



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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## Club Leaders



[Thomas Kephart](#)  
President

## Rotary Board Meeting at 11:00 am before the July 14th Regular meeting

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 13, 2020

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## Rotary Program 7-14-20 Meeting Club Assembly

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 13, 2020

**Meeting topic: Club Assembly**

**7-14-20 Meeting will be held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm  
Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM**

Topic: Rotary Club of Covington's Zoom Meeting

Time: Jul 14, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://emory.zoom.us/j/97109213185?pwd=em1JbGVpcFlrNTJldnJabkRGL0tBQT09>

Meeting ID: 971 0921 3185

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## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Wednesday, July 1, 2020

### July Birthdays

**Billy McCart 7/13**

**Joshua Aaron 7/31**

### July Anniversaries

**Asher & Karen Dozier 7/1**

**Jim & Sandra Tudor 7/1**

**Ricky & Leanne Adams 7/8**

**Tarrence & Felicia Houston 7/8**

**Billy & Judy McCart 7/20**

**Caralyn & Leon Leonard 7/23**

**Levi & Christina Bailey 7/25**

**July Membership Anniversaries**

**Covington Rotary / Rotary**



[Bryan Fazio](#)  
President-Elect



[Lauren Poynter](#)  
Secretary



[Clay Hodges](#)  
Treasurer



[Jackie Gutknecht](#)  
Public Relations Chair



[Tarrence T. Houston](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair



[E. Wayne Pugh](#)  
GRSP Chair



[Brad Bettis](#)  
Club Director



[Douglas E. Bolton](#)  
Club Admin Chair



[Joseph Davidson](#)  
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



[Ricky Mock](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[John King](#)  
iPast President



[Dorothy Bala](#)  
Assistant Governor

**Doug Bolton 16 Years / 22 Years**

**Pete Carter 42 Years / 42 Years**

**Gena McLendon 10 Years / 10 Years**

**Michael Pulliam 3 Year / 3 Year**

**Wayne Pugh 13 Years / 13 Years**

**Lauren Singleton 3 Year / 3 Year**

**Bob Stafford 13 Years / 38 Years**

## Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, June 8, 2020

07-14-2020 - MEETING AT **Covington First United Methodist Church** and VIRTUAL MEETING:Club Assembly

07-21-2020 - To Be Announced

## Installation of Officers and awards

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 6, 2020



2019-2020 Rotary Club of Covington President passes the gavel to Thomas Kephart 2020-2021 President

## Birthdays

William McCart  
July 13th  
Joshua Aaron  
July 31st

## Wedding Anniversaries

Asher Bedwell Dozier  
July 1st  
Jim Tudor  
July 1st  
Ricky Adams  
July 8th  
Tarrence T. Houston  
July 8th  
William McCart  
July 20th  
Caralyn Leonard  
July 23rd  
Levi Bailey  
July 25th

## Club Member Anniversaries

James R. Carter  
07-01-1978  
42 Years  
Douglas E. Bolton  
07-06-2004  
16 Years  
Bob I. Stafford



John King Rotary Club of Covington Pressident 2019-2020 presents Rotarian of the Year to Rotarian Terrance Houston



John King Rotary Club of Covington Pressident 2019-2020 presents W. Lee Arrendale award to Rotarian Dr. Carter Rogers

07-02-2007  
13 Years  
E. Wayne Pugh  
07-02-2007  
13 Years  
Gena McLendon  
07-01-2010  
10 Years  
Lauren Singleton  
07-25-2017  
3 Years  
Michael Pulliam  
07-25-2017  
3 Years





John King Rotary Club of Covington President 2019-2020 presents Robert S. Stubbs award to Rotarian Wayne Pugh

## Rotary Club of Covington's Pandemic Project

By Jackie Gutknecht on Tuesday, June 23, 2020



In early March, when the Corona Virus Pandemic hit the U.S. many retailers across the country were at a loss for what to do with excess inventory as the economy came to a standstill and shoppers were being asked to stay home. One major national retail store's overstock warehouse immediately felt the impact.

The warehouse had an overwhelming quantity of goods that had been returned from the regional stores that were either seasonally out of date or not moving off the shelves.

