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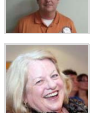
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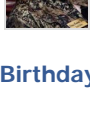
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## Rotary Program 7-23-19 Back to School Supply Giveaway (meeting at Newton High School)

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 22, 2019

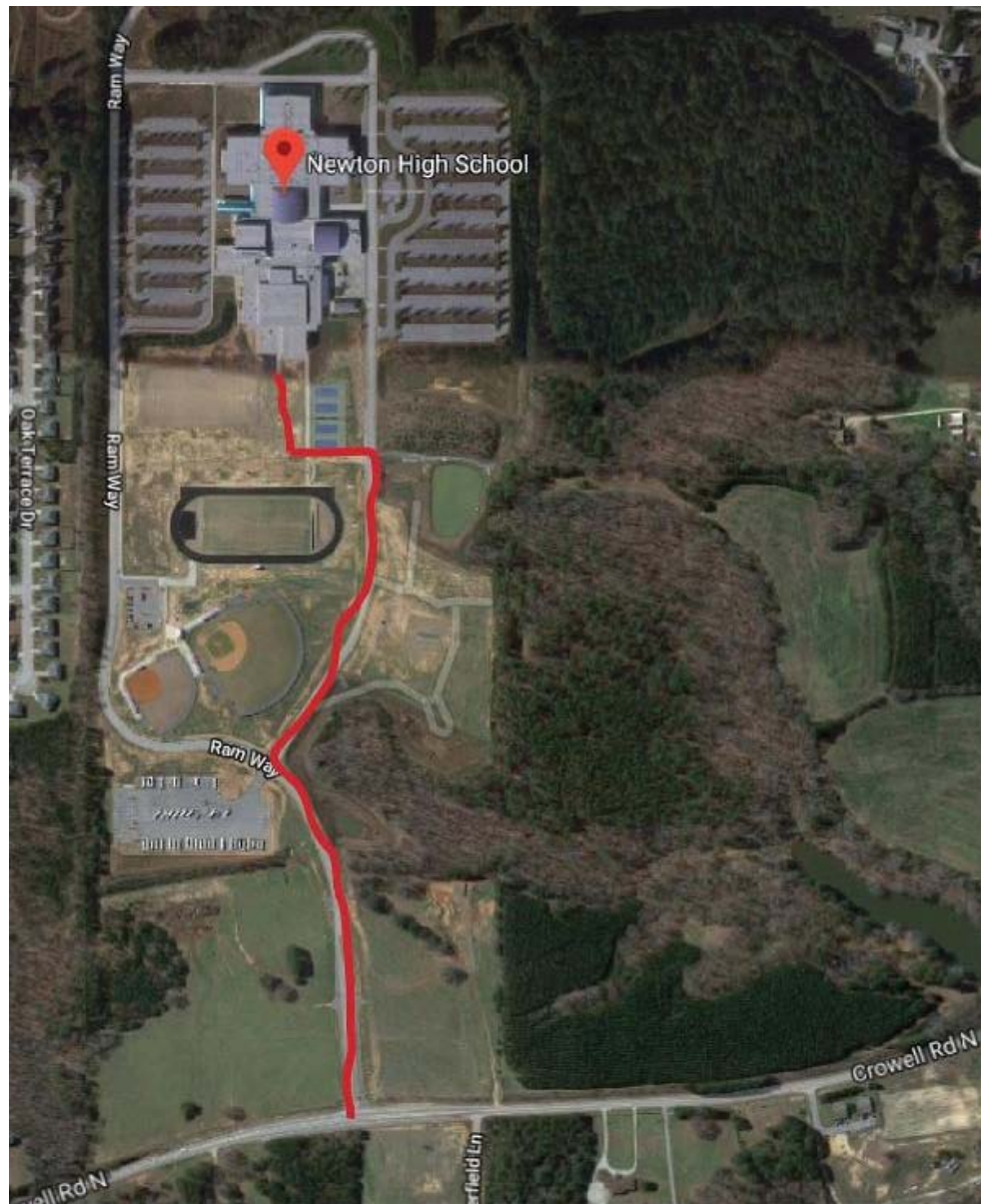
**The Rotary Club of Covington will move its regular meeting to Newton High School for Tuesday July 23rd** to help pack bags and present a donation as part of the Newton County Sheriff's Office Back to School Supply giveaway. A sack lunch will be provided by Bradley's.

