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Rotary Program 7-21-20 Scott Andrews, City Manager of Covington

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 20, 2020



Scott Andrews has worked in local government for over 16 years and has served as the City Manager since December of 2019. Andrews previously served as the Assistant City Administrator for the City of Smyrna, GA from 2017 to 2019, the Economic Development Director in Sugar Hill, GA from 2014 to 2017.

**7-21-20 Meeting will be held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM**

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Topic: Rotary Club of Covington's Zoom Meeting
Time: Jul 21, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 996 7865 8642

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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

Club Leaders



Thomas Kephart
President



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

July Membership Anniversaries

Covington Rotary Rotary

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 20, 2020

Meetings are being held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM

07-21-2020 - Scott Andrews, City Manager of Covington

07-28-2020 - TBA

09-22-2020 - District Governor Tina D. Fischlin Official Visit

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
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 Rotarian of the Year to Rotarian Terrance Houston



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



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

Branford Rotary Launches **BRAFFLE - The Outrageous Restaurant Raffle**

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 20, 2020



BRANFORD

On July 20, the Branford Rotary launched the largest and most implausible raffle in town history: BRAFFLE - The Outrageous Restaurant Raffle. How outrageous? The Grand Prize winner will get \$100 gift cards to each of 34 - yes, 34 - Branford restaurants. Second Prize wins \$50 cards to all 34. And there are eight more prizes!

Tickets, on sale now at Baffle.org, are just \$20 apiece. It's all part of Branford Rotary's innovative HELP OUT - TAKE OUT program, which has so far has raised more than \$35,000 to help Branford restaurants and struggling local families during the pandemic. A partnership with Branford Counseling & Community Services, the program purchases gift cards from local restaurants and distributes them to residents in need, including those who've lost work. With only 2,000 tickets available, Baffle is expected to sell out, said Rotary Club President Tom Laurenson.

"People are excited about Baffle, partly because it's a new experience, partly because it's such a good cause, but chiefly, it's that wonderful, incredible, edible big prize," said Laurenson. "Thirty-four restaurants? That's just outrageous."

The raffle drawing will be held at 6 p.m. on Aug. 26 at Branford's Owenego Inn, and First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove will pull the winning numbers. In addition to the Grand and Second prizes, Baffle also has 3rd-10th prizes: a \$100 gift card winners can use at the restaurant of their choice. And the gift cards do not expire.

The incredible participating restaurants: Pasta Cusi, Dockside, Darbar India, USS Chowder Pot III, Yooki Yama, Tommy Sullivan's, La Luna, Lenny's, The Stand, Home, Eli's, Le Petit Cafe, Parthenon Diner, LoMonaco's, Mosaico, G-Zen, Rosso Vino, Rossitto's, Genaros, Shoreline Cafe, GW Carson's, Som Siam, Allegra's, Breakfast Connections, Crostini, Cafe Fiore, Donovan's Reef, IL FORNO, Marco's, Local, Kampai, Jalapeno Heaven, Dragon East and Siam Orchid.

With 10 prizes and just 2,000 tickets, the odds of holding a winning ticket are 200-to-1. With 5 tickets, your odds are cut to 40-to-1. But no matter what happens, your entry fee will do a great deal of good. Branford Rotary's HELP OUT - TAKE OUT program, which launched in late April, has so far paid for 3,000 meals for local families in need. And that money does double duty, going first through restaurants that are struggling due to necessary restrictions.

Baffle and HELP OUT - TAKE OUT are all part of Branford Rotary's unprecedented response to the COVID-19 crisis. The Club has provided more than \$45,000 in aid during the pandemic, including PPE for Connecticut Hospice, fresh produce for the food pantry, grocery delivery for frontline workers, funding to the homeless, and more.

"We're out to beat this pandemic by finding ways to help serve our community at a time when it needs help more than ever," said Laurenson. "We've raised more than \$45,000 so far, and we ain't done yet."

For tickets, go to Baffle.org. For more information, email baffle@branfordrotary.org. And to learn more about Branford Rotary, and how you can be

Rotary/Interact Donations to Care Net Pregnancy Center

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 20, 2020



2,100 Diapers, Ready to Go

Diapers, lots of diapers and baby wipes were donated to the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southeast Colorado this past Thursday, July 16th.



Rick Robbins and Anthony LaTour Offloading the Donations

Lamar Rotarians and their junior partners from Interact, volunteered their time to collect over 2,100 sets of diapers and packs of wipes to the facility at 201 East Oak Street. There is a need as the Care Net Center distributed over 2,500 diapers, plus assorted goodies in the past month to residents throughout Prowers County and Springfield.



Destiny Jenkins, (far left), Interact Member with Rotarians and Care Net Staff

Dr. Linda Lujan explained the donations from the Rotary District's Covid Grant funds helped make the diaper purchase possible. Rick Robbins, another Rotarian said it was a dollar match with some other local contributions that added some buying power.

Interact group that's affiliated with the Rotary also had a volunteer in Destiny Jenkins, who will be a junior at Lamar High School this year. Lori Hammer, the director of the HOPE Center suggested I take a look at the program and I've been involved with Interact ever since, she stated.

