



Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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Club Admin Chair

Rotary Program 10-6-20 Facebook

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 5, 2020



Katie Comer serves as the Facebook Community Development Regional Manager of the Southeast. In this role, she manages all community and government relations involving Facebook data center and office locations. Through Facebook's platforms and products, she is able to give people the power to build community and bring the world closer together.

Prior to joining Facebook, Katie served as the Director of Development and Chief Development Officer for the American Red Cross. She managed a fundraising team in the Southeast responsible for raising over \$13 million annually. Cumulatively, Katie and her teams raised over \$200 million dollars to support the Red Cross mission, placing her region in the top five around the country each year. Before joining the nonprofit sector, she worked for News Corporation in account management and sales. Katie worked with companies such as Coca-Cola, Disney Sports, P&G, and Rubbermaid to implement in store, print, and digital marketing sales.

Katie is a graduate of the University of Georgia and has a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management from Georgia State University.

When she isn't working, Katie enjoys traveling, going to the gym, and spending time with her family and friends. During the fall, you can also find her cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs. Go Dawgs!



Topic: Rotary Club of Covington's Zoom Meeting

Regular meeting starts at 12:00

Zoom meeting Time: Oct 6, 2020 12:20 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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October Birthdays & Anniversaries



[Joseph Davidson](#)
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



[Ricky Mock](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[John King](#)
iPast President



[Dorothy Bala](#)
Assistant Governor

By Joseph Davidson on Thursday, October 1, 2020

October Birthdays

CL Johnson 10/3
Wayne Pugh 10/3
Bubba Edwards 10/17
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 Covington Rotary Rotary

Tracey Clark 16 Years 16 Years
Bubba Edwards 5 Years 11 Years
Stephen Farrell 5 Years 5 Years
Conner Haler 2 Year 2 Year
Cathy Laseter 5 Years 5 Years
Carter Rogers 16 Years 16 Years

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 21, 2020

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

- 10-06-2020 - Katie Comer - Facebook
- 10-13-2020 - Olivia Schmidt- Three Ring Studio
- 10-20-2020 - Arts Association
- 10-27-2020 - Dave Belton and Pam Dickerson
- 11-03-2020 - TBA
- 11-10-2020 - Louly Hay Kapp
- 11-16-2020 - Rotary Clash of the Clubs Golf Tournament
- 11-17-2020 - 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle Drawing
- 11-24-2020 - Meeting canceled for Thanksgiving
- 4-22 to 25-2020 - District Conference - Jekyl Island

Birthdays

- C. L. Johnson
October 3rd
- E. Wayne Pugh
October 3rd
- Dale L. Evans
October 17th
- Harold M. Edwards Jr.
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
16 Years
- Carter Rogers
10-12-2004
16 Years
- Cathy Crenshaw Laseter
10-06-2015
5 Years
- Harold M. Edwards Jr.
10-06-2015
5 Years
- Stephen Farrell
10-06-2015
5 Years
- Conner Haler
10-16-2018
2 Years

Rotary Club of Covington 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 21, 2020



21st Annual Sportsman Raffle

Drawing to be held Tuesday, November 17, 2020

\$20.00 Donation

1st prize: Ruger Hawkeye 7mm/08 Rifle



2nd prize: Stoeger 12ga Shotgun Model M3500



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 17, 2020

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](#)

Rotary Clash of the Clubs Golf Tournament 2020

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020



Date: Monday, November 16, 2020
Location: Ashton Hills Golf Course
Address: 10400 Bypass Rd. Covington, GA
Times: 8:30 am Registration
10:00 am Shotgun Start
Format: 2-person Scramble
Fee: \$125 Per Golfer

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Katie Collins: 706-248-2271
Katie@dogwoodcharitypartners.com
Stephanie Streer: 706-207-5441
Stephanie@dogwoodcharitypartners.com

2021 District Conference Jekyll Island

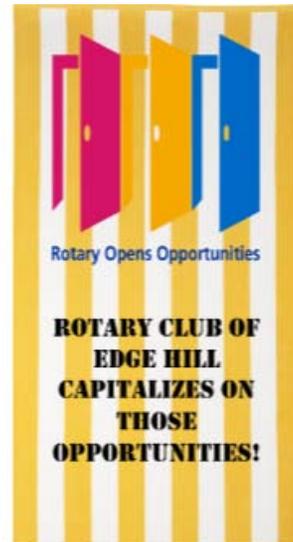
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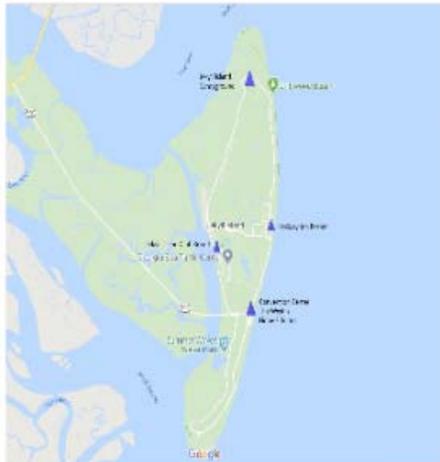
[Register NOW!](#)
[Info on meeting safely on Jekyll Island](#)