Previously, the warehouse manager had sold the items at a fraction of the cost to another company to maintain a slight profit rather than taking a loss on the overstocked items. As the pandemic continued, that company no longer wished to purchase or haul the excess inventory and the retailer's warehouse became overwhelmed as it continued to collect the excess goods from the region's stores.

That's when opportunity made its way to the Rotary Club of Covington, Georgia, Club Administrative Chair Doug Bolton said. One, actually two, of the club's members own trucking companies. A driver for one of those companies just so happened to be on a delivery when a friend who was the director of a nonprofit asked if the driver could pick up a load of donated goods nearby. The driver asked permission from the owner and the owner, being a Rotarian, immediately agreed if it would help someone in need.

However, he told his driver he wanted to make contact with the warehouse manager to ensure the request was valid. Contact was made, and the manager assured that they did want to donate the goods. Then the Rotarian was asked if he knew of any other nonprofits in need.

That Rotarian happened to be Tarrence T. Houston, the club's foundation chair, and he worked with the manager to provide all of the 501(c)3 information needed to start taking in the excess inventory for donation.

Almost immediately the manager asked if a tractor trailer could pick up a load, Bolton said. Tarrence said absolutely and went to pick up the load himself. He returned to the city of Covington to his trailer lot. He had a full trailer load of just about everything the retail stores sold clothes, household goods, cleaning supplies, over the counter medicines, books, school supplies, food items, etc. While the club board was excited and knew they could help a lot of people in the community in need, the logistics of where to store, sort, organize, and distribute became quickly obvious.

As fate would have it, the other club member who owned a trucking company the club's GRSP Chair Wayne Pugh - advised that he just happened to have an empty warehouse that could be used.

The generosity of the two trucking company owners to use the trucks and trailers and the warehouse cannot be understated, Bolton said.

During the following two months 10 trailer loads of goods were donated by the generous warehouse manager who asked not to be identified by name or company.

Approximately a quarter of a million dollars worth of goods were distributed to more than 50 nonprofits by the Rotary Club of Covington and thousands of individuals in need were served during a time when many could not afford to purchase those items. As the virus became less of a threat, the company that had been purchasing goods from the warehouse resumed its routine, and the donations to the Rotary Club of Covington ceased, but not before a huge impact was made on so many lives.

Rotarians are people of action and in a time where there was an uncertainty for the future, our members took action, Public Image Chair Jackie Gutknecht said. We are grateful for all of the volunteers who gave of their time and resources to make this massive undertaking a huge success for our community and region. Donations from this partnership spread far and wide and the impact will be felt for years to come.

The Rotary Club of Covington was chartered in 1939 and meets weekly at noon on Tuesdays at the First United Methodist Church of Covington. For more information on how to get involved with the club, please visit [www.rotarycovington.org](http://www.rotarycovington.org).

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## Rotary Club replaces Fly-In Breakfast with Do-It-Yourself

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 13, 2020



Submitted Photo Pictured left to right are: Michele D. Starwalt, Rotary Assistant Governor for Area 16 of District 7090; David Tiffany, past chair for the club's Annual Fly-In Breakfast; Kathleen Peterson, Executive Director of CCRM; and Bridget Majka, CCRM Director of Programs.

A time-honored community tradition is being transformed this year into something completely different, but with a taste of the original.

For more than 50 years, the Dunkirk-Fredonia Rotary Club has been putting on its annual Fly-In Breakfast on the second Sunday in July at the Chautauqua County Airport in Dunkirk. More than 1,200 people usually attend.

This year, club leaders determined that the coronavirus pandemic made it unwise to hold the event as usual. In its place, the club is partnering with Chautauqua County Rural Ministry to fund, assemble and distribute 150 Do-It-Yourself Pancake Breakfast Kits for hungry families in the north county region. Lake Shore Savings Bank, which has been a long-term sponsor of the annual Fly-In Breakfast, is providing financial support for the project.

The kits will consist of a box of pancake mix, a dozen eggs, two boxes of frozen fully cooked breakfast sausages, a gallon of milk and a half gallon of orange juice. Locally produced 100% pure maple syrup and a variety of fruit syrups will also be included.