The Rotary is also assisting with donations to benefit those at the opposite end of the age spectrum, compiling materials for coloring books for senior adults. Lujan said the books and coloring materials are being gathered and when ready will be donated to facilities in the area such as Lamar Estates. Robbins added that these types of books, that pertain to a senior's earlier years from the 1950s, are an aid to memory retention. Lujan noted that Brenda Brown, the current Lamar Rotary president has been in contact with area facilities who will welcome the donations and they books will be divided according to those needs.

RI President's July Message



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.

Feed Families Opportunity

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Thursday, July 16, 2020

Feed Hungry Families in your Community!

A door of opportunity has opened for Rotarians
to help feed families in need in District 6910



THE OPPORTUNITY:

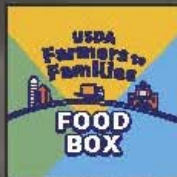
The Rotary Foundation has awarded us a \$25k grant to help with COVID-19 relief efforts in our District. We have allocated half of those grant dollars to support the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, which delivers truckloads of locally grown fruits and vegetables for food insecure families in our communities.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Local Rotary Club(s) sponsors a truck for \$1,000
- District matches that donation with another \$1,000
- District Farmers to Families Team coordinates delivery to your community
- Local Rotary Club(s) provide 10 volunteers to help with distribution
- 2,000 families enjoy fresh, healthy fruits and veggies

THE GOAL:

Adopt 12 truckloads to feed 24,000+ hungry families... all the while supporting Georgia farmers!



TO ADOPT A TRUCK:

Contact Doug Bolton • dougbolton@yahoo.com • 678-858-2080

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

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Communication Pipeline

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

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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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District Conference



Remarkable Rotary International Recognition for District 6910

Amazing Rotarians

2019-2020 Rotary International Recognition in District 6910

Gene Windham
Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Union County
Rotary International
SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

Bill St. Claire
Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Gainesville
Rotary International
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD

Bill Strickland
Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Bartow County
Rotary International
SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO FREE WORLD
Rotary International
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FOR MERITORIOUS
SERVICE

Joe Whittemore
Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Hartwell
POLIOPUS PIONEER AWARD

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 Whittemore, 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

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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 DG 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

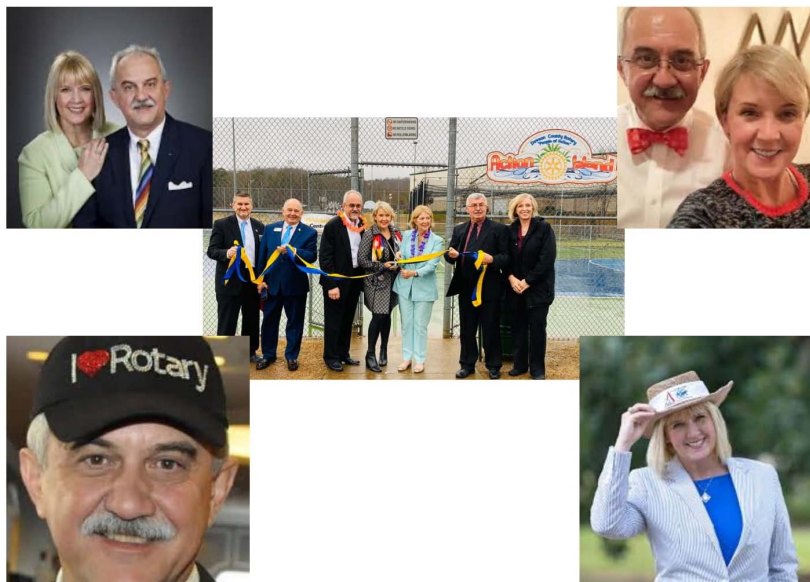
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District Focus



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

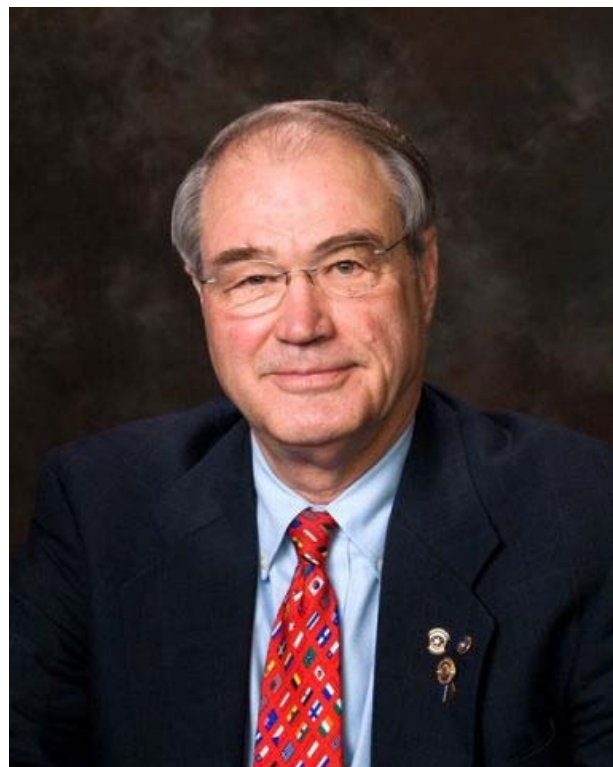
By Sallie Boyles

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.