[Beach Towel/Mat Competition](#)



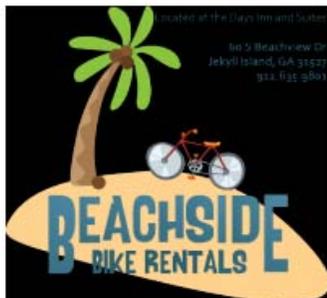
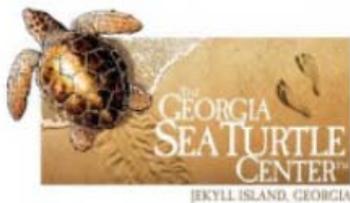
[Hotel Info & Registration](#)



Conference Agenda



Fun in the Sun Activities



Rotary names first woman president

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 5, 2020



Evanston-based Rotary International today announced the selection of Jennifer Jones, a Rotary member from Windsor, Ontario, as the group's president for 2022-23. It's the first time in the group's 115-year history that a woman has been named president.

◆We know that Rotary is a place where leaders and those with the vision and drive to create change can thrive,◆ Jones said in a statement. ◆And such leaders are found from every age, gender, race and background. Diversity, equity and inclusion should begin at the top, and for us to welcome new leaders into our organization and expand our ability to make an impact, we need to build stronger bridges that help everyone see themselves reflected, celebrated and valued here in Rotary.◆

Jones said she's proud of the way Rotarians have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. So far, Rotary has provided \$29.7 million to support clubs in their response to COVID-19, with projects ranging from large-scale, transformative activities such as providing medical equipment to hospitals to small-scale, short-term activities like purchasing thermometers, protective medical gear, or other items for frontline medical professionals.

◆Years ago, I asked one of our incoming presidents what he wanted his legacy to be. He very quickly told me he wasn't interested in building a legacy and that he was interested in getting to work,◆ said Jones. ◆Those words have always stuck with me, and I too simply want to get down to work.◆

Jones is the founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., a 25-year-old media company in Windsor.

She has served as trustee of the Rotary Foundation, Rotary International vice president and co-chair of the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign.

She also chaired the advisory group that crafted Rotary's rebranding effort. Jones is married to Rotarian Nick Krayacich, a family physician.

Jones is one of three women on Rotary's 15-member board of trustees.

Marietta Rotary helps make truckloads of donations

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 14, 2020



Volunteers from local organizations gathered Thursday morning to see off three truckloads of water bound for Lake Charles, La.

Three truckloads of bottled water left Marietta ON Thursday morning as part of a Hurricane Laura relief effort.

Charlotte Keim, past president of the Marietta Noon Rotary, said 15 years ago, one of their members, Dave Archer, had a daughter who was in Lafayette, La., when Hurricane Katrina hit. Archer's daughter said there were 3,000 evacuees in the Cajun Dome who had nothing but what they carried in with them.

◆No clean underwear, no personal hygiene items, no diapers, no baby formula,◆ she said. ◆They were desperate.◆

Two days after Archer's daughter emailed about Hurricane Katrina, Rotarians gathered together with local residents and visitors to the Sternwheel Festival, which was that weekend, and raised \$100,000 in items to truck to Louisiana.

◆A week ago, he saw about Lake Charles,◆ Keim said.

The Rotary in Lake Charles, La., was contacted and they said the area needed three things ◆ water, ice and gasoline. Lake Charles is a town of 78,000 people in southwest Louisiana that was one of the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Laura.

◆We could certainly get them water, as they don't have drinking water or water to bathe in,◆ she said.

Rather than depleting local stores, they reached out through other Rotary Club members and were able to buy bottled water at wholesale prices. Keim said they then found they could get commercial-grade ice makers, which make 600 pounds of ice every eight hours.

During that first meeting about the Hurricane Laura relief, more than \$10,000 was raised. More than \$60,000 has been raised so far and six truckloads of water were purchased. Three truckloads, as well as four ice makers, left Marietta ON Thursday for Lafayette.

◆Something like 115,000 bottles went (Thursday). Three more trucks are going next week, but we're not sure yet what date,◆ Keim said. ◆We have a line on at least two more ice makers.◆

She said the trucks and their fuel were donated, as everything is a volunteer effort.

◆Just a few days ago, this was just a suggestion,◆ said Jacky Miner, who handles the Marietta Noon Rotary Club's public relations. ◆Now it's reality.◆

She said local generosity is amazing. They estimated expenses early on at more than \$42,000 for the water and ice makers, but they've raised \$60,000 in just a few days.

As the needs of the people of Lake Charles change, donations could be used for things like small appliances.

◆I think many Louisiana locals are living in tents. They may have some power, but they've lost everything,◆ Miner said. ◆We'll make good use of all donations to help these folks when they need it the most.◆

She said she heard on Thursday that Louisiana Rotarians were astounded by the support.

