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Rotary Program 7-28-20 Megan Hulan Director of Food Ministry, Covington FUMC

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 27, 2020



Megan Hulan Director of Food Ministry, Covington FUMC

**7-28-20 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 28, 2020 12:20 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://emory.zoom.us/j/98178528230?pwd=T2NXcERrbIB4dVVRkJPShBUWxEQOT09>

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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



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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

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, July 27, 2020

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

07-28-2020 - Megan Hulan - Director of Food Ministry, Covington FUMC

08-04-2020 - Serra Phillips Hall - Senior Project Mgr Newton County GA IDA

08-11-2020 - TBA

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

Montpelier Rotary 14th Annual Car Show

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 27, 2020



Best of Show winner Marvin Rock from Inkom, ID, with his 1969 Chevy Camaro

The sky was clear; a gentle breeze was blowing and oldies music filled the air with row after row of cars from the past and a few from now that felt ♦Out of the future. ♦ People greeted each other, some with just a smile or a wave, some a handshake, some an elbow bump. Masks were seen on some.

The Car Show was an event that came very close to feeling ♦normal, ♦ something that we haven♦t felt for several months.

Montpelier Rotary sponsored the 14th Annual Car Show. With 73 entries coming from as far away as Boise, Id, and Winemucca, NV, there was something for almost everyone.

A great shout-out to all the many people and businesses that donated door prizes for the participants.

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

This year had some challenges as several of those that have helped year after year chose not to come due to COVID-19 and health concerns, but there were still many familiar faces.

Jim Griglack helped to organize and keep track of entries. I am sure wife Kim helped a lot.

Montpelier Rotary Club was on hand to cook breakfast then lunch with the smell of grilled onions drifting over the crowd.

The final choice for Best of Show was Marvin Rock from Inkom, ID, with his 1969 Chevy Camaro. Local Best of Show went to Doug West of Preston ID, with a 1959 DeSoto Explorer Wagon.

Several of the cars ♦Cruised Main♦ Friday night, and it was a fun event for car lovers. I hope you had a chance to enjoy some or all of it.

If helping with the car show is something you might be interested in, please contact a member of the Rotary. We will be glad to have your help.



Winner of Local Best of Show, Doug West with his 1959 DeSoto

Rotary constructs ramp for Henryetta Bishop

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 27, 2020



The Madison County Rotary Club ♦s ramp crew constructed its 782nd handicap ramp July 9 for Henryetta Bishop near Carlton. ♦Henryetta♦s spirit is strong but, as she expressed it, life can be hard, ♦said Rotary leaders. She requires oxygen and suffers from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, and a degenerating disk that has already required two surgeries. Although born in Jackson County she has lived in Madison County since she was 12 and attended school in the county and at Athens Technical College. Early on, she studied and received a degree as a paralegal technician but after getting another degree in hospitality she finally moved on to become a Certified Nursing Assistant caring for people at medical facilities in the area and at home in hospice care. She had six sons and now has 15 grandchildren and a dog, Bacon, who kept close eye on the ramp crew.

Ed Brown, Alan Philips, Mike Williams, Mitchel Hill, Bruce Gandy, Matt Berryman with the help of Jerry Coutant built a 32-foot ramp with a four-by-five-foot deck and a threshold ramp for Bishop. The ramp was almost complete when she first opened her door to look at it. She expressed astonishment at the size of the ramp that will give her essential mobility, and she thanked the ramp crew and Rotary warmly with the words, ♦This is a godsend, you don♦ know just how important this ramp is for me,

thank you. ♦

Bainbridge Island's 60th Rotary sale will go online. Here's how it will work.

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 27, 2020



Jeff Mead carries a chair on his head as he manages the donated furniture section for the Bainbridge Island Rotary Auction & Rummage Sale in 2019.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND ♦ The stampede of deal-seekers this year will come not in a surging crowd but in a flurry of mouse clicks.

Bainbridge Island's Rotary Auction and Rummage Sale is back on, but with a twist: In its 60th year, it ♦ will take place online, instead of sprawling out over the Woodward Middle School campus. Funds will still go to supporting both local and global projects.

[In March, local Rotary leaders announced they ♦ decided to cancel the July 11 sale](#), one of the island's busiest community events, because of the coronavirus outbreak. They've since announced that they ♦ are moving ahead with an online, distributed version of the annual fundraiser, which will take place in August.

Susie Burdick, who is leading efforts to plan this year's sale, said the club saw the difficulties facing nonprofits and felt they needed to help. After expenses, not a dime brought in goes to the club, she noted.

♦ We felt that obligation, ♦ she said. ♦ It wasn't OK just to sit on the sidelines. ♦



Bainbridge Island Rotary Auction & Rummage Sale volunteer Linda Semlitz inspects the lampshades in the lighting department at Woodward Middle School in 2019.

Volunteers will work to get items ready to list during a donation window open from Aug. 1-18. There ♦ is no central collection space, and donors will keep their items at home. They ♦ will arrange for a pick-up with a buyer if their items are purchased during the sale, which runs Aug. 24-30.

For those wanting to get the first crack at items, the online platform will open up to the public at 6 a.m. on Aug. 24. Buyers will need to register through GiveSmart, the sale's web portal, and can then browse items by category.

In a normal year, the sale would typically bring in \$600,000, Burdick said. The club expects a smaller sale this year and has set a goal of raising \$50,000.

◆What◆s cool about this, I think,◆ she said, ◆is that people are really interested in keeping this alive, not taking a year off.◆

For more information about the event and how to donate or shop, go to bainbridgerotaryauction.org.

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!



Communication Pipeline

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

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!!

[Read More](#)



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

[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**.

[Read More](#)



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