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Elaine Cook - Alzheimers



Elaine Powell Cook is the Director of Community Health and Relations for the Northeast Georgia Region for Piedmont Athens Regional. She and her team of nurses develop and implement programs to promote health services and wellness programs throughout the 17 counties served by Piedmont Athens Regional, as well as address community health disparities. As director, she also creates sponsor/partnerships for healthy communities with community corporate and civic partners.

Prior to the recent merger with Piedmont Healthcare, Ms. Cook worked for Athens Regional Health System since 1998 overseeing marketing, advertising, sponsorships, promotions, government affairs and public relations for Athens Regional Medical Center and its affiliates, including a specialty physicians network, urgent care centers and health insurance product.

She currently serves as the L.E.A.D. Athens Steering Committee (past president); American Heart Association Heart Walk Board and Go Red for Women Executive Committee (past chair); the Athens Tech Foundation Board of Directors; The Regional Board of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ga.; and the Athens-Clark County Career Academy Board of Directors; Board of Directors of the Athens Symphony Orchestra; and District Chair of Rotary's Coins for Alzheimer's Trust (CART) program. Cook is a founding executive member of the Envision Athens Program and a leader in the Healthcare Initiatives.

Since moving back to Athens in 1997, Elaine has served as President of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Athens during their 100year Anniversary; Prevent Child Abuse Athens (now BrightPaths) Board of Trustees; Regional Board of Directors for the March of Dimes; Executive Committee and Chairman of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of LEAD Athens; local co-chair and host of AHA Go Red for Women luncheons 2017, 2018; The Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of NEGA American Values Dinner; the Leukemia Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Steering Committee; the Advisory Board of the American Heart Association; Chair of the American Heart Association HeartWalk and Heart Ball; the Advisory Board of the Bank of Athens; Co-Chair and Chair of the March Of Dimes Walk for Babies; Chair of the American Diabetes Association Diabetes Walk; The Board of the Athens Downtown Development Authority; The United Way Board of Directors; The United Way Women's Circle Steering Committee; the Steering Committee for the Women In Business Council; and Steering Committees of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the Jeannette Rankin Foundation's High Hat Tea. She has been a guest speaker for many civic groups including Rotary, Kiwanis and Pilot Clubs; the emcee for Girl Scouts of Northeast Georgia Women of Distinction luncheon honoring Shelby Lacy to name a few. She also served as Chairman of the Board of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.

In recognition of her leadership, dedication to her community and mentoring of women, Elaine was the 2008 recipient of the international, ATHENA Award; and the 2012 Chamber Champion of the Year of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and was voted the 2014 Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Northeast Georgia. In February 2019, Cook was honored with the prestigious Spirit of Athens Award given by Synovus Bank and the Athens Area Chamber.

Prior to joining Athens Regional, Elaine lived in Atlanta where her career included positions as the Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, as well as Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for Turner Broadcasting System.

Elaine is a graduate of the University of Georgia and excitedly moved back to Athens over 20 years ago after she married an Athens area native, Jon B. Cook. They have two children, McKenzie (22) and Jack (19); and a dog, Magnolia. They are members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Topic: Tuesday Rotary Meeting: Stacey Guerrero - Newton County Christian Learning Center
Time: September 21, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 1, 2021

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Cathy Laseter 11/2
Hugh Steele 11/3
Patrick Carmichael 11/10
Steve Whatley 11/17

November Anniversaries
Bob & Vicki Stafford 11/3
John & Katy King 11/17

Member Anniversaries
Covington Rotary / Rotary
Boone Brothers 2 Years / 12 Years
Wendell Camp 28 Years / 28 Years
Mark Davis 2 Years / 13 Years
Cathy Dobbs 3 Years / 3 Years
Megan Sellars 1 Year / 1 Year

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 15, 2021

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

11-16-2021 - Elaine Cook - Alzheimers

11-23-2021 - Meeting Canceled for Thanksgiving

11-30-2021 - Official visit by District Governor Mike Berg

12-07-2021 - Covington Police - Disease Prevention & Treatment

12/14/2021 - Greg Davis - economic & market update

12-21-2021 - Probably canceled for Empty Stocking

12-21 or 12-28 - will be canceled for Christmas

12-28 or 1-4 - will be canceled for New Years

01-11-2022 - Tarrence Houston - Foundation

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Rotary Club of Covington 22nd Annual Sportsman Raffle **TOMORROW**

By Joseph Davidson on Thursday, September 16, 2021

Birthdays

Brad Bettis
November 1st
Thomas E. Davis
November 2nd
Cathy Crenshaw
Laseter
November 2nd
Levi Bailey
November 3rd
J. Hugh Steele
November 3rd
Patrick Roy
Carmichael
November 10th
Steve Whatley
November 17th