The kits will be available for pick up, at no charge, on Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Chautauqua County Rural Ministry building at 319 Washington Ave., Dunkirk. Because supplies are limited, pre-registration is strongly encouraged. A limited number of the kits will also be sent to the food pantries in Brocton, Silver Creek and Fredonia as well as to the food pantries at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Salvation Army in Dunkirk.

July 12 was chosen as the distribution date because the second Sunday in July is the traditional date for the Fly-In Breakfast.

“We’re certainly hoping to return to full operations in July of 2021,” said David Dengler, club president. “We admire the work done by the Rural Ministry. We know the pandemic has increased the already great need of many in our area, and we were delighted that CCRM was willing to partner with us on this project. We thought the project would be a good way to keep the spirit of the Fly-In Breakfast alive while also serving area families in need.”

### SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN

In addition to the food items, for families with children the kits will also include balsa-wood airplanes.

“This is Rotary’s way of replacing some of the joy that usually comes from attending the fly-in breakfast in person, with something that kids can do at home,” said club treasurer Jefferson Westwood, who originated the idea for the project.

For most of its history, the annual Rotary Fly-In Breakfast was a project of the Dunkirk Rotary Club. When the Dunkirk and Fredonia Rotary Clubs merged in 2017, it became a project of the merged club. The club is part of Rotary International, the largest and oldest international service organization in the world. Rotary has over 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs located in 200 countries and geographical areas. The purpose of Rotary is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.

The Dunkirk-Fredonia Rotary Club meets weekly at noon on Thursdays. Meetings are currently taking place virtually via Zoom. Recent speakers have included Dennis L. Hefner, interim president of the State University at Fredonia; Robert Keem, general manager of Athenex Pharma Solutions; Christine Schuyler, director of health and human services for Chautauqua County; and Richard Ryan, director of development for the National Comedy Center in Jamestown. More information is available by emailing [dunkirkfredoniarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:dunkirkfredoniarotaryclub@gmail.com).

## Rock Island Rotary Club | Eastern Iowa Rotary Water Project

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 13, 2020





Having access to clean, safe water and sanitation is a privilege many of us don't think twice about. But for 785 million people in this world, about one in nine, it's a luxury they go without. As you can imagine, not having this one resource can be life-threatening. One local rotary club is working to directly and quickly impact this crisis.



## RI President's July Message

By Joseph Davidson on Wednesday, July 1, 2020



**Holger Knaack**

**President 2020-21**

### **July 2020**

This does not seem like a time for great optimism, but it has to be. Long before Rotary was founded, the world dealt with great crises that tested humankind's ability to progress and endure. In the age of Rotary, the world has faced many more catastrophes; however, we have survived, and every step of the way, Rotary has helped the world heal.

Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth. I revealed the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities at the International Assembly in San Diego just as the COVID-19 crisis was beginning, but these are words that I have believed for many years.

Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities. We believe in creating opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.

Governments and institutions are gaining a greater appreciation for the types of public health partnerships that are critical to our work. People stuck at home, eager for greater connections and hungry to help their communities, are now embracing the values we have promoted since our beginning.

All of this is positive news, but just because there are greater opportunities than ever for Rotary to thrive does not guarantee that we will succeed. The world is changing rapidly ♦ and was doing so even before this crisis. People were starting to move away from regular lunch meetings and toward online gatherings. Friendships were being cultivated and revived in social media relationships even before most of our meetings moved to Zoom and Skype. Younger generations have a strong desire to serve ♦ but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organizations like Rotary or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future.

The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, and our new Action Plan specifically calls on us to improve our ability to adapt. But adaptation is not enough. We need to change, and change dramatically, if we are to face the challenges of this new age and provide the Rotary the world so desperately needs.

This is our great challenge, not just in the next year but into the foreseeable future. It is up to us to remake Rotary for these new times ♦ to wholeheartedly embrace the ideas, energy, and commitment of young people eager to find an outlet for idealism. We must become an organization fully enmeshed in the digital age, not one that simply looks for online ways to keep doing what we have always done.

The world needs Rotary now more than ever. It is up to us to make sure that *Rotary Opens Opportunities* for generations to come.

## **Guide for Hybrid Meetings**

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Monday, July 6, 2020

In this period of COVID-19 and the need for social distancing, most clubs turned to online meetings. Now, as many clubs are returning to conducting meetings in-person, some members still need or prefer to attend online. Here is a terrific guide, provided by Zone 33/34, to conducting "hybrid" meetings- part in-person and part online, to meet the needs of all club members!



