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Happy Thanksgiving!

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 1, 2021

November Birthdays

Brad Bettis 11/1
Tommy Davis 11/2
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 Saturday, November 20, 2021

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

11-23-2021 - Meeting Canceled for Thanksgiving

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

12-03-2021 - Rotary Christmas Party 7:00 pm Brad Bettis' house

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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Club Leaders

Rotary Club of Covington Christmas Party Friday December 3rd

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, November 19, 2021

Rotary Club of Covington Christmas Party Friday December 3rd



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at-Arms



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President



Time: Friday December 3rd 7:00 pm

**Location: Brad and Marlece Bettis house
969 Knox Chapel Rd**

Social Circle, GA 30025

Food: Heavy hors d'oeuvres

Beverages: Beer, Wine and Soft drinks provided. BYOB if so desired.

Dress: Casual dress and casual time.

[Click here for directions.](#)

Rotary Club of Covington donates 25,000 N95 Masks

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, November 20, 2021



the Rotary Club delivered 25,000 N95 masks to Camp Twin Lakes the morning of November 19, 2021. The masks will be shared between Camp Twin Lakes and Camp Sunshine.

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 Whitley
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

22nd Annual Sportsman Raffle Winners

By Joseph Davidson on Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Rotary Club of Covington

22nd Annual Sportsman Raffle Winners

1st prize: Stuart Hamilton

Ruger American 243 Rifle

2nd prize: Mike Hanley

Beretta A300 Outlander 12 GA Shotgun

3rd prize: Tommy Taylor

Henry Golden Boy .22 Rifle

4th prize: Brook Collins

Ruger American 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle

5th prize: Bill Holcomb

Ruger 10/22 Rifle

Congratulations to all the winners.

**Thank you for the support of the winners and everyone that purchased and sold the raffle tickets.
Thank you for making this a great fundraiser for our Empty Stocking Fund.**

District Conference Greenville SC April 21, 2022

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 25, 2021

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



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GREENville**

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!

Rotary Club Gives Out 50 Thanksgiving Meal Baskets

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, November 20, 2021



Members of the Rotary Club of Southwest Philadelphia-Eastwick were joined by members of the Rotary Club of Lower Mainline to pack 50 baskets full of the fixings for a family Thanksgiving meal. Baskets were given to families who don't have the funds to purchase a meal.

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change in their communities, across the globe, and in themselves.

The Rotary Club of Southwest is seeking Southwest residents who are interested in community service projects aimed to make Southwest a better community. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/CymbaSimpson> or contact Cheryl Burkett at 215-868-9160.

Rotary Club serves seniors Thanksgiving meal

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, November 20, 2021



Corbin Rotary members pose for a photo after packing meals for Wednesday's drive-through event. From left to right are: Milly burkhart, Corbin Mayor Suzie Razmus, J. Bill Sosh, President Steve Vaughn, Sadir Patel and Josh Curry.

CORBN◆The Corbin Rotary Club sponsored a Thanksgiving meal for senior citizens at the Corbin Senior Citizen Center on Wednesday in a new format.

As COVID-19 still poses a threat to the senior citizens in the community, instead of their usual gathering, the Corbin Rotary Club hosted a drive-through event where seniors in the community could drive through and pick up their turkey dinner. This was the second year in a row the Corbin Rotary Club has had to change their event to a drive-through event.

◆This is the best we could do,◆ said Milly Burkhardt, chair of the Corbin Rotary Club◆s Senior Citizen Center Dinner committee. ◆It◆s very disappointing that we don◆t get to have that face-to-face contact, that fellowship of being with them.◆

◆I◆m really hopeful for next year,◆ she added. ◆Surely to goodness we◆ll be back in person next year.◆



Corbin Rotary Club members and Corbin Senior Citizens Center staff helped pack meals for their annual Corbin Senior Citizens Center Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday morning

The Corbin Rotary Club has sponsored the Senior Citizen Center◆s Thanksgiving dinner for over 20 years now. Burkhardt said this event was one of many Rotarians◆ favorite events of the holiday season.

◆This is one of our community service projects, so we◆re serving the community and its population with this,◆ said Burkhardt.

Around 125 meals were picked up by and delivered to seniors in the community for Wednesday◆s Thanksgiving meal, which was catered by David◆s Steakhouse and included a warm turkey dinner with all the fixings and was packaged for senior citizens to take home and enjoy. Those who stopped by also got a goody bag full of donated items from businesses and organizations from throughout the community.

Despite not being able to host their normal Thanksgiving meal in person, those who passed through were able to hear live renditions of 1950s musical hits by ◆The Ponytails◆ singing group. Several even brought out their lawn chairs and set up across the street to listen and dance with their friends outside the center.

The Corbin Rotary Club wanted to thank those who sponsored and donated to this year◆s event including State Farm, Baptist Health Corbin, Cash Advance, Bluegrass Care Navigators, the University of the Cumberlands, Jeff Tipton, Milly Burkhardt and Sudhir Patel. As well as, the singing group The Ponytails and the Corbin Senior Citizen Center staff.



The Corbin Rotary Club's next event will be the Empty Stocking Fund which has helped provide a better Christmas for thousands of local children for more than three decades now. Gifts will be distributed at Immanuel Baptist Church on Saturday, December 18, while gift wrapping for the event will take place the night before beginning at 6 p.m.

