

# **Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin**

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### Club Leaders



Thomas Kephart President

Bryan Fazio President-Elect

# Rotary Program 11-17-20 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle Drawing

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 16, 2020

# 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle Drawing

Drawing 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

Topic: Rotary Zoom Meeting 11-16-20 Time: Nov 16, 2020 12:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 929 9688 1737 Passcode: 375015

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### **Birthdays**

**Brad Bettis** November 1st Thomas E. Davis November 2nd

Cathy Crenshaw Laseter November 2nd

J. Hugh Steele November 3rd

Levi Bailey November 3rd Caralyn Leonard November 7th

Patrick Roy Carmichael November 10th

Steve Whatley November 17th Jackie Gutknecht November 23rd

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

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

### **Club Member Anniversaries**

Ernest Wendell Clamp Jr. 11-01-1993 27 Years Ricky Adams 11-12-2015 5 Years Cathy Dobbs 11-06-2018

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 669 900 6833 US (San José) Meeting ID: 929 9688 1737

Passcode: 375015

Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/acMopDxTe

## **November Birthdays & Anniversaries**

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, November 1, 2020

November Birthdays **Brad Bettis 11/1** Tommy Davis 11/2 Cathy Laseter 11/2 Levi Bailey 11/3 Hugh Steele 11/3 Caralyn Leonard 11/7 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 1 Year 1 Year Wendell Clamp 27 Years 27 Years Mark Davis 1 Year 11 Years Cathy Dobbs 2 Years 2 Years

# Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 9, 2020

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

11-17-2020 - 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle Drawing

11-24-2020 - Meeting canceled for Thanksgiving

12-01-2020 - TBA

12-04-2020 - Rotary Christmas Party

12-08-2020 - TBA

12-15-2020 - TBA

12-17-2020 - Empty Stocking Pack out day

12-19-2020 - Empty Stocking Deliver Day

12-22-2020 - Meeting canceled for Christmas

12-29-2020 - Meeting canceled for New Years

4-22 to 25-2020 - District Conference - Jekyl Island

### Rotary Clash of the Clubs Golf Tournament 2020

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 16, 2020



### Clash of the Clubs Golf Tournament Winners:

1st Place: **Brook Collins** Michael Shaffer

2nd Place: **Bryan Pulliam**  2 Years Boone Brothers 11-19-2019 1 Year Jonathan Mark Davis 11-19-2019 1 Year

### **Mark Gunthorpe**

Closest to the pin Joey Hickok

# Longest Drive **Dustin Rhoades**

Thank you for everyone that came out and supported the golf tournament. What great weather, great golfers, volunteers. Thanks to our great organizers Katie Collins and Stephanie Streer for making it all come to gether so well. Great tournament all the way around.

# 2021 District Conference Jekyl Island

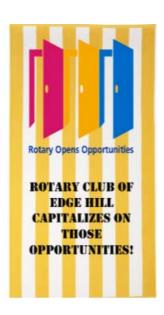
By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020



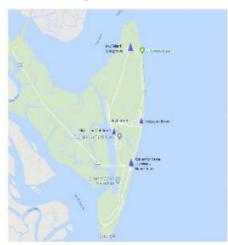
Register NOW! Info on meeting safely on Jekyll Island



**Beach Towel/Mat Competition** 



**Hotel Info & Registration** 





Conference Agenda



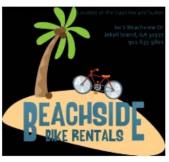
Fun in the Sun Activities













Volunteers work at the Portsmouth Rotary Club's 47th annual Thanksgiving community dinner in 2019 at St/ Nicholas Greek Church. The 2020 Event will be delivery and pick-up meals only, no in-person gatherin, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

PORTSMOUTH � Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 48th annual Portsmouth Rotary Thanksgiving Dinner will feature to-go dinners only, with no sit-down dining.

The Portsmouth Rotary has annually cooked and served Thanksgiving dinners for anyone who wished to attend at the St. Nicholas Greek Church. This year dinners to-go can be picked up at the Andrew Jarvis Drive church on Thursday, Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

To place orders for delivery, or pickup, call (603) 828-4869 or send email to rotarythanksgiving@gmail.com.

