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Rotary June 7th 2022 Meeting to be held at the Covington Municipal Airport

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, June 6, 2022

ATTENTION: MEETING BEING HELD AT the Covington Municipal Airport for the Tuesday June 7, 2022 meeting.

14100 GA-142, Covington, GA 30014

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Rotary Program 6-7-22 - RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, June 6, 2022

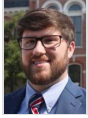
RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

WHAT IS RYLA?

The International RYLA was started by Rotarians in Australia in the early 950s. It is the object of RYLA to bring the business, social, professional and educational leaders of the community and the nation together with the young leaders of the future to share with them ideas, techniques, philosophy and inspirational messages. RYLA scholarships are among the thousands of scholarships given each year by Rotarians worldwide. Through our exchange studies and scholarship programs, students can also visit other countries and attend schools and colleges that might not ordinarily be available to them.



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WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR YOU?

Camp RYLA gives high school students in our district the opportunity to network, communicate, and learn from not only successful leaders, Rotarians, and volunteers but also fellow students. We join around 80 high schoolers from north Georgia every year in hopes of sending each camper back home better equipped to be a leader in your school and community. You are given the opportunity to learn more about yourself through the voices and eyes of people who have experienced life and from people who can help you see things from a different point of view. While at camp, you have the chance to apply these skills through new adventures and outdoor exploration activities. Although camp lasts for four short days, many students leave with stories and friendships to last a lifetime.

Birthdays

- Clay Hodges
June 22nd
- Janet Brewer
June 25th
- Samantha Fuhrey
June 27th
- Salisa Bacon
June 30th



Wedding Anniversaries

C. L. Johnson
June 7th
Brook Collins
June 11th
Brad Bettis
June 14th
James R. Carter
June 16th
Boone Brothers
June 28th
Jonathan Mark Davis
June 28th

Club Member Anniversaries

J. Hugh Steele
06-01-1959
63 Years
C. L. Johnson
06-01-1988
34 Years
Joseph Davidson
06-01-2002
20 Years
Johnny L. Capes
06-30-2002
20 Years
Dale L. Evans
06-30-2009
13 Years
Jerry Roseberry
06-30-2009
13 Years

Topic: Tuesday Rotary Meeting: RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Time: June 7, 2022 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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June Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 30, 2022

June Birthdays
Clay Hodges 6/22
Janet Brewer 6/25
Kevin Price 6/25
Samantha Fuhrey 6/27

Salisa Bacon 6/30 Nathan Pulliam 6/30

June Anniversaries

C.L. & Joyce Johnson 6/7

Brook & Katie Collins 6/11

Brad & Marlece Bettis 6/14

Pete & Gail Carter 6/16

Boone & Dawn Brothers 6/28

Mark & Alison Davis 6/28

June Membership Anniversaries

Joe Davidson 20 Years

CL Johnson 34 Years

Jerry Roseberry 33 Years

Hugh J Steele 63 Years

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, June 6, 2022

Meetings are being held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM

ATTENTION: MEETING BEING HELD AT the Covington Municipal Airport

06-07-2022 - RYLA Presentation Tentative - Meeting NOT AT CHURCH

06-14-2022 - Joe Cook - GA River Keepers

06-21-2022 - TBA

06-28-2022 - Induction of Officers

07-05-2022 - Meeting Canceled for 4th of July

07-12-2022 - Club Assembly

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Czech and Clovak Roary members open aid corridor into Ukraine

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, June 6, 2022



Within a day of Russian troops entering Ukraine in February, Rotary clubs in the Czech Republic and Slovakia were using their connections to gain access to a strategic railway hub that has allowed them to shuttle critical supplies into Ukraine and help refugees get out.

Rotary is responding to the crisis in Ukraine.

[Learn what we're doing](#)

The city of Košice, Slovakia, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) from the border with Ukraine, is home to a rail terminus where east meets west. For decades, the terminus has received trains carrying raw materials out of Ukraine along wide-gauge rail lines. The cargo is then transferred onto train cars that run on the standard-gauge rail lines used elsewhere in Europe.

A number of multinational shipping companies use the hub. Rotary members realized quickly that they needed to be able to use it as well.

Martin Pitorák, president of the Rotary Club of Košice, is a former vice president of U.S. Steel Košice, which uses the hub. He and Michal Sláma, president of the Rotary Club of Pardubice, Czech Republic, were among Rotary members who were able to negotiate access.

