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Rotary Program 8-11-20 Coach Troy Hoff - Eastside High School

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 10, 2020

Coach Troy Hoff - Eastside High School



The 2020 season will be coach Hoff's sixth as head coach of the Eagles and sixteenth overall with the program. Coach Hoff has served in a number of roles with the Eagles. He was running backs coach and special teams coordinator for nine years, while also serving as assistant head coach. Prior to the 2014 season, he moved to the offensive line. Coach Hoff began his teaching and coaching career in the spring of 2001 as quarterbacks coach at Northern State University (DII - NSIC / Aberdeen, SD) while teaching in the science department at Aberdeen Central high school. Before coming to Eastside, Hoff served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Aberdeen Central high school from the fall of 2002 to 2005. Coach Hoff received his bachelor's degree at Northern State University where he played running back for the Wolves. He also has a master's degree in educational leadership, and an educational specialist degree in brain-based teaching and learning. He is part of the science department at EHS where he teaches physics and physical science. Coach Hoff and his wife, Teresa, have two children, daughter Tiana (18 and son Tyler (13).

**8-11-20 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: Aug 11, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://emory.zoom.us/j/95432843366?pwd=VE9DeERSMkw3WXFkdGkyZVBlczJMdz09>

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August Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, August 1, 2020

August Birthdays

Tracey Clark 8/5

Steve Smith 8/9

Jim Tudor 8/10



Public Relations Chair

Thomas Kephart 8/11

Stuart Hamilton 8/13

Phil Lanier 8/18

Joe Davidson 8/21

Asher Dozier 8/25

August Anniversaries

Dale & Sally Evans 8/2

Jerry & Pat Roseberry 8/5

Steve and Cheryl Smith 8/8

Jody & Linda Smith 8/9

Steve & Marylynn Whatley 8/9

Wayne & Lisa Pugh 8/12

Michael & Elaine Pulliam 8/15

Tommy & MaryEvelyn Davis 8/20

Nathan & Janet Pulliam 8/29

**Member Anniversaries
Covington Rotary / Rotary**

Patrick Carmichael 6 Years / 15 Years

Tommy Davis 14 Years / 14 Years

Samantha Fuhrey 7 Years / 7 Years

Loyd Kerr 1 Year / 1 Year

Jim Tudor 21 Years / 34 Years



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Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 10, 2020

**Meetings are being held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm
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08-11-2020 - Coach Troy Hoff - Eastside High School

08-18-2020 - TBA

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

Leawood Rotary Club plans for annual Labor Day 5K fundraiser with some pandemic provisions

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 27, 2020



The Leawood Rotary Club is continuing to plan their major fundraiser of the year ♦ the Labor Day 5K. But the event will look at little different than it has in past years, like the celebration pictured above. One major change will be enabling virtual participants

Birthdays

- Tracey Clark
August 5th
- Jim Tudor
August 10th
- Thomas Kephart
August 11th
- Stuart E. Hamilton
August 13th
- Philip Lanier
August 18th
- Joseph Davidson
August 21st
- Asher Bedwell Dozier
August 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

- Dale L. Evans
August 2nd
- Jerry Roseberry
August 5th
- Stephen C. Smith
August 8th
- Jody E. Smith
August 9th
- Steve Whatley
August 9th
- E. Wayne Pugh
August 12th
- Michael Pulliam
August 15th
- Thomas E. Davis
August 20th
- Nathan Pulliam
August 29th

Club Member Anniversaries

- Jim Tudor
08-24-1999
21 Years
- Thomas E. Davis
08-15-2006
14 Years

Samantha Fuhrey

08-08-2013

7 Years

Patrick Roy Carmichael

08-25-2014

6 Years

Lloyd Kerr

08-06-2019

1 Year

to run the race from where they are.

For the first time virtual runners will be allowed to participate in the Leawood Labor Day 5K. The added option is part of the COVID-19 prevention steps being taken to ensure the 2020 race can still be held as scheduled, Rotary Club Publicity Chair Lisa Harrison said.

Every year the Leawood Rotary Club puts on a walk/run race as its main fundraiser for the year. The money collected goes to any number of children's charities through the A Child's Tomorrow organization, including the Johnson County Christmas Bureau and Stop Hunger Now.

◆ This has been our one and only fundraising event for the last five-plus years, ◆ Harrison said.

Like many fundraising organizations and groups, Harrison said the Leawood Rotary Club relies on events to gather donations. During the pandemic, such events have been put on hold as gatherings can spread COVID-19 to any number of participants.

◆ We ◆re trying to commit to doing an event because we know people do want to get out, and what ◆s safer than going out and jogging or walking a 5K out on the streets where you can be 10 to 15 feet away from everybody the whole time, ◆ Harrison said.

ON RACE DAY

The race will be held as usual in the morning on Sept. 7, and will follow Tomahawk Creek Parkway. Start times will be staggered and people will be encouraged to wear masks and stay socially distanced throughout.