# COC, Rotary Club prepare dozens of Thanksgiving meal bags for students in need

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 16, 2020



Volunteers help organize donated non-perishables at a food drive oganized by the SCV Rotary Club to benefit the College of the Canyons' BANC program Saturday morning, November 14, 2020
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The COVID-19 pandemic paused several in-person services for students most in need at College of the Canyons but members of the institution saic Needs Center, or BaNC, and the Rotary Club of the Santa Clarita Valley partnered Saturday to gather and sort out Thanksgiving food items for them.

An estimated 20 vehicles stopped by the Valencia campus to drop off food and other basic items, enough to prepare at least 50 bags to distribute on Thanksgiving week, according to Michael Joslin, associate vice president of the student services at COC. Bags were also expected to include gift cards should students want to purchase a turkey.

♦Our students, in normal times, they re food-insecure and even more so now, he said. We re not going to solve anybody s food insecurity. That s an economic issue, but we can help address it and this will help with a nice Thanksgiving meal.



SCV Rotary Club members accept food donations to benefit the College of the Canyons' BANC program aturday morning, November 14, 2020

Among those who donated Saturday was Valencia resident Beate Baker, who brought everything from canned goods to body lotion.

♦You just never know who♦s in need,♦ he said. ♦I just want to contribute, especially right now with the pandemic, because people are hungry.♦

Saturday was one of several COVID-modified food-distribution events where several hundred students have attended, according to Joslin.

♦Students would drop by on their way to class hungry, saying, ♦Hey, I have a test coming up ♦ I have no nourishment.♦ And we ♦d say, ♦Here ♦s this grab-and-go,♦♦ said Joslin. ♦But with COVID, we ♦ve had to switch gears.♦

The food drive comes as the Rotary Club raised \$4,750 in grant funds for BaNC and another \$4,750 for the college s culinary school for student scholarships, according to Rotary Club President Glenn Terry.

♦ The relationship (between COC and the Rotary Club) started about a year ago after having lunch with (COC Chancellor) Dr. Dianne Van Hook, ♦ he said. ♦ We talked about this project that ♦ s about, really, ending homelessness. ♦

He said the Rotary Club plans on continuing the partnership to continue helping more students.

♦It♦s about coming together as humans and helping each other,♦ said Terry, ♦and it♦s the only way we♦re gonna get rid of (homelessness), conquer homelessness.♦

### Fox Chapel Area Rotary delivers food to Sharpsburg pantry

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 16, 2020



The Rotary Club of Fox Chapel Area donated \$500.00 in food to the St. Juan Diego Food Pantry in Sharpsburg. Shown here are food bank volunteers Jack Zuza and Pat Markelewicz, Rotary Club member Andrea Lehman and food bank volunteer Penny Szarfranski

A donation of meat, eggs and produce to the St. Juan Diego Food Pantry is expected to feed about 60 needy families.

The food totaled about \$500 and came from the Rotary Club of Fox Chapel Area, whose mission is marked by the motto, Service Above Self.

Barbara George, food pantry director, said the delivery is perfect timing since volunteers are working double-time to ensure the shelves remain stocked in preparation for winter.

Founded in 1954, the food pantry is run by St. Vincent de Paul and serves about 150 families a month.

George said that translates to about 300 people who get enough food to supplement their monthly grocery budget with a box full of potatoes, pasta and peanut butter.

Food is doled out from 9 a.m. to noon and 4 to 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church along Penn Street.

In June, the food pantry was among three local groups to split an emergency grant to keep operations running through the covid-19 restrictions.

Nancy Speed, immediate past president of the Fox Chapel Area Rotary, joined club member Andrea Lehman, to shop for the food donation and deliver it.

Fox Chapel Area Rotary celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. With 100 members, the club has traditionally raised and donated more than \$20,000 a year, volunteer Tom Benic said.

In recent years, the club has donated to <u>flood restoration</u> at Camp Guyasuta in O Hara and given <u>scholarships</u> to Fox Chapel Area and Shady Side Academy students who show leadership in the classroom and the community.

For more about the food bank, call 412-781-2866

# **RI President's November Message**

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, November 1, 2020



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President 2020-21

### November 2020

We all know Rotary's tremendous power to transform our communities and ourselves. However, in every community, people have been left out, and we have not made a strong enough effort to reach them.