"We acted very quickly," says Monika Kořiová, a member of the Rotaract and Rotary clubs of Košice. "We were making arrangements while others were still knocking at the door."

The hub is important because Ukraine's extensive rail network, one of the largest in the world, serves parts of the country that are difficult to reach by truck.

Rotary was the first humanitarian organization to get permission to use the rail hub for relief supplies, Kořiová says, and clubs have sent trains full of medical supplies, nonperishable food, and hygiene products across the border. The Slovak government and the European Union have since designated the hub as a primary pathway for sending supplies by rail into Ukraine.

Supplies that arrive in Košice are unloaded and sorted by Rotary volunteers into warehouses before being moved into Ukraine. The Rotary and Rotaract clubs have also used more than 60 trucks and buses to carry 740 tons of supplies into the western Ukrainian region of Uzhhorod, just across the border. From there, they are distributed to locations around the country.

"It is great to see the power of Rotary at work in this time of need," says Pitorák. "In addition to supplies, financial support is coming in from many parts of the world."

Railway Helps

In addition to the use of the wide-gauge rail network, the Rotary and Rotaract clubs are part of an initiative called Railway Helps. Started by the owner of Gepard Express, a Czech passenger transportation company, Railway Helps is using passenger trains to bring supplies into Ukraine and refugees out.

So far, the initiative has brought more than 500 tons of supplies into Chop, a town in the Uzhhorod region. Trains returned to the city of Pardubice carrying more than 5,500 Ukrainian refugees.

Rotary members have helped raise funds, which have come from a variety of sources including a public fundraiser, district funding, and a contribution by the owner of Gepard Express. The participating railways have also absorbed significant costs and other organizations have waived fees.

Sláma continues to seek additional funds for Railway Helps, which is currently sending trains through Poland to Mostyska. The plan is to eventually build a waiting room and passenger station at Mostyska to speed up the flow of supplies and assist refugees leaving Ukraine.

Working with others

Coordinating with other entities has been crucial to the success of the efforts. The Rotary and Rotaract clubs have been working with Ukrainian government officials, including members of parliament, diplomats, and regional governors, as well as with hospitals in the cities of Kharkiv, Cherkasy, Uzhhorod, and Mukachevo.

Ko?iová and Ivana Lengová, both members of the [International Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals](#), oversee the purchase of medical supplies and the processing of medical equipment donated by companies in Europe. Lengová, a member of the Rotary Club of Košice Classic, helped secured equipment worth more than \$730,000 from Siemens Slovakia, including four mobile imaging units and three mobile X-ray units.

"Because the fellowship includes members who work at Ukrainian hospitals, we have been able to react very quickly to changing needs," Ko?iová notes.

The clubs are also in regular contact with officials and volunteers at several Slovak-Ukrainian border crossings, coordinating accommodations and transportation for refugees.

Just four days after the war began, Ko?iová spent time at the border.

"You could feel a lot of pain and see tears," she says. "The refugees are broken, but they are very strong and proud. They were not asking for anything. Even the small children were not complaining."

Ko?iová was away from home on a business trip when the war began, but when contacted by a Ukrainian friend and fellow Rotaractor, she arranged for her to stay at her home.

"I arrived home a day later and saw her with just one small backpack containing all she had," Ko?iová says. "She is a high-level manager. Her mom was escaping along another route, and her sister yet another, and they were planning to meet up in Switzerland. When you imagine yourself in that situation, it becomes very real."

Southborough Rotary Club will hold Food Truck Festival for four weeks

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, June 6, 2022



Trucks line up for a previous running of the Wednesday Food Truck Festival in Southborough. This year's festival will run weekly until 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. as it has in some past years.

SOUTHBOROUGH – The Rotary Club of Southborough will hold its Food Truck Festival for three consecutive Wednesdays over the coming weeks at St. Mark's Field off Main Street from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The festival first date is slated for May 25. Remaining dates are scheduled for June 1, June 8 and June 15. Each week will feature four new food trucks and has no cost to attend.

The Rotary Club and Main Street Bank are also sponsoring the Friends of the Southborough Youth Commission's Cash4Campers initiative, though, which helps families send their children to summer camp.

Anyone who donates \$20 to the initiative will receive a \$10 voucher that can be used to purchase food from the trucks.

