserved communities ♦ through, for example, projects that provide vocational training and access to financial resources ♦ we help build and sustain local economic growth.

The need is great. According to the United Nations, 9 percent of the world's population ♦ that's 700 million people, a majority of them in sub-Saharan Africa ♦ live on less than \$1.90 a day. By supporting strong community development as well as entrepreneurs, we can help improve conditions for people in that region and others.

Your club can also promote economic development in your own community by expanding vocational training opportunities through local schools and community colleges, partnering with lenders to improve access to financial services, or working with a nonprofit that provides resources to entrepreneurs and connects them with the business community.

Of course, developing strong communities is impossible without strong public health. On 24 October, World Polio Day, we ♦ will celebrate our tremendous progress in the effort to eradicate polio. But we also know the fight is not over. We still need your help raising funds and awareness to ensure that all children are immunized against polio. Please don't forget to activate your clubs on that important day and encourage them to donate here: endpolio.org/world-polio-day.

Service has been rewarding for me throughout my life. I know the same is true for many of you. Join me this month in becoming a good tenant of our planet by helping others to better themselves and their communities. Together, we can *Serve to Change Lives*.

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