People who opt to run virtually will still pay an entry fee and receive the participation t-shirt, but will log their time from where they decide to run or walk in the race.

It ◆s a family event, Harrison said, so people of all commitment levels are invited to participate ◆ whether they ◆re serious about getting a good time, want to walk with a stroller or jog with a dog.

KC Running Company, a co-organizer of the event, will provide timers that participants can wear in their shoes in order to log their times.

Registration for the race is open on the [KC Running Company website](#).

ROTARIANS IN ACTION

On top of its usual gifts, Harrison said the organization has given even more money to local charities amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional gifts rose to about \$40,000, divided equally between the Catholic Charities of Kansas City and The Church of the Resurrection ◆s emergency relief funds.

Harrison said public health is an important value of Rotary Clubs. In fact, one of the key goals of the organization was to eradicate Polio in the 1970s.

◆ For the last 20 something years our main focus has been to eradicate Polio, ◆ Harrison said. ◆ It was a horrible pandemic. ◆

[According to the national website for the organization](#), Polio has been eliminated in all but three countries thanks in part to the efforts of the Rotarians to make the immunization more widely available.

That health crisis certainly draws a parallel to the public health crisis the world faces today, Harrison said.

◆ So the irony is that here we find ourselves in a new global pandemic. We don ◆t have a vaccine yet like we did with Polio, ◆ she said. ◆ It is interesting that rotary was kind of in this pandemic eradication business a long time ago. ◆

Milestone: Sequim Noon Rotary gifts fifth adaptive bike

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 10, 2020



Members of the Rotary Club of Sequim (from left, Jason Bausher, Rochelle McHugh, Pat Zane and Jim Jones) join physical therapist Cherry Bibler in presenting a Rifton adaptive tricycle to 8-year-old Jordan Topham, pictured here with parents Chris Parizo and Anna Gloor, and brother Noah. Photo by Doug Schwarz

Outfitted with personal protective equipment, members of the Rotary Club of Sequim were still able to bestow an adaptive bike recently to Jordan Topham, an 8-year old who has special needs.

Topham enjoyed riding her school's adaptive tricycle with Sequim schools physical therapist Cherry Bibler, and now she has her own.

It's the Rotary Club of Sequim's fifth donation of an adaptive bike, a specialized tricycle that Rotarians say is extremely stable and durable.

Riding the tricycle will help Topham work on strength, balance, coordination and functional motor skills, Rotarians said.

The Rotary club's adaptive bike program committee members Jim Jones, Doug Schwarz and Ted Shanks work with local health professionals and the Sequim School District to identify children who would benefit by the gift - a bike custom-made for the student by the Rifton Company of New York.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Sequim, see sequim.rotary.org.

Rotary Club of Branchburg Cooks for SHIP

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 10, 2020

Helping those in need!



The Rotary Club of Branchburg has been cooking for SHIP (Samaritan Homeless Interim Program) in Somerville four times a year for the last 20 years. During the quarantine, however, the members have not been able to gather in the kitchen of the Reform Church of Branchburg to cook everything from baked ziti to chili which SHIP uses to stock the food trucks they send out.

Frustrated by their inability to help out, the members decided to cook in their own kitchens instead. According to Diane Bonanno, a club member who spearheaded the "Cook at Home Project" 13 members of the club contributed 45 casseroles to the program paying close attention to providing food that contained protein like chicken or beef. They shopped, cooked, froze the product, and provided instructions for heating the food. The frozen trays were picked up by another member of the club and delivered to SHIP.

The volunteers at SHIP were happy to have the donations and the members of the club look forward to finding other ways to support SHIP's mission. If you would like to support to the Club's efforts to help the Somerset County Food Bank or SHIP please send your donation made payable to the Branchburg Rotary, to 189 Homestead Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Please include "Food Program" in the memo portion of the check

RI President's August Message

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, August 1, 2020



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President 2020-21

August 2020

The year 2020 has brought monumental changes that have already included a global pandemic and a renewed call for social justice. We are reminded that we live in a constantly changing world, and Rotary is a reflection of that world.

We must be ready to listen and adapt, always drawing upon our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. If we live these values and apply The Four-Way Test to all aspects of our lives, we will be prepared to lead at all times.

I am proud of how we have proven our ability to adapt. Faced with a pandemic, Rotary has not stopped. We moved meetings online and found new ways to serve. We turned the canceled 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu into our first virtual convention. Each week, we are proving that Rotary is a flexible gathering that happens anywhere ♦ in traditional meetings, on cellphones, and on computers. Rotary offers a way to connect for everyone who wants to, at any time, and will continue to do so.

Some have even told me that they enjoy Rotary's mix of online and in-person meetings more now than before! How can we build on this momentum and seize the opportunity to embrace change so that Rotary keeps thriving?

For me, supporting new types of clubs is key. They are no longer just experiments but a real part of Rotary today. In addition to traditional clubs, we have e-clubs, Rotaract clubs, cause-based clubs, and passport clubs. These help make Rotary more inclusive, more flexible, and more attractive to new members. Visit these clubs, exchange ideas and partner with them, and promote them to one another and to our communities.

