



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 29, 2021

There will be a board meeting at 11:00am at the church before the regular meeting.

## Rotary Program 11-30-21 The 'official visit' by the District Governor Mike Berg

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 29, 2021

**The 'official visit' by the District Governor Mike Berg**



Mike Berg is a 38-year Rotarian starting with the South Gwinnett Club and President (1992- 1993) of the Snellville Club currently the Gwinnett Sunrise Club. He is a Major Donor, a GRSP Will Watt fellow, a Benefactor, a Paul Harris Society Member, an RLI graduate and an Area Four Assistant Governor (2017-2020).

Mike grew up in South Atlanta. He graduated from Sylvan Hills High School and was a multisport varsity athlete. His first job was selling vegetables to neighbors at the age of 10. During his High School years, he worked at Rich's downtown after hours filing transcripts. He Graduated from Georgia State University with a BBA in Management, Served in the Army and retiring as a Manager with the Georgia Power Company. He now is the principal for Mike Berg and Associates, Inc.; a government and business strategic planning company. He is also CFO for Marketing Incentives, his Wife's company that sells promotional marketing incentives.

In addition to his Rotary life, he is Vice President of the Lake Lanier Association, Board Member of the Coosa N. Ga. State Water Planning Commission, Board Member of the Civic Foundation for the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, and Board Member of Drawdown Georgia (reduce Carbon in Georgia).

Mike is a former President of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (2013- 2014), Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Dawson County (2005-2017), District 3 Gwinnett County Commissioner (1985-1989), Institute for Georgia Environmental leadership board (IGEL), Chairman of the Georgia State Public Defender Council, Board member of the State Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Founder and past Chairman of the Gwinnett United in Drug Education (GUIDE)

Mike is married to and works for his wife, Jane Berg. They have two adult children and three Grandchildren. They live on Lake Lanier in Dawson County.

## Topic: Tuesday Rotary Meeting: The 'official visit' by the District Governor Mike Berg

Time: November 30, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

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## Join Zoom Meeting

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## Club Leaders



**Bryan Fazio**  
President



**Lauren Poynter**  
Secretary



**Clay Hodges**  
Treasurer

## November & December 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**



**Salisa Bacon**  
Membership  
Chair  
Past  
President



**Taylor Beck**  
Public  
Image  
Chair



**Tarrence T. Houston**  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



**E. Wayne Pugh**  
GRSP Chair



**Brian Keith Adams**  
Past  
President  
Club  
Director



**Brad Bettis**  
Club  
Director



**Douglas E. Bolton**  
Club Admin  
Chair



**Joseph Davidson**  
On-To  
Conference  
Chair



**Ricky Mock**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Tracey Clark**  
Club  
Programs  
Chair



**Bradley Stewart**  
Webmaster



**Thomas Kephart**  
iPast  
President

## 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**

## December Birthdays

**Bob Stafford 12/1**  
**Johnny Smith 12/2**  
**Gena McLendon 12/8**  
**Michael Pulliam 12/8**  
**Lauren Poynter 12/12**  
**Art Vinson 12/21**  
**Keith Adams 12/29**

## December Anniversaries

**Patrick & Janet Carmichael 12/18**  
**Wendell & Nancy Clamp 12/20**

## Covington Rotary

**Janet Brewer 12 Years**  
**Clay Hodges 67 Years**  
**Ricky Mock 23 Years**  
**Terry Ozburn 20 Years**

## Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 29, 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

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 - Rotary Foundation

01/18/-2022 - Mashall Butler - Rotary Public Image

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## 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**



**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.](#)

## District Conference Greenville SC April 21, 2022

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 25, 2021

## Birthdays

Brad Bettis  
November 1st  
Thomas E. Davis  
November 2nd  
Cathy Crenshaw  
November 2nd  
Levi Bailey  
November 3rd  
J. Hugh Steele  
November 3rd  
Patrick Roy  
November 10th  
Steve Whatley  
November 17th  
Bob I. Stafford  
December 1st  
Johnny S. Smith  
December 2nd  
Gena McLendon  
December 8th  
Michael Pulliam  
December 8th  
Lauren Poynter  
December 12th  
Arthur M. Vinson  
December 21st  
Brian Keith Adams  
December 29th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Bob I. Stafford  
November 3rd  
John King  
November 17th  
Patrick Roy  
November 18th

## Club Member Anniversaries

Ernest Wendell Clamp Jr.  
11-01-1993  
28 Years  
Ricky Mock  
12-01-1998  
23 Years  
Terry Ozburn  
12-31-2001  
20 Years  
Janet Brewer  
12-31-2009  
12 Years  
Clay Hodges  
12-16-2014  
7 Years  
Ricky Adams  
11-12-2015  
6 Years  
Stephen C. Smith  
12-11-2015  
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



# GO 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](https://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!*

## The lights go on: Rotary clubs install solar panels to bring electricity to Ghana district

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 29, 2021



A joint solar power project between two rotary clubs has made a difference in Ghana. (Accra-Spintex Rotary Club)

Light appeared and drowned out the darkness.

The Rochester Rotary Club and the Accra-Spintex Rotary Club recently completed a solar power project in the Alokpassta Chips Compound, in the Nkwanta South District of Ghana.

That community is not alone. Approximately 1/4 of the world's population experiences negative repercussions to business, education and healthcare due to lack of electricity.





The district was previously without electricity. (Accra-Spintex Rotary Club)

It also makes travel after sundown more perilous. The Rotary clubs said that lack of lighting in the evenings has led to residents being bitten by poisonous snakes.

