



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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## Rotary Program 7-16-19 RYLA Students Presentation

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 15, 2019



**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** is a Rotary International sanctioned program for young adults who are identified as potential leaders in their community. Students are sponsored by Rotary clubs. Last year 36 clubs sponsored 76 students. District 6910 has facilitated a RYLA Camp at Talullah Falls School for over 17 years where high school students receive intensive training in team building activities, leadership qualities, and pushing themselves to their full potential.

We were very fortunate this year in that we sent 8 kids to RYLA. We only paid tuition

for 4, but some other clubs that paid tuition could not find students to send, so our help was requested. 4 of the students were from George Walton Academy, including Rotary member Phil Lanier's daughter. The other 4 were from Newton County - 2 soccer players from Eastside, the son of the Director of Newton Boys and Girls Club, and a Police Explorer.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

### What are the benefits?

Connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:

- ◆ Build communication and problem-solving skills
- ◆ Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in your school or community
- ◆ Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors
- ◆ Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action
- ◆ Have fun and form lasting friendships

### What's involved?

RYLA events are organized locally by Rotary clubs and districts for participants ages 14-30. Depending on community needs, RYLA may take the form of a one-day seminar, a three-day retreat, or a weeklong camp. Typically, events last 3-10 days and include presentations, activities, and workshops covering a variety of topics.

Your community might host a RYLA event for secondary school students to hone their leadership potential, for university students to develop creative problem-solving strategies, or for young professionals to learn ethical business practices.

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 1, 2019

### July Birthdays

**Billy McCart 7/13**

**Frank Batkins 7/14**

**Joshua Aaron 7/31**

### July Anniversaries

**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**



## Birthdays

William McCart  
July 13th  
John Franklin Batkins  
July 14th  
Joshua Aaron  
July 31st

## Wedding Anniversaries

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

## Club Member Anniversaries

James R. Carter  
07-01-1978  
41 Years  
Douglas E. Bolton  
07-06-2004  
15 Years  
E. Wayne Pugh  
07-02-2007  
12 Years  
Bob I. Stafford  
07-02-2007  
12 Years  
Gena McLendon  
07-01-2010  
9 Years  
Lauren Singleton  
07-25-2017  
2 Years  
John Franklin Batkins  
07-25-2017  
2 Years  
Michael Pulliam  
07-25-2017  
2 Years  
Keith Perry  
07-17-2018  
1 Year  
Anne Montgomery  
07-17-2018  
1 Year

## July Membership Anniversaries

**Covington Rotary Rotary**  
**Frank Batkins 2 Year 2 Year**  
**Doug Bolton 15 Years 21 Years**  
**Pete Carter 41 Years 41 Years**  
**Gena McLendon 9 Years 9 Years**  
**Anne Montgomery 1 Year 1 Year**  
**Keith Perry 1 Year 26 Year**  
**Michael Pulliam 2 Year 2 Year**  
**Wayne Pugh 12 Years 12 Years**  
**Lauren Singleton 2 Year 2 Year**  
**Bob Stafford 12 Years 37 Years**

## Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, June 17, 2019  
07-16-2019 - RYLA Students Presentation

07-09-2019 - TBA

10-06-2019 - Rotary Cars of the Past Car Show

10-08-2019 - Meeting Canceled in lieu of Car Show

## School Supply Givaway

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, June 10, 2019

### The last day for us to donate supplies is July 23.

Deputy Susan Young confirmed that we will be able to go over to the school to help pack the bags. I've listed the information below.

**Tuesday, July 23, 2019**

**The Rotary Club of Covington will move its regular meeting to Newton High School for July 23rd** to help pack bags and present a donation as part of the Newton County Sheriff's Office Back to School Supply giveaway. A sack lunch will be provided by Bradley's.

**Directions:** Newton High School: 1 Ram Way, Covington, GA 30014). When coming from the Crowell Road entrance, you will notice a fork in the driveway. Veer right. Then, you will see an opening in the fenced-in area near the fields where you will have to go over a small curb and continue on to the school. NCSO will have a set up for us in the ROTC room of the school. You should see NCSO vehicles in the area. If you have any questions, please call Jackie at 404-312-5190.

**Jackie Gutknecht**

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## Rotary Club hosts annual brunch at Boys & Girls Club

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 15, 2019



Nick Obligation of the Rotary Club of Manteca whips up the pancakes at the brunch held at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manteca

VINCE REMBULAT  
Manteca Bulletin  
Updated: July 11, 2019, 10:36 p.m.

Rotary Club of Manteca once again served up brunch for some 90 members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manteca on Thursday.

◆This is really a fun event,◆ said President Steve Winters, who worked the kitchen, mixing enough pancake batter to feed an army. ◆Just to see the joy in the faces of the kids is priceless.◆

Members of the Boys & Girls Clubs◆ summer program enjoyed ham, eggs, milk and juice to go with their pancakes.

◆They can have as many as they want,◆ said Charlie Halford, who began twice-a-year brunch about six or seven years ago.

Back then, he had just retired as chief of the Manteca Police Department and was the executive director of the local Boys & Girls Clubs.

Some of the ingredients on the brunch menu were leftovers from the Manteca Kiwanis◆ recent Fourth of July breakfast.

◆We had to buy the eggs for today,◆ Halford said.

Rotary, in similar fashion, will have a pancake brunch for youngsters of the local Boys & Girls Clubs shortly after the Super Bowl in February.

◆Everyone loves pancakes,◆ said Boys & Girls Clubs◆ Director of Operations Mark McCool, who also receive a big thank you to Rotarians from the youngsters.

