



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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Secretary

## Rotary Program 11-24-20 - Meeting Canceled for Thanksgiving

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 23, 2020



## 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**

11-24-2020 - 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 - Jekyll Island

## 2021 District Conference Jekyll Island

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020



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Assistant Governor

### 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  
2 Years

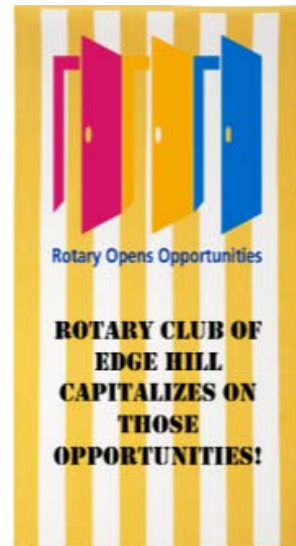


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[Info on meeting safely on Jekyll Island](#)

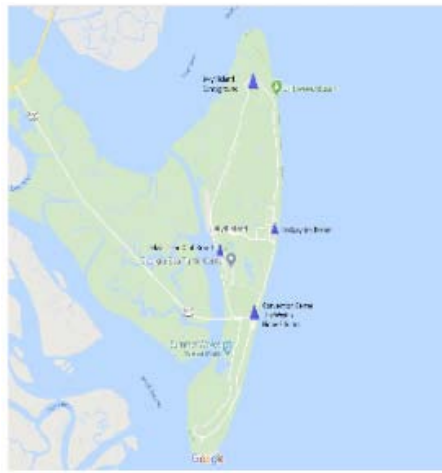


[Beach Towel/Mat Competition](#)



[Hotel Info & Registration](#)

Boone Brothers  
11-19-2019  
1 Year  
Jonathan Mark Davis  
11-19-2019  
1 Year



### Conference Agenda



### Fun in the Sun Activities



## Fluvanna Rotary Club hosts pre-Thanksgiving food drive

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 23, 2020



FLUVANNA COUNTY, Va. (CBS19 NEWS) -- In response to COVID-19, the Fluvanna Rotary Club is hosting its third food drive at Lake Monticello.

"The fact that some of us are blessed and have more, and are willing to share, I think is what makes Fluvanna such a great community to live in," said the club's Executive Secretary, Rudy Garcia.

To avoid being a super spreader event, volunteers picked up donations at the bottom of residents' driveways.

Food pickup was between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday.

It's a plan that's growing. In April, volunteers collected 7,000 pounds of food, 8,000 in July, and 12,000 during this third event.

A food drive organizer says the demand is more than four times the average.

"When we started this out, they were doing about 100 families, 125 families a month, at the peak they were doing about 500 families a month," said Garcia.



He says the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office donated its No Shave November money, while E.W. Thomas and the rotary foundation have also made big contributions.

"Our local rotary foundation stepped up and said that they would match the first \$2,500 in cash donations the community made," said Garcia. "I am pleased to tell you we've already achieved that."

He says the end goal is to donate \$10,000 to Fluvanna's food bank.

By the time the drive is over, organizers say they will have had more than 300 volunteers and close to 1,300 community service hours.

One volunteer says out of the several years she's volunteered, this one feels different.

"I think people are more giving this year. I don't know if it's because of COVID or what," said Barb Ringgold.

As for the future, Garcia says there will be a fourth food drive in April.



"One of our volunteers said 'Hey, why don't you tie all of these to holidays?' We thought about it and said that's a good idea. One Easter fundraiser, one Fourth of July fundraiser, and a Thanksgiving fundraiser," Garcia said.

Donations can be sent to the Rotary Foundation of Fluvanna County, 265 Turkey Sag Trail, Suite 102, PO Box 114, Palmyra, VA 22963. Please write MACAA Food Drive in the MEMO Line.

## Rotary donates Thanksgiving meals to families

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 23, 2020



The Rotary Club of San Benito gave Thanksgiving meals to 21 San Benito CISD families on Friday as part of its first Turkey Meal Distribution Project. Courtesy photos

AN BENITO ♦ In a team effort made by Rotarians and the community, some families received something a little extra special for Thanksgiving this season.

On Friday, the Rotary Club of San Benito provided 21 San Benito CISD families with meals as part of the organization's first Turkey Meal Distribution Project.

Along with a turkey, every meal came with several side dishes, such as cans of corn and cranberries, potatoes, stuffing, yams, bread and pie.

♦It just felt so good to do something like that,♦ Rotary Club President Dr. Olivia Rivas said. ♦It was the whole community that came together with it.♦

Rotarians partnered with 10 elementary schools who identified families that would receive the meals.

Rivas said Rotarians wrote a ♦Happy Thanksgiving♦ note on the box of each meal that let the families know that the Rotary Club is grateful to have families like them in the community and to have wonderful children like theirs in the school district.

♦This is the first turkey giveaway that we've had and it's so successful,♦ Rivas said. ♦All of our members that went out to distribute came back saying it felt so good to do this for the parents, and some of the elementary schools had the parents there waiting to receive the meals.♦

Rivas said a member of the Rotary Club from Houston came up with the idea of having the Turkey Meal Distribution Project.