## RI Monthly Themes

[Click here](#)

## Communication Pipeline

[Click here to send a note to the Public Image Committee](#)

## July 2020

### NEW Doors of Opportunity

By Tina Fischlin on Friday, July 3, 2020

One of the many wonderful things about Rotary is that every time we near an end, we are already looking forward to another beginning.

Rotarians continue to find opportunities to turn their passion for change into action. This past Rotary year, *you* stepped up to help those in need during the initial COVID19 pandemic, and *you* continue to address those needs. *You* found ways to stay connected ♦ not only to your personal family, but to your Rotary family. *You* have continued to change lives with your service projects and your donations to The Rotary Foundation. The ripple effect of your service will be felt for generations. A huge THANK YOU!

Rotary Opens Opportunities, and *now* is the time for us to walk through those NEW doors of opportunity with excitement and enthusiasm.

We are guided by the four strategic priorities in Rotary ♦s Action Plan. Increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement and increase our ability to adapt. How do we achieve these things? By staying connected, by continuing to serve with compassion and being courageous as we embark on a new Rotary year.

We are blessed to have an outstanding leadership team serving during the 2020-2021 Rotary year. They, along with the District Governor chain, are ready to guide and assist you to achieve your club goals.

In a message to the 1914 Houston convention, Paul Harris said, ♦ The future of Rotary is shrouded in expectant mystery. It will be for you, my Rotarian friends, to aid in the unfurling of the Rotarians destiny. Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves. ♦

I look forward to serving with you.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Tina

## Monthly Rotary Theme



## New Year - New Leadership



July is Rotary ♦s New Leadership Month. Congratulations to all the 2020-21 Presidents! Be an inspiration this year, especially to your Presidents-Elect. You can only be successful if they are successful!!

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## Remarkable Rotary International Recognition for District 6910



It was an incredible spectacle at the 2019-2020 Virtual Rain Check Awards program on the evening of June 13th, as District Governor Don Martin proclaimed that District 6910 achieved an amazing feat by 'running the table' on the major Rotary International Awards! It's kind of like a 'grand slam!' Gene Windham, Bill St. Claire, Bill Strickland and Joe Whitemore, all Past District Governors, help to make District 6910 a real powerhouse on the world stage. Their experience and leadership are certainly well documented with these prestigious awards. Congratulations Gene, Bill, Bill and Joe ... you are each incredible and amazing Rotarians and a blessing to all of us!

## Important Dates & Deadlines

[Click here for PDF](#)

## Congratulations all District Conference Rain Check Award Recipients

District Conference may have faced incredible obstacles this year, and it may have looked just a little different from what we have grown accustomed, but there is no holding back the excitement, energy and enthusiasm of Rotarians all across the district as they participated in the three day virtual event. District Governor Don Martin became a legitimate TV STAR host right before our eyes, and Peter Gleichman had the whole Hollywood props & costume department at the ready! The event demonstrated tremendous resilience, determination and good old Rotary fun. Congratulations to the entire District Conference Committee for pulling off a masterful program. Congratulations are also in order for the many, many award recipients during the conference ... almost too many to name. Well not really, just click the link below for a complete list of District level award winners. Special accolades to District Rotarian of the Year Leo Lawrenson, for his extraordinary contributions to the District, especially all of his behind the scenes work on revamping the D6910 website! Congratulations Leo and all the Rotarians and Rotary Clubs who celebrated a successful year during the Virtual District Conference Rain Check event. [Read More](#)



*Leo Lawrenson, District 6910 Rotarian of the Year*

## Congratulations to 'Our District's Mr. Polio'

By Bill Strickland on Wednesday, July 1, 2020

It is with great honor that we recognize a great 6910 Rotarian for being selected by the Board of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation to receive the **PolioPlus Pioneer Award**.

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*PolioPlus Pioneer Award Winner, PDG Joe Whittemore (center) is flanked by PDG Bill Strickland (left) and PDG Don Martin.*

## Make Plans Now

# Beach Towel COMPETITION

**Show your club spirit!**

Present your towel or mat  
during your club's DC visit!