Rotary Club of Aggieland prepares for annual Thanksgiving basket giveaway

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, November 20, 2021

Rotary Club of Aggieland Presents the
23rd annual
THANKSGIVING BASKETS



LET'S GIVE THANKS & HELP ONES IN NEED

**ON NOVEMBER 19TH WE ARE HELPING
500 FAMILIES ACCROSS BRYAN &
COLLEGE STATION WITH MEALS FOR
THANKSGIVING!**

<p>A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO: H-E-B, TEXAS A&M CORPS, & MANY OTHERS!</p>	<p>WANT TO HELP? JOIN US FOR CHICKEN SCRATCH BINGO ON 11/5 AT 5:30 IN THE LASALLE COURTYARD IN BRYAN OR MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK!</p>
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COLLEGE STATION, Texas - The Rotary Club of Aggieland is gearing up for its 23rd annual Thanksgiving basket giveaway.

The project started in 1998 and gave away 12 baskets to families in need. Now, they're planning to give 500 boxes to families Nov. 19.

The boxes will include turkey, mashed potatoes, corn and green beans among other things. An added bonus will be muffins, according to rotary club member Barbie Patterson.

◆This will impact 3,000 people. There◆s enough food in those boxes to feed six to eight people, so 500 boxes times six is 3,000, and that◆s women, children that need this food,◆ Patterson said.

All of the boxes have been reserved, but those in need can contact [The Bridge Ministries](#) for help.

If you would like to volunteer with the rotary club, you can message them on Facebook [here](#) or contact Patterson at barbie@patarch.com.

'Nobody will go away hungry': Portsmouth Rotary free Thanksgiving meal celebrates 50 years

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, November 20, 2021



Portsmouth Rotary Thanksgiving dinner co-chairs Ann Bliss, left, and Betsy Scott, seen Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, look forward to the club's 50th anniversary providing Thanksgiving dinners.

PORTSMOUTH ◆ Amid a nationwide rise in the cost of groceries and the lingering economic impacts of COVID-19, volunteers from the Portsmouth Rotary expect to accommodate more people in need of a free Thanksgiving meal this holiday.

When the Rotary began its annual sit-down dinner at no cost decades ago, no one could have predicted all these years later, the face-to-face intimacy of the meal would be temporarily eliminated due to a global pandemic.

Yet, 50 years later, the goal remains the same: To serve all those in need, even as the coronavirus prevents the traditional sense of togetherness that Thanksgiving is most known for.

◆We◆re prepared for as many people as arrive,◆ said Ann Bliss, the co-chair of the meal operation. ◆Nobody will go away hungry.◆

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the dinner this holiday, Portsmouth Rotarians are facing [the second year in a row where the in-person meal has been shuttered](#) and has transitioned to a strictly pickup or delivery format. Held at the St. Nicholas Greek Church, next to Portsmouth High School at 40 Andrew Jarvis Drive, the free event is open to all and will run from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25.

Pre-coronavirus pandemic, Bliss, a private practicing mental health counselor, said the sit-down meal would accommodate about 150 people inside the church and would require 27 turkeys total. Last year, amid newfound public health limitations, packaged and bagged meals were given to at least 400 Seacoast and southern Maine residents.

In 2021, co-chair Betsy Scott, a floral designer, said the Rotary anticipates more meals will be needed. This year, Portsmouth Regional Hospital will donate at least 50 turkeys ◆ a fitting coincidence for the 50th anniversary dinner.

From her interactions with other churches and volunteer groups who organize similar programs, Scott said every meal is being conducted in a quick pickup or delivery manner.

Early Thanksgiving morning, the team of Rotarians will head to the hospital to pick up all the food. They◆ll then bring it back to the church and lay it out in warming ovens for a bit before bagging and packaging entire meals.

Playing on the initials of their first names, Bliss and Scott, who are in their third year of co-chairing the Rotary Thanksgiving dinner together, call themselves ◆A + B Team Turkey.◆ They◆ll be overseeing a team of Rotarians that are required to be fully vaccinated, and each volunteer will be masked as the meals are prepared.

Each bag, donated by Greenland Elementary School and vibrantly decorated with different designs by students, will hold turkey breast, squash, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, fresh fruit, rolls with butter and a slice of varying assortments of pie. Vanessa Burns, owner of the Flower Kiosk on Market Street, is donating flowers that will also be placed in each bag.

◆Giving back to the community is one of the most important things,◆ Bliss said.



Feeding a growing need

Ahead of last year's Thanksgiving, the United States Census Bureau said that [one in eight Americans said they didn't have enough food in the week prior](#). Feeding America reports that in New Hampshire, [nearly 120,000 are currently facing hunger](#). Of the statewide population, that figure equates to one in 11 people facing hunger, including one in 9 children.

Moreover, just last month, the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics confirmed the suspicions of many that the cost of groceries had spiked. [Since September 2020, in just 13 months, food prices increased by 4.6%](#).

In its 50th year, the Rotary's Thanksgiving meal is continuing to work through trying times and cannot properly honor its milestone anniversary the way the organization would like by hosting a sit-down meal.

That occasion would, of course, preferably be in a large group setting. "I wish we could do more to celebrate our fiftieth (anniversary)," Scott said.

Still, the impact of the meal is evident. Scott recalled one woman who requested several meals last year, showed up to the church on a bicycle and, after telling Rotarians she planned to bring them to people she knew at nearby homeless encampments, pedaled away with the bags.

"Our community, the way we support each other, melts my heart. It's just so awesome," Scott said.

As for Bliss, she has firsthand familial knowledge of the struggles of food insecurity since her great-grandmother died of malnutrition. The memory of her and the struggles she endured in her life inspired Bliss to manage the soup kitchen at her temple for two decades.

"I dedicated myself to making sure I was feeding people," she said.

Thanksgiving meals can be ordered in advance by calling the Rotary's holiday hotline at 603-205-1233 or by emailing rotarythanksgiving@gmail.com.

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 Nautile, 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 Sow, 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 DG Michael L. Berg



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