Wedding Anniversaries

Bob I. Stafford
November 3rd
John King
November 17th

Club Member Anniversaries

Ernest Wendell Clamp
Jr.
11-01-1993
28 Years
Ricky Adams
11-12-2015
6 Years
Cathy Dobbs
11-06-2018
3 Years
Boone Brothers
11-19-2019
2 Years
Jonathan Mark Davis
11-19-2019
2 Years
Megan Leigh Sellars
11-17-2020
1 Year



22nd Annual Sportsman Raffle **TOMORROW!** Last chance to buy or sell tickets

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](#)

To Pay for Raffle tickets purchased from a Rotary Member Click on this "Add to Cart"

Rotary Member purchased from:

Add to Cart

To Order Raffle tickets click on this "Add to Cart"

Add to Cart

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

District Conference Greenville SC April 21, 2022

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 25, 2021



DISTRICT CONFERENCE | GREENVILLE, SC | April 21-24, 2022



Join us for District Conference in Greenville, SC!

Conference starts Thursday April 21st and runs through Sunday April 24th.

All your conference information and links can be found in **ONE LOCATION!**

Visit MyRotaryConference.com to register and learn more!

Registration opens July 31st, 2021

Early Bird Discounts through February 22, 2022

The early bird catches the worm, but the early Rotarian catches a discount!

LAHS Interact Club Members Sort Supplies For Delivery To Navajo Nation

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 15, 2021



LAHS Interact Club members met Thursday to sort supplies for delivery to the Navajo Nation.



LAHS Interactors organized water, non-perishable foods, and hygiene products for transport to the Navajo Nation as part of a grant received by the Rotary Club of Los Alamos

BY LINDA HULL
Vice President
Rotary Club of Los Alamos

Fifteen members of the Los Alamos High School Interact Club, a Rotary service organization, sorted and organized food, water, and hygiene products Thursday afternoon, assisting Rotary Club President Oliver Morris pack supplies for delivery to the Navajo Nation.

The Interactors sorted supplies for several families who require home delivery; the other supplies will be delivered to the Huerfano Chapter House near Farmington for distribution. This is made possible by a Rotary District 5520 grant received by the Rotary Club of Los Alamos whose members are partnering with members in three Albuquerque clubs.

On Nov. 20 and Dec. 4, Los Alamos Rotarians will deliver the supplies, which fill a large trailer. A pallet of food packed during Rotary's October *Meals of Hope* project will be included.

Morris, impressed by the ♦wonderful♦ teens, said they ♦made short work of many goods and helped me sort in just 33 minutes!♦



Almost done! LAHS Interact Club members recently packed food for residents of the Navajo Nation. The supplies will be delivered Nov. 20 and Dec. 4.



LAHS Interact Club members organized supplies Thursday for individual families in need in the eastern part of the Navajo Nation.

Area Rotary clubs pack over 300,000 Meals of Hope

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 15, 2021



Using the auxiliary gymnasium at Chesapeake College, Saturday Oct. 16, volunteers from eight local Rotary clubs in the Mid-Shore area packed 100,000 Meals of Hope to be shared with local families in the immediate area. From the left, Kent Island Rotary President Brad Lundberg, with Gail Lundberg of Centerville, Olivia Wheel of Elton, and Madison Centry of Cabbills. The eight Rotary clubs brought together Kent, Queen Anne's Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester counties in the effort.

WYE MILLS ♦ Over 335,000 fully fortified meals were distributed to local food pantries this week by Rotary District 7630, which comprises Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This was a ♦Rotary Day of Service♦ with Meals of Hope where 39 clubs packed meals in five locations around the district with all meals staying locally to fight food insecurity. There were many non-Rotarians that volunteered to help along with Interactors, Rotaract members and Rotary club members. The funds to buy the ingredients provided by Meals of Hope came from Rotary clubs, local community foundations and individuals.

Eight of those local Rotary clubs from the mid-shore area came together inside the auxiliary gymnasium at Chesapeake College, Saturday, Oct. 16, to pack a large portion of Meals of Hope for families in need in the immediate area. The eight Rotary clubs, which were from Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester counties, packed 100,000 of the dry good meals into boxes.

The Rotary Club of Easton, sponsored 50,000 of those meals by itself in celebration of their recent 100th anniversary of existence.



Local volunteers, Rotary Clubs and other community groups came together Saturday, Oct. 16, as part of the Meals of Hope effort to provide food boxes to neighbors in need.