Area residents can support the effort by writing a check to Marietta Rotary Foundation or by visiting their GoFundMe page at <https://gf.me/u/yv8vrm>.

Keeping time with the Rotary Club of Del Mar

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 5, 2020



Rotary Club of Del Mar members with the newly refurbished clock (l-r): Lynda and Bob Shaff, Karl Wagner, Marty Peters, Jim Watkins, Suzy Wagner, Dugan Lamoise, Brett Mattei, Caroline Morin, Sharon Schendel, Sharyn Daly, Philippe Lamoise.

In 2004 members of Rotary Club of Del Mar installed a post-style clock at the corner of Camino Del Mar and 15th Street as a gift to the Del Mar village. This project was tied to the City of Del Mar Beautification Master Plan. The clock also commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Del Mar's charter and the centennial anniversary of Rotary International's founding.

A clock near the coast is constantly exposed to the salty sea air and moist marine layer that affect its finish and gear works. Earlier this summer, Rotary Club of Del Mar members raised funds to replace the clockworks and refurbish the clock's exterior surfaces.

The clock stands as a meeting point for the community and the plaque at its base reminds those enjoying the Del Mar community of the Rotary Club of Del Mar's theme of service: **Real Happiness is Helping Others**. The club is currently meeting virtually Thursdays at noon.

RI President's October Message

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020



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President 2020-21

October 2020

During a recent Zoom meeting with Rotarians and Rotaractors, I looked at the smiling faces on my screen and realized how much our organization has changed in a short period. It is clear that there is no going back to the "old normal" in Rotary ♦ and I see that as an exciting opportunity!

Innovation and change are happening at so many levels as we rethink and remake Rotary. Rotary's new flexibility is blending with digital culture to drive change in ways that many of us have never seen before. We can learn a lot from Rotarians like Rebecca Fry ♦ who, at age 31, already has 15 years of Rotary experience.

I see Rotary as a phenomenal platform to change the world. I believe I can have the greatest influence by empowering others to create the change they wish to see in the world. I've gained leadership insights through my experiences in RYLA and Rotaract, and now, as charter president of the Rotary Social Impact Network, a new e-club.

Engaging Rotary program alumni is key in forming new clubs. Our club is proof that Rotaractors and other alumni want to join Rotary ♦ but sometimes they can't find the Rotary club that's right for them. Our club has 31 members, all between the ages of 23 and 41, and almost all of them are alumni of Rotary programs.

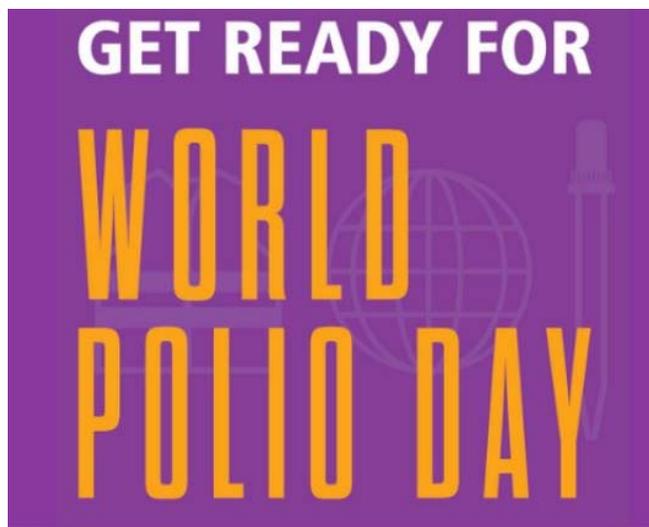
We need to be able to integrate and align Rotary with the other personal and professional goals we're pursuing. In chartering this club, we set out to design a personalized model of Rotary that is focused on added value for our members. We have also sought to leverage connections ♦ through Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and other international partnerships ♦ in order to elevate our members' experiences beyond the club.

Our club meets and manages most of its projects online, using Microsoft Teams to engage 24/7 in topics that interest our members. This also means our club is not geographically bound to any one location: Although many of us are in Australia, we also have members in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States.

Also key for our club is measuring the impact of our projects. For Plastic Free July this year, we created an awareness campaign promoting ways that individuals could reduce their use of plastics, and we reached more than 6,000 people. It's a project with a tangible impact that anyone can take part in wherever they are. I'm proud that, through our club, we are bringing people together for a new type of Rotary experience. I am excited for our future.

WORLD POLIO DAY Is October 24th

By Paige W Havens on Sunday, August 23, 2020



When Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. Today, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent, and just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. We are ♦THIS CLOSE♦ and we remain committed to the end. So, how will your Club join the fight and take action this year on World Polio Day? [Click here](#) for some great ideas on ways you can engage!

Hidden Hero Celebration



As the saying goes, "no good deed goes unrewarded!" At least, thanks to the Rotary Club of Gwinnett, no one would have ever heard of Michele Bourdonnay and the many things that she quietly goes about doing in her everyday life. Read on to find out why Rotarians surprised her on her doorstep recently and how she ended up the talk of the town. You will be inspired by this story! Be sure to read to the end! [Read More](#)