We all agree that we need to grow Rotary, but sometimes we can get caught up in the numbers game and lose sight of the bigger picture. After all, an increase in membership is meaningless if next year, those new members leave our clubs. Let's grow Rotary sustainably. Rotary's flexible options for participation will engage members and show the community how we're different from any other club. Let's celebrate that Rotary is now less about rules and more about joining together in a variety of ways besides traditional meetings.

I recommend that each club hold an annual strategy meeting to ask ♦ and honestly answer ♦ if we are doing all we can for our members and if our club reflects the community we serve. We are taking this approach at the international level, too. I am proud that six women are serving with me on the RI Board of Directors this year, the most we have ever had. Let's keep Rotary moving in this direction at every level. We need more perspectives, more diversity, for Rotary to thrive.

It's fascinating to imagine how we will find new ways to adapt and stay nimble this year and beyond. But I am also inspired about what hasn't changed and never will in Rotary: the friendships, the networking, the ethics, and the service. Indeed, these are the values that make Rotary attractive to all.

As Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, said, we have to be revolutionary from time to time. Now is such a time. *Rotary Opens Opportunities* ♦ countless ones ♦ for us to embrace change that will strengthen us even as we remain true to our core values.

ROTARY HISTORY IS MADE

Thursday, August 6, 2020



At about 11:00 a.m. on the morning of August 6, 2020, a collective roar of excitement and elation could be heard across District 6910, throughout the country and around the world, from men and women alike, as the announcement was made nominating Jennifer E. Jones to become Rotary International's President for 2022-23. She will become the first woman to hold that office since the organization's founding 115 years ago!

Jones is a good friend of District 6910 and is well known from many visits and appearances over the years. "I can't begin to tell you how excited I was when I first heard the news! It is so momentous, so historic, and so overdue ... I am stoked!" exclaimed DG Tina Fischlin. "She is a tremendous choice and very deserving. I know she will do an incredible job and make a real difference!" she added.

Click below to read on and learn more about RI's newest President Nominee and check out a selection of photos, some from her past visits to District 6910. [Read More](#)

Not One Member Lost!

By Tina Fischlin on Thursday, July 30, 2020

One of the most exciting things about the first month of club visits has been hearing about all the wonderful projects you completed last year and your plans for 2020-2021 and beyond. Using innovative ways and embracing technology, you are doing a great job staying connected.

Last month, our Long-Range Planning Committee, led by Rotarian Mark Willis, continued to develop a new strategic plan to support the clubs. A survey was emailed to the entire membership to seek information on how the District can support YOU, the members. The committee also includes Rotaractor Brad Scarberry, a member of the Gwinnett Rotaract Club. We are prepared to put the collected information to practical, meaningful use in serving you.

We also welcomed another Rotaractor to serve on the District team

Rotarian James Alewine, who will serve as our new Rotaract Assistant Governor. James is a member of the N400 Rotaract Club. We must realize a growing population of youth are not even aware of what the organization is or does, while those who are familiar cannot join for a variety of reasons. If you or someone you know would like to become involved with Rotaract or learn more about membership options, I encourage you to reach out to the Membership team. James will tell you that his club is small but mighty, and they regularly have guests who enjoy taking part in their activities.

Did you know that August is membership month? Yes, indeed! And all of you are serving on the membership committee! There is no better time to celebrate your Rotary club, your members, and the good you do in your community and around the world. Think for a moment about the reason why Rotary is such a successful organization: It is full of members who have one trait in common—the passion to make a difference in the world. We all share this passion, and it's what drives us to work together.

One thing we must do during this pandemic to stay connected to our current members. We should put up banners that say, *Not One Member Lost*. If you have not seen a fellow member on a Zoom or in person, please reach out to the individual. Let that person know you love him/her. Ask how you (or maybe several from your club) can help.

In this newsletter, the membership committee explains ways to attract new members by offering alternative membership types as well as by implementing new club models.

[Click here](#) to view a short, insightful video!

[Click here](#) to watch a short entertaining video from Rotary International.

I encourage you to share your Rotary story at www.rotaryshares.org/myrotarystory. This is your opportunity to tell the world *why you joined Rotary* and *why you stay in Rotary*. Such stories are opportunities (remember, Rotary Opens Opportunities!) to highlight what we are doing in our community and in the world. They allow us to let everyone know that Rotary is alive and well.

In other news, the District was awarded \$25,000 from Rotary's Disaster Relief Fund. The money will be used to provide much needed food and PPEs to our communities and frontline workers.

And that's not all! Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus this year, joining peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development. As Rotarians, we understand that the whole world is our backyard.

SAVE THE DATE: On September 21st is the International Day of Peace. The District Governors from all three Districts across the state will gather in Atlanta to unite and promote peace and social justice. We are asking all Rotary clubs to consider participating in the International Day of Peace by hosting a Peace gathering centered around Rotary's 4-way test. You