**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**

**Map to where to go to the right place at Newton High School**



**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.

## 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

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## 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**

#### **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

07-23-2019 - Back to School Supplies Giveaway - Meeting at Newton High School to pack bags

07-30-2019 - TBA

08-06-2019 - Pete Mecca - Purple Heart

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

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

## **Edwardsville Rotary Criterium Festival, cyclists take community for a whirl**

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 22, 2019



Cyclists race at last year's Rotary Criterium Festival, named 2018 Best Festival in six counties by the Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau of Southwest Illinois. Now entering its tenth year, TheBANK of Edwardsville >>> Busey Bank Rotary Criterium is a series of high-speed bicycle races that hosts 250 to 350 cyclists from 12 states.

EDWARDSVILLE ♦ The 10th anniversary Rotary Criterium Festival ♦s guaranteed exhilarating atmosphere is equal to the adrenaline rush felt by the bicyclists who compete in the Criterium and, to add to the excitement, this year ♦s festival will feature a special guest.

Six-time Olympic medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey will help commemorate the festival by announcing the start of the second annual Downtown Dash ♦ a ♦ Rotary Fun Run ♦ ♦ for all ages and fitness levels capable of a casual jog of 1.4 miles. The Dash starts at 6 p.m. during the Rotary Criterium, which takes place from 3 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, in Downtown Edwardsville, Illinois.

♦ That will be a sight, most festival guests will see Jackie and we ♦re hoping for a very large contingent of runners, ♦ said Rotarian and Criterium Race Director Brian Mulhall. ♦ Jackie will pose for a group photo with the runners behind her at the start/finish line. ♦

Children ride in one of four free kids ♦ races at last year ♦s Rotary Criterium. Registration is free for the kids ♦ races.

Joyner-Kersey is a four-time Olympic qualifier and, in 2014, Sports Illustrated for Women voted the Olympian ♦ The Top Female Athlete of the 20th Century. ♦ Joyner-Kersey will award the Elite Division runners their medals, estimated to happen around 7:20 p.m. at the start/finish line.

Sponsored by TheBANK of Edwardsville >>> Busey Bank, this year ♦s Rotary Criterium Festival is dedicated to the memory and service of late Edwardsville Rotarian Lois Ladd and her husband, Mike.

♦Rotary will be making a contribution toward two of their charities, ♦ Mulhall noted.

Rotary members also have come up with a visual recognition of the Ladds, who passionately served the region.

♦We will make and wear tie-dye volunteer T-shirts, ♦ Mulhall explained to The Edge. ♦And, being tie-dye, that is so Lois and Mike. It ♦ll be a great tribute to them for how much they helped within this community and outside of this community. Lois just loved volunteering for the Criterium. She worked most of the day assisting cyclists and helping with safety. Lois was a thirty year Rotarian and we so miss her and Mike. We will have a great event in honor of their spirit and for their service. ♦



Children ride in one of four free kids ♦ races at last year ♦s Rotary Criterium. Registration is free for the kids ♦ races. Now entering its tenth year, TheBANK of Edwardsville >>> Busey Bank Rotary Criterium is a series of high-speed bicycle races complemented with a foot race; free kids ♦ races; a Kids Zone with an art tent where youngsters can make a take-home craft; free kids helmet give away while supplies last; kids helmet fitting; a Food Zone with five Edwardsville restaurants; and, an open container perimeter, all on the streets of Downtown Edwardsville. Patrons also can order food and beverages of choice from brick-and-mortar Downtown restaurants to enjoy within the festival perimeter.

♦This event would not be possible without the tremendous support of the city of Edwardsville, ♦ Mulhall said. ♦Mayor Hall Patton, the public works and street departments, parks and recreation, aldermen, police and paramedics all help to make this a great day. ♦

Edwardsville Rotary member and a city Ward 4 alderman, S.J. Morrison, hatched the idea for the Rotary Criterium.