Along those lines, Halford recalled not too long ago when Boys & Girls Club member had a total of 10 pancakes at one of the brunch events.

Youngsters also hung around for the drawing of prizes.

## Coronado Rotary Wins Awards For July 4 Parade Entry

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 15, 2019



The Rotary Club of Coronado was honored to receive the coveted Andy Szymanski ♦Mr. 4<sup>th</sup> of July♦ Sweepstakes Award for its entry in the 2019 Coronado Fourth of July Parade. In addition, it won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in its Division and also the Freedom Award. The Rotary entry highlighted Coronado Rotary♦s many Coronado, military, regional and international projects including Flags on the Avenue (180 U.S. Flags placed along Orange Ave. on all major holidays), Rotarians at Work, and monthly Beach Cleanup as well as its annual fund-raising events including Low Tide Ride & Stride, Jim Laslavic Golf Tournament, End Polio Now Wine Tasting, and Pancake Breakfast. A patriotic theme included a large vintage military truck that was covered with banners describing many achievements of Coronado Rotary over 93 years in Coronado.



Rotarians Suzanne Manuel, Heidi Bergener, Village Elementary Principal, as Susan B. Anthony, and Sandy Brower.

Rotarian Heidi Bergener, Coronado Village Elementary School Principal, dressed as women♦s rights activist Susan B. Anthony, waved to the crowd through an opening in the roof of the truck. The truck pulled a matching vintage trailer which carried Rotary Past President Kevin Rugee flipping pancakes. Six Purple Heart battle-injured warriors from the National Champion Wounded Warrior Wheelchair ♦Wolfpack♦ Basketball Team wowed the crowd by shooting baskets through a hoop attached to the back of the trailer as it rolled down Orange Avenue. Uncle Sam (Rotarian Bob Rutherford) led a group of Rotarians and exchange students dressed in costumes depicting several Rotary events. Coronado Rotary has received the Sweepstakes Award five of the last six years and has also received the Coronado Freedom Award.



In 2018-2019 the Rotary Club of Coronado raised more than \$305,000 which was donated to over 75 charitable organizations including End Polio Now (Rotary International), Warrior Foundation Freedom Station (sponsor of the Wolfpack), Workshops for Warriors, Sharp Coronado Hospital, Limbs of Freedom, Armed Services YMCA, Shelter Box USA, Thousand Smiles and many other organizations that provide disaster relief and international, community, regional and youth services. Coronado Rotary also provides student scholarships. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards leadership training and sponsors international exchange students.



Rotary's Fourth of July Committee Chair Dr. John Pedrotty and Vice-Chair Bob Rutherford led a team of enthusiastic and dedicated Rotarians who spent many hours in planning and created the entry.



## Ravenna Rotary Club presents college scholarships

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 15, 2019



From left, are Rotary Club of Ravenna President Patti Hicks with scholarship recipients Basilio Fierro, Issac Samodell, Regan Miley, Adon Tell, Sheena Raab, Micaiah Jones and Azsah Bradley.

Each year, the Rotary Club of Ravenna provides college scholarships to deserving students from Ravenna pursuing their secondary education.

This year, the club presented seven scholarships totaling \$5,500 to college-bound Ravenna High School and Maplewood Career Center students in May for their use as they embark on their secondary education endeavors.

The students were recognized at the Rotary Club meeting on May 13 and received their scholarship awards at the Ravenna High School Senior Award Ceremony on May 16.

Club President Patti Hicks and fellow Ravenna Rotarians presented the following scholarship winners with their awards: Aszah Bradley, Basilio Fierro, Micaiah Jones, Reagan Miley, Isaac Samodell, Sheena Raab, and Adon Tell.

The club is thankful for those in the community who support the annual Rotary fundraisers, the Fall Harvest Breakfast & Mum Sale and the Spring Reverse Raffle as the event proceeds make these scholarships possible.

To learn more about the Rotary Club of Ravenna or to discuss becoming a member, contact President-elect Eric Schlaubach at 330-297-7431.

The Ravenna Rotary Club supports the local community by providing funding and volunteering for a wide variety of projects such as the Red Kettle Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, providing dictionaries to third-grade classrooms in multiple school districts, providing scholarships to high school students and more.

Visit [ravennarotary.com](http://ravennarotary.com) to learn more about the club's service to the community, speaking opportunities or membership.

## RI President's July Message

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 1, 2019



**Mark Daniel Maloney**

**President 2019-20**

### **July 2019**

I love to travel! I even enjoy the mundane process of getting from here to there. But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveler. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.

As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, Gay and I took a walk to people watch. We went from one end of the terminal to the other and back, looking at every gate, every destination, every group of people waiting for their flights.

Each gate was its own island of humanity. When we walked down the center of the concourse, we were in New York, moving along with everyone in one river. But when you veered off into those seats, you left that current and landed on an island. You were already in Delhi or Paris or Tel Aviv.

As we started our walk, I thought: "All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!" But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us with people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us with our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.

Connection is what makes the experience of Rotary so very different from walking along that concourse at JFK Airport. In Rotary, none of us is an island. All of us are in Rotary together, whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever language we speak or traditions we follow. We are all connected to one another ♦ part of our communities and members not only of our clubs, but also of the global community to which we all belong.

This connection is what lies at the heart of the Rotary experience. It is what brings us to Rotary. It is why we stay. Please join your fellow Rotarians on this journey as Rotary Connects the World.