RI President's June Message

By Joseph Davidson on Tuesday, February 1, 2022



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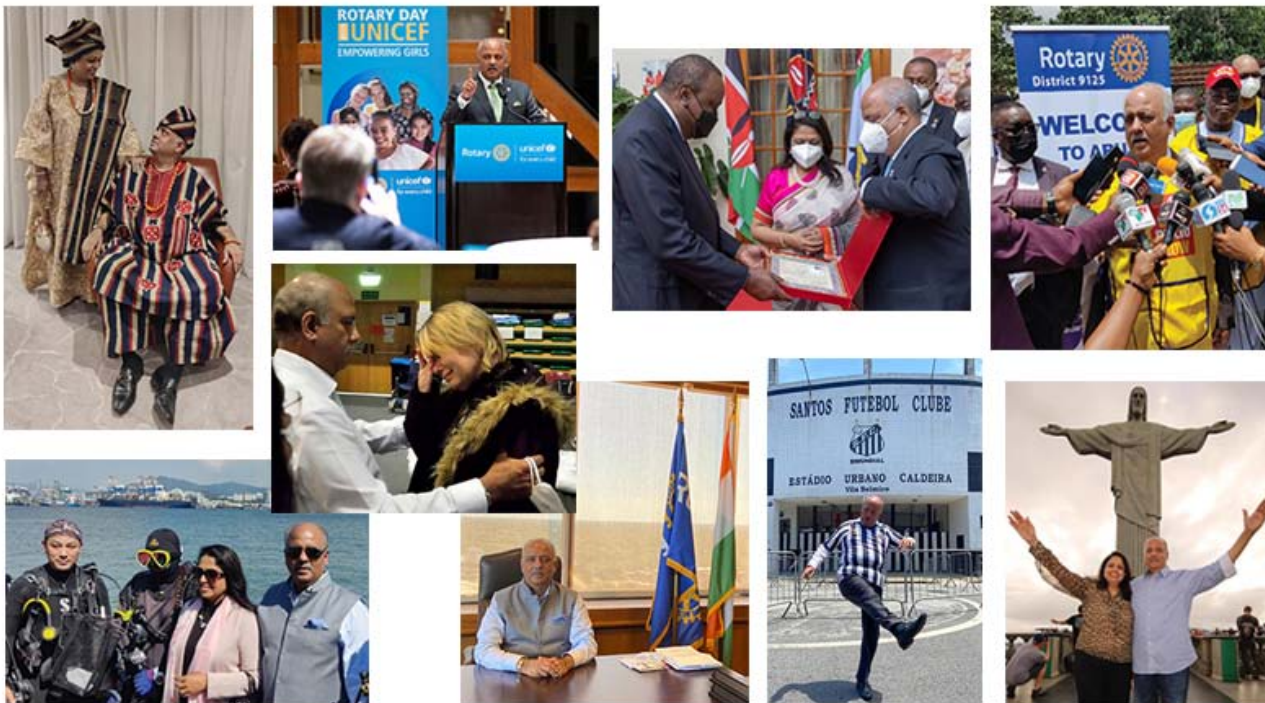
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What a year it has been for Rotary.

You have lived up to every challenge, including to *grow more, do more*, and Rotary has grown in a way that we haven't in many years. This year saw life-changing new projects across all areas of focus, as we took up important work at the highest level — with UNICEF, the Commonwealth, and global leaders. Our efforts opened opportunities to empower girls, improve the environment, and advance literacy and health.

I want to thank each of you for your proactive service. I also want to thank the wonderful Rotary staff for ensuring that we can work with care for our fellow human beings, with peace in our hearts.

Personally, this has been an extremely enriching year for Rashi and me. We've met with thousands of Rotarians and been inspired by their great work around the world. We were also able to showcase Rotary's work at the highest level, meeting with heads of state, leaders, and bureaucrats and offering to work with them to show that Rotary cares and brings peace in this world. With our swan song, Rashi and I wish you the very best as you *Serve to Change Lives*.



On The Road With The District Governor

By DG Michael L. Berg





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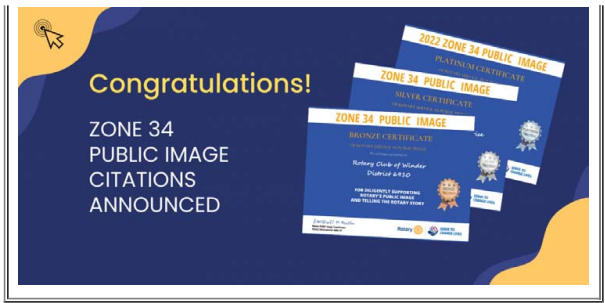
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