The RI Board of Directors is taking action to make Rotary more welcoming and diverse. We formed a task force to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion to help clubs attract new members regardless of gender, race, religion, age, or other factors. This will help us speed up the change we all want and need. The selection of Jennifer E. Jones as Rotary president for 2022-23 the first woman to lead our organization to is another step in this direction.

At the grassroots level, clubs drive inclusion and diversity. Alia Ali & who serves on the board of directors at the Big West Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization and is a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards alumna and past president of the Rotaract Club of Surrey-Newton, British Columbia & offers her perspective.

I still remember the relief I felt as a RYLA participant four years ago. I had finally found my people: people who cared as much as I did. All over the world, Rotary has the same heart. We serve our communities and take action where others feel paralyzed by the size and scope of a problem.

Let's continue that spirit, especially when the conversation is difficult. Racism, prejudice, and discrimination take on different forms but exist in every country, in every city, and in every person. How do we root it out?

As a diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant, I help organizations create a culture that empowers and attracts everyone using the power of empathy. When we feel with others as if they were ourselves, we cannot hold prejudice in our hearts. When every child reminds you of your own child, when every woman or man reminds you of your mother or brother, you start seeing the world differently.

We can apply The Four-Way Test through the lens of empathy. Are we building goodwill and friendship with everyone in our area, including women? Are things fair and beneficial to people of all ages? Who has to make choices that you don't have to make?

I made a heartbreaking choice between Rotary and my religion when a Rotary convention was held during Ramadan. I wondered: When we ask if this is fair and beneficial to all concerned, did that not include me as a Muslim? Would the convention ever be held over Easter? Only by asking difficult questions can we begin the work of creating a more inclusive and diverse Rotary.

We already connect so many people across the world. Imagine the possibilities when we bring even more people along for the ride. That's the future of Rotary I want to see: one where we are unstoppable in our service, relentless in our kindness, and intentional in the change we want to see.

Rotary has a big enough heart. If we open our door wider, we might find a lot of interesting people with new voices and new perspectives. We already have a variety of clubs offering different styles, cultures, and opportunities • and those who do not feel welcome in any particular club might be great candidates for new clubs created on different models. It's important that we make sure every new Rotary member is a good fit for their club. Rotary Opens Opportunities through diversity.

### **Rotary Foundation Month**

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Thursday, November 5, 2020

How fitting that in this month of Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all we have and all the ♦opportunities♦ we have as Rotarians to serve!

November is Foundation Month. This District has been exceedingly generous in its support of the Foundation. This year, over \$144,000 came back to provide District Designated Funds to 58 clubs. Of this, half goes to the District for club projects, and the other half goes towards global grants and to support the eradication of Polio.

Below are just a few pictures of our how your donations support programs in your community and in our world.



Morgan County Rotary Club: Pets Love Vets







Rotary Club of Sugarloaf: Mobile Library Program



Banks County Rotary: Food2Kids Program

Global grants support Alliance for Smiles providing free surgery to those born with cleft lip/palate. HANWASH will provide clean water in Haiti. Peace Scholarships and the support of Global Grant scholarships. So many more accompany those few.

Consider how our District and Rotary Clubs initiatives center around Rotary seven areas of focus: peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy, community economic development; and the environment.

On a recent visit with Rotarian Francisco Lozano, he shared with me why he is thankful for Rotary.

♦What Rotary means to me: Rotary is a lifestyle of Service Above Self; a platform of like-minded individuals who work together to make a positive difference in our communities and the world. Rotary means service, friendship, teamwork, and success. What GRSP means to me: GRSP is a hands-on initiative through which Georgia Rotarians promote peace, understanding, and life-long friendships among people from different countries. GRSP means the world to me, no pun intended. It transformed my life in a wonderful way! ♦

I am thankful for You and your dedication to those we serve.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Tina

### **DG Candidate Brandy Swanson**

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Saturday, November 14, 2020 Rotary District 6910 Nominating Committee has named Brandy Swanson as the District Governor Candidate for 2023-2024.



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## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION: November is Foundation Month

By PDG Bruce Azevedo on Friday, October 31, 2020



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary International, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact. Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution. Give and become a part of Rotary so life-changing work! Read More

## Rotary District 6910 ByLaws & Policy Manual Updates

Thursday, November 5, 2020 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The District Board of Directors recently adopted changes to the Policy Manual and Bylaws. In accordance with the procedure outlined below, any comments and/or objections to these changes should be filed with Rotary District 6910 District Secretary Lynn Epps no later than (30) days from the date of the publication of this District newsletter. <a href="mailto:Epps.rotary@icloud.com">Epps.rotary@icloud.com</a>

Click here to see the new Policy Manual.