**Must Include:**

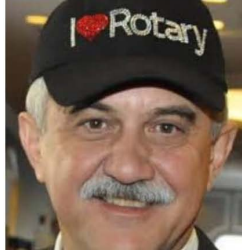
- Name of Club
- Showcase the Spirit of Your Club
- Anything attached should be securely fashioned
- Bring it to District Conference for the House of Friendship

District Focus



## Thank You To A Brilliant Servant

By Brandy Lynn Swanson



*David Stovall and Kim Waters*

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU **David Stovall** for your service and leadership as Zone Director and a special thank you to your wife and Past District Governor **Kim Waters** for all the background work! You made David shine even brighter.

Rotary, communities and the world are a better place because of you both. We have all greatly benefited from your willingness to say **YES** to just about everything. Even on the rare occasion that **yes** was not the answer, you always had an alternative on hand to make sure we all accomplished our goals. Not only was David a resource for all districts in Zone 34, but since district 6910 is his home district, we were privileged to have some additional insights and resources.

For those of you who don't know David & Kim, please take a moment to read their bio. You will see leaders who truly embody Service Above Self and the 4 way test, as well as understand why it was a blessing for all of District 6910 to have them represent us at Rotary International! You will also notice that just because the zone role is finished, they are still serving and being our advocates in other offices at the international level.

THANK YOU Kim & David for your unwavering service!

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## Gene Windham Receives Rotary's Highest Honor

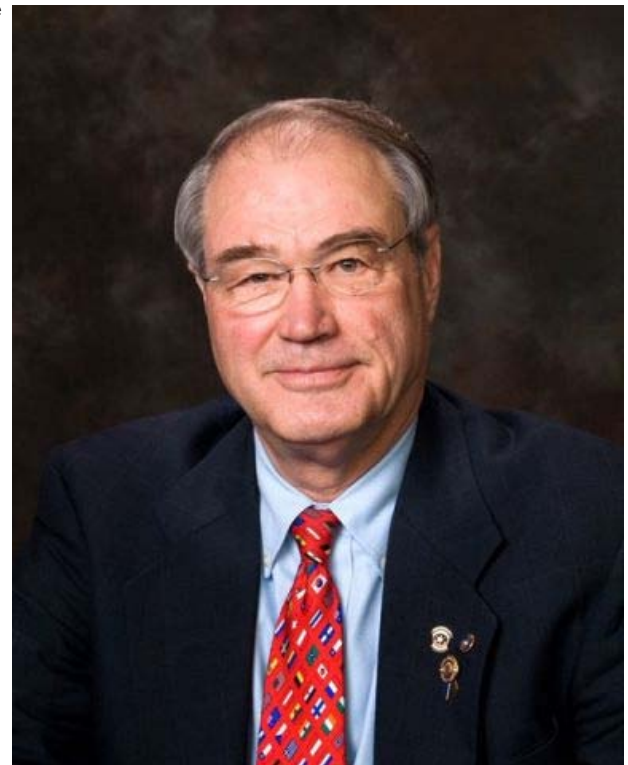
By Sallie Boyles

Why did PDG Don Martin **collude** with Rotarian Denise Windham to ensure her husband Gene did not fall asleep on June 13 before observing the very end of the district's virtual awards ceremony?

Gene conveys how he felt to have received Rotary International's highest honor and shares insights about the CART Fund, his current passion.

Click here for the whole story:

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## 20-21 District Goals

As we launch ahead, seeking new opportunities in 20-21, the District Leadership Team has outlined a number of top level **District Goals**. According to District Governor, Tina Fischlin, it is important that we communicate our overall District Objectives effectively to all of our clubs and our members so that we can build a shared partnership in realizing the vision by this time next year!



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## Leadership Spotlight

By Paige W Havens on Wednesday, July 1, 2020



Our new District Governor Tina Fischlin's Rotary journey has most certainly opened many doors of opportunity for her around the world. Her story is inspiring and compelling. Read on to learn all about Tina and what makes her tick.

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One of the highlights of Tina's life was having the opportunity to drive a school bus full of children through the streets of Myeik, Myanmar during one of her many international missions. This is the main mode of transportation for the kids that come from one of many surrounding islands to the mainland.