A hospital in town serves between 150,000-165,000 people, with out-of-town patients often traveling up to 10 hours to get there. That hospital lacks electricity, which affects the ability to stock vaccinations and other medicines.



A local hospital had no electricity, so vaccines and other medical equipment could not be properly stored. (Accra-Spintex Rotary Club)

So, the rotary clubs did their parts to help. Due to \$15,000 in funding raised by former Rotarian Rhonda Panczyk, electricity was brought to Ghana in the form of solar power.

Under the supervision of the Accra-Spintex Rotary Club, the project was completed in October. Ronald Diliddo, president of the Rochester Rotary Charities ♦ the philanthropic arm of the club ♦ said the first baby born in that community following the project♦s completion was actually named Kwame Solar.



Kwame Solar

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A child born after the project was named Kwame Solar. (Accra-Spintex Rotary Club)

## Pacific Island children to access three new life-saving vaccines through Rotary-UNICEF partnership

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, November 29, 2021



SUVA, FIJI (26 November 2021) - Children in the Pacific region are now able to access three new life-saving vaccines, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), rotavirus vaccine (RV), and the human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV), through Rotary Give Every Child A Future, a partnership between UNICEF and Rotary in Australia and New Zealand.

This multi-million dollar partnership is supporting the introduction of these vaccines to protect children against pneumonia and rotavirus as well as to protect adolescents against HPV reaching more than 100,000 children in total across Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

In the Pacific, pneumonia and diarrhoea are among the top three causes of mortality in children under five years of age. Around one-third of all pneumonia deaths are due to pneumococcal disease, which is usually transmitted through contact with infected children.

Rotaviruses are the leading cause of severe diarrhoea in children aged less than five years. Severe diarrhoea can lead to dehydration, particularly in young children, and if left untreated can be life-threatening.

Cervical cancer is one of the top three regional priorities of Pacific leaders, with over a thousand cervical cancer cases each year. Nearly all cases of cervical cancer can be attributed to HPV infection.

The rollout of these vaccines, is supported by Rotary Australia and New Zealand to celebrate 100 years of service as 2021 marks the Centenary of Rotary International in the region.

◆This project is a further demonstration of the partnership between UNICEF and Rotary,◆ said Rotary Project Director, James Allen. ◆We have worked closely with UNICEF and others on the worldwide polio eradication campaign. We are so delighted that the implementation of Rotary Give Every Child A Future is underway after years of planning and preparation. It is a vital public health initiative that will have lasting and sustainable benefits for the peoples of these countries.◆

The three-year partnership is also supporting an update of national immunization and supply chain management policies. It will also assist with an upgrade to cold chain equipment and the supply chain system. This will help improve the immunization reporting system and integrate other essential health system strengthening activities that will contribute to a reduction in PCV, RV, HPV infections and other vaccine preventable diseases.

UNICEF and Rotary Australia and New Zealand will also support public health authorities in Pacific Island countries to engage communities on the importance of being vaccinated to save lives, and address misinformation about vaccination.

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Notes to Editors:

About Rotary International:

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change ♦ across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. For more information about Rotary please go to [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org), or visit the Rotary Give Every Child A Future website or Facebook

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## Winner of York Rotary Club's 2021 'Car With A Cause' raffle claims big prize: a Lexus

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, November 20, 2021



From left: Tim Thomas, sales manager of Berlin City Lexus; Scott Ramsay, of York, Maine 2021 Car With a Cause Raffle winner; Susan Gross, York Rotary President; Daniel Kahn, general manager of Berlin City Lexus.

YORK, Maine ♦ Scott Ramsey didn't pay for his new Lexus, at least not full price.

Ramsey was this year's lucky winner in the York Rotary Charitable Foundation's "Car With A Cause" raffle. His winning ticket cost \$250.

With 875 raffle tickets sold, Ramsey's was picked at random during HarvestFest last month, and he picked up his keys on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Berlin City Lexus, according to the foundation.





The winning number, 514, in the York Rotary Club's 2021 Car with a Cause raffle belonged to Scott Ramsay of York, who received the keys to his Lexus on November 16, 2021.

The raffle was sold out for the fourth year in a row, according to [York Rotary Club](#)'s Tim Pearson, who said the group typically raises about \$40,000 once expenses are deducted, including insurance, printing costs and a state license.

All funds raised go to support the charitable activities of York Rotary, including community services, food pantry, heat assistance, scholarships and many others, Pearson said.

"The community and York visitors have been wonderful in their continued support even through these difficult months of the pandemic," he added.

## 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 Sow, Benin. This will help a new generation of farmers become economically self-sufficient.

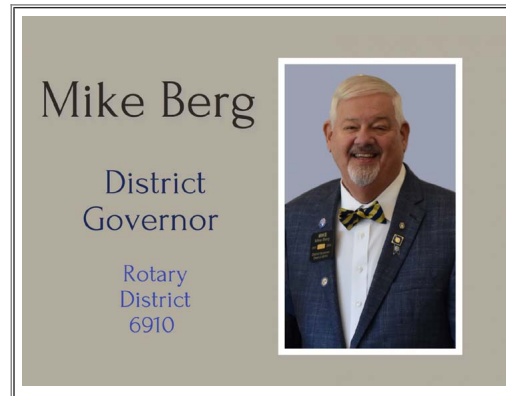
I like comparing The Rotary Foundation to the Taj Mahal, a monument of one man's love for a woman. The Foundation is a dynamic monument of our love for all of humanity.

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](https://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*.

## On The Road With The District Governor

By DG Michael L. Berg



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By Peter A. Gleichman



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## NOVEMBER: Rotary Foundation Month

By PDG Bruce Allen Azevedo





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