This is not the first time local Rotary ♦s have had such events. According the Kent Island Rotary President Brad Lundberg, ♦We did a much smaller project with the Interact Club at Kent Island High School three years ago. (Interact Club in high schools follow the service patterns of Rotary International). In past years, the food has been sent overseas to third world countries, or prepared for emergency situations from natural disasters to send food to those locations in times of need. This time, all the foods are being distributed to local food banks and food pantries. ♦

Lundberg continued, ♦The food pantries have told us they ♦re not in dire need right now, but we all know that will change over the next two months, as prices continue to increase, not only at stores, but especially rising gasoline prices, fuel oil prices, etc. The need will come. All of the foods are packaged with expiration dates and directions on how to cook the foods. Most of the foods last up to a year, and some last up to two-years. ♦

Lundberg concluded, ♦We were all very pleased with the turnout of volunteers this past Saturday. ♦ The Rotary motto is ♦Service Above Self ♦.

South Rotary donates 50 blankets to City Mission

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 15, 2021



(From left) DeEtta Vrana, Lincoln South Rotary Club president; Michelle Orth, People's City Mission community relations director; and Sue Merrill, blanket project committee chair, at the blanket presentation Nov. 5 at the South Rotary Club meeting.

Lincoln South Rotary Club learned of the need for blankets for People's City Mission (the Mission) guests from Michelle Orth, community relations director.

Every client that enters the Mission is provided with various items, including a blanket, which becomes their property. When they leave, they take their blanket with them.

◆We have about 250 guests right now and anticipate that will go over 400 with the colder weather,◆ Orth said.

The immediate need to provide blankets for their stock now, in preparation for the winter, was obvious to Lincoln South Rotary Club.

Under the leadership of Club Committee Chair Sue Merrill and Club President DeEtta Vrana, the members were introduced to the blanket drive needs and goals, and were asked to help by donating new, adult twin-bed size blankets to the drive.

In total, 50 guests will benefit from the drive, because the club donated 50 blankets with an estimated value of \$1,650.

◆This will go a long way to provide comfort and practical hope to our guests ◆ to feel loved and safe,◆ Orth said. ◆We are beyond thankful ◆ it has been such a joy to work with Lincoln South Rotary Club on this project.◆

The donated blankets were presented Nov. 5 at the Lincoln South Rotary Club meeting.◆This project was so satisfying,◆ said Merrill. ◆The overall effort was so beneficial to the People's City Mission and our club, knowing that we support our community needs.◆

Rotary International includes 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs around the world. Together, Rotary members see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change ◆ across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. To learn about Lincoln South Rotary Club, visit www.lincolnsouthrotary.org.

RI President's November Message

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 1, 2021



Shekhar Mehta

President 2021-22

November 2021

I first discovered the value of service when I saw how a few simple acts can immeasurably change lives. It began when I joined others in my club for a project to bring toilets and clean drinking water to rural villages near our city. It moved forward when we promoted sanitation and provided opportunities for education across the country, thanks to generous gifts from supporters who believed in our projects as much as those of us on the ground did.

There is no better time of the year to be reminded of that generosity than November, which is Rotary Foundation Month.

As the charitable arm of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation is the engine that powers so many Rotary projects throughout the world. The Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives. It is the Foundation that helps us to get closer to our goal of eradicating polio, to show more people how we promote peace through tangible actions, and to demonstrate the impact our projects have in our areas of focus.

Consider some recent projects that were made possible by the Foundation:

- The Rotary clubs of Guatemala La Reforma, Guatemala, and Calgary, Alberta, received an \$80,000 global grant to organize a comprehensive plan to train nurses and rural health care workers to prevent and treat cervical cancer and to implement a sustainable system of referrals in seven regions of Guatemala.
- More than two dozen hospitals in Honduras received personal protective equipment for their medical staff thanks to a \$169,347 global grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Villa Real de Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Waldo Brookside-Kansas City, Missouri.
- The Rotary clubs of Cotonou Le Nautille, Benin, and Tournai Haut-Escaut, Belgium, received a \$39,390 global grant to provide agricultural training at an ecologically responsible permaculture mini-farm connected to a center for children in Sowé, Benin. This will help a new generation of farmers become economically self-sufficient.

I like comparing The Rotary Foundation to the Taj Mahal, a monument of one man's love for a woman. The Foundation is a dynamic monument of our love for all of humanity.

This month I am asking all Rotary clubs to bring attention to the Foundation. It is what connects all Rotarians worldwide and transforms our collective passions into projects that change lives. Visit rotary.org/donate: once there, you will have an opportunity to give directly to the program you're most passionate about.

Thank you for giving your all to Rotary. You are the reason that Rotary is able to *do more* and *grow more*. Let's continue to represent that important legacy this month, this year, and beyond as we *Serve to Change Lives*.

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By PDG Bruce Allen Azevedo



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