♦He went to Indiana University, where cycling is huge, ♦ Mulhall recalled. ♦He learned about the cycling criterium races several years before he brought the idea forward to the club. ♦

In general, a criterium is a bicycle race on a fast-track circuit road course with quite a few turns in a downtown atmosphere. The Rotary Criterium took place first on a Sunday, on the same Downtown course as it follows now. Then it moved to Saturday.

♦And, it has just grown to what it is today, ♦ Mulhall said. ♦We are considered a highly technical and challenging course, the perfect setting with a variety of tight turns and straightaways. Cyclists have to stay on their guard and focused. ♦

The Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau of Southwest Illinois named the Rotary Criterium Festival as its 2018 Best Festival in six counties: Madison, Macoupin, Jersey, Calhoun, Montgomery and Greene.

With the fun comes fierce high-speed bicycle racing. The U.S.A. Cycling-sanctioned event requires strict guidelines ♦ from safety and ease of registration to qualified cycling officials who monitor and judge who wins races. The payout is \$10,000, which is substantial for a Midwest regional race. The Criterium typically hosts 250 to 350 cyclists from 12 states.



Kids and adults run in last year's inaugural Downtown Dash. The Edwardsville Rotary Downtown Dash is a foot race for all ages and fitness levels capable of a casual jog of 1.4 miles and complements the Rotary Criterium bicycle races.

◆ Cyclists really like our setting, the competition and the size of the crowd, ◆ Mulhall said. ◆ The crowd is well-behaved and energetic ◆ they get pumped. It's a showcase for outsiders of the cycling world, as well as a day encompassing a proud event for the community. ◆

Rotary Criterium volunteers ◆ at least 150 individuals ◆ install thousands of feet of barricades, haul hay bales and prepare the course, all within three hours of the start of the festival. Cyclists ride between 25 miles per hour and 40 miles per hour, taking the course's turns just inches apart, at which point spectators can feel wind gusts from centrifugal force.

◆ It'll take your breath away! ◆ Mulhall exclaimed. ◆ All that said, I believe the highlight of the day, for me, is the four free kids races. ◆

The kids' races are divided by age groups: 3 and younger; 4 to 6 years old; 7 and 8 years old; and, 9 to 11 years old.

◆ We will have two hundred-plus kids participating in these, along with parents marching in groups down Main Street, to music, with spectators cheering. I get choked up at that moment, my wife Lisa and I raised our kids in Edwardsville and the memories this creates are priceless. ◆

Visit [criteriumedwardsville.com](http://criteriumedwardsville.com) for more information.

## Rotary BBQ Thursday, July 11

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 22, 2019



Tomorrow (Thursday, July 11) is the second [Comstock Park Rotary BBQ fundraiser](#) of the summer. My wife is a member, so I like to give her and the Rotary a plug here on the blog. Gayle and I won't be there, because we'll be in Tennessee for my mother's 100th birthday celebration (which is more than just a party ◆ the celebration goes on for 3 days.



The [Comstock Park Rotary](#) (like many service clubs) does a lot of good work in the community. Money from the BBQ goes to give a scholarship to a graduating senior from Comstock Park High School and a scholarship to a graduating senior from Kenowa Hills High School. The C.P. Rotary built and are helping to maintain [Grotto Park](#) on the North Side of the Veterans Home on Monroe, NW and with the help of Amway Employees built [the new playground in the York Creek Area](#).

The BBQ is at [Dwight Lydell Park](#) in ♦downtown♦ Comstock Park on West River Drive, just down the road from 5th/3rd Park, with an easy on and off to US 131. Along with the traditional chicken, they have sausage and ribs. DINNER INCLUDES: Entr♦e, potato salad, applesauce, roll, butter, and drink. PRICES: ♦ Chicken \$10, Sausage \$9, Rib \$13 (half) or \$18 (whole).



There's a gazebo with tables, so you can get out of the sun. It's a nice day for a BBQ. Watch for the Rotary BBQs in your community. If you're in the Comstock Park area, they will deliver dinners to your business or home if you like. CONTACT: 616-706-6780 or kgagnon@choiceone.com for advance orders of 10 or more. Delivery offered in the general Comstock Park area. Mark your calendar for the next BBQ on August 15.

## 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.