Click here to see the new ByLaws.

VII. POLICY MANUAL CHANGES Changes to the District Policy Manual may be made by two separate means: A. proposed changes by the Clubs may be made only by Resolution enacted at the District Conference in accordance with procedures established herein; or B. The Board may make changes by motion of any board member at any called board meeting, whether regular or special, provided that notice by publication to the clubs first occurs in the District newsletter ♦Rotations♦ followed by a thirty (30) day grace period for clubs to comment and/or object, and if no objections are filed with the Board at the end of the thirty (30) day grace period, said grace period being measured from the date of publication of the District newsletter, then the proposed change may then be enacted by the Board.

### **Rotarians Meet With Governor Kemp to Receive Commendation**

By Max Caylor on Thursday, October 29, 2020

On Thursday, October 29, at 9:50 AM, Rotarian leaders from Georgia met with Governor Brian Kemp at the Governor soffice, where he presented a Commendation to honor Rotary



International shammanitarian service. Those present included D6910 District Governor, Tina Fischlin; D6920 District Goveror Steve Barnes; and Deena Driskell, the wife of D6900 District Governor Kirk Driskell. Rotary Club of Jasper President, Max Caylor, worked with State Representative Rick Jasperse (and fellow Rotarian) to make this all happen! Read More

# **Leadership Spotlight**

By Paige W Havens on Monday, October 26, 2020

With World Polio Day still very fresh in the memory of all Rotarians we are shining our "Leadership Spotlight" this month toward our District End Polio Now Chair, Past District Governor Bill Strickland. On December 1 he will celebrate 25 years as a Rotarian, and during that span he has compiled a striking resume that has taken him around the world working on his passion to end polio.

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PDG Bill Strickland gives life-saving polio immunization to a young girl during one of Rotary s National Immunization Days.

## Rotary District 6910 FY21-FY23 Strategic Plan

By Kimberly S Reynolds on Friday, October 30, 2020



Your District 6910 Board of Directors has been hard at work developing the Strategic Plan for FY2021 ♠ FY2023 so as to support Rotary Clubs around the District in carrying out their mission, the mission of Rotary International, and the Object of Rotary. With the core values of Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service and Leadership, the Board of Directors outlined four strategic priorities.

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### Feed10Million Update

By Randy Redner on Sunday, November 1, 2020



Duluth Rotarians in action (L to R) CJ Graves, Randy Sutt and Linda Storey

Here is a quick update from our Feed10Million campaign through the end of October. See what D6910 Clubs are doing to feed the needlest families among us!

- ♦ YTD ♦ 457,716 meals provided.
- October get this 240,060 meals provided WOW that is an average of almost 8,000 meals every day!!
- Special thanks to Ryan Jones from the Duluth Club who coordinated 4 F2F (Farmers to Families) shipments in October for 92,160 meals for Gwinnett County Clubs.
- District 6910 represents 20% of the Feed10Million meals reported so far for Zones 33 & 34�how cool is that??

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### Phase 3 of Farmers to Families Comes to a Close

By Douglas E. Bolton on Thursday, November 5, 2020

Rotary Clubs across District 6910 made a significant impact on their communities this year through partnerships with the Farmers To Families program. During the month of October, when phase three of the program took place, our distributed 11 trailer loads of food. Each trailer contained 1,152 boxes of food that contained meat, dairy, produce and 1 gallon of milk, weighing a little over 30 pounds per box. That totals 12,672 boxes of food. Read More



## District 6910 s Global Grant Scholar: Sammi Fuller

By Paige W Havens on Monday, November 2, 2020



Sammi Fuller calls Alpharetta, Georgia home. She studied biomedical engineering at Georgia Tech and was awarded her bachelor so degree in Health Promotion and Behavior from the University of Georgia. She speaks English, Spanish and some Swahili. Sammi is a brilliant, young scholar that was recently named District 6910 so Global Grant Scholar and awarded a \$30,000 scholarship to study abroad at University College London to earn her Master of Science in Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology. Read More