◆ Giving away turkeys was something that he had done while he was in law enforcement in Harris County, ◆ she said. ◆ He suggested to our club that we get involved in a turkey project because he had been so successful with it in Houston. ◆

Rivas said he and Rotarian Celeste Sanchez headed the turkey giveaway.

◆ Many of the cans of food were donated by some of his former co-workers involved with law enforcement in the Houston area and many others were donated by local residents, ◆ Rivas said. ◆ When we contacted the school district, they were very happy that we were going to do this. ◆

According to Rivas, the Rotary Club has close to 71 turkey donations promised for next year by local community members wanting to make a contribution to the project.

◆ San Benito is not a large community, but it ◆s not too small, ◆ Rivas said. ◆ It ◆s just right and everybody pitches in. ◆

## Abundant Harvest takes home nearly \$700 of items during Rotary Grocery Grab

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 23, 2020



Scott Shreves shows off nearly \$700.00 in groceries he shopped for Abundant Harvest, Saturday morning, during the Rotary Club of Emporia Grocery Grab.

Grocery shopping can get a bit crazy for anyone during this time of year; just ask local resident Scott Shreves.

Representing Abundant Harvest as part of the Emporia Rotary Club ◆s Grocery Grab at Good's CashSaver Saturday morning, Shreves secured a grand total of \$683.13 in food items for the organization over the course of a frantic, five-minute race against the clock.

The opportunity began with a single-minute pit stop in the store ◆s meat section before opening to a more free-form exploration of each aisle, which, for Shreves, meant a chance to focus on finding the highest-quality boxed meals, canned foods and other non-perishable food items typically needed and requested by visitors to the pantry.

◆ I actually came in here with a game plan just in case I was selected for the actual grab, ◆ Shreves said, referring to the five other contestants that went home with \$50 gift cards as part of the drawing. ◆ There were things I was able to get a lot of, like spices and boxed meals, which are going to go a long way for us and are always something we need. I think our people are really going to appreciate some of the meat products I was able to grab, too. It was hard not to feel a bit overwhelmed, but I just wanted to stay focused and grab as much as I could, because every little bit helps. ◆



Good's CashSaver Store Manager Brad Durbin pulls a name out a bucket held by Rotary Club Vice President Alex Mosakowski Saturday morning at the grocery store for the Rotary Club of Emporia's annual Grocery Grab. Abundant Harvest, repped by Scott Shreves, left, was selected as the winner this year.

For Rotary Club Vice President Alex Mosakowski, the day marked yet another example of the Emporia community's generosity, something which he said had been even more present during the pandemic.

◆This is one of the events that Rotary members really look forward to every year, and we're especially thankful for Good's CashSaver for being such a willing and ready participant again,◆ Mosakowski said. ◆It's definitely different from other fundraisers like an auction or dinner, because with this, you see the direct impact of the donations right away.◆

Moving forward, the more than 6,000 raffle tickets purchased for this year's drawing will mean an additional \$5,000 in funding for the club's initiatives and various charitable projects in the coming months, as well.



Rotary Club Vice President Masakowski, Abundant Harvest representative Schott Shreves and Good's CashSaver Manager Brad Durbin pose for a photo, Saturday morning.

◆Knowing that it's going to go to a good cause this year just makes everything more special, and all the tickets are going to help us in our community initiatives, projects, and all the scholarships we hand out,◆ Mosakowski said. ◆We typically try to do some big project each year like we've done in the past with improving the girl scout camp, Camp Alexander, the SOS shelter house and the Lyon County History Center. So, we'll be looking at where the need is in the community again next year and using these funds to help meet those needs.◆

To stay up to date with the latest Rotary Club event schedule, visit [www.rotaryemporia.com](http://www.rotaryemporia.com).

## RI President's November Message

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, November 1, 2020



**Holger Knaack**

**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 ♦ is the first woman to lead our organization ♦ 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.

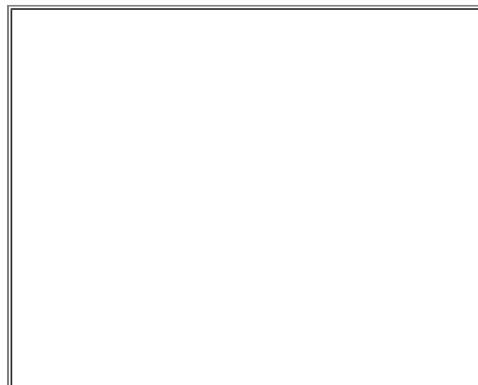
## Rotary Foundation Month

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♦s 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's life-changing work! [Read More](#)

## 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's Office, where he presented a Commendation to honor Rotary International's humanitarian service. Those present included D6910 District Governor, Tina Fischlin; D6920 District Governor 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. [Read More](#)



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. [Read More](#)

## 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 neediest 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??

[Read More](#)

## 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 district 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◆s 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◆s 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](#)

## Rotarians Read for the Record Virtually During Pandemic

By Peter Gleichman on Friday, October 30, 2020

Every year, Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Canton participate in Jumpstart's Read for the Record childhood literacy initiative to set a new record for reading the same book on the same day. Canton Rotarians love to read to the students at Hasty Elementary School Fine Arts Academy, the Rotary club's Partner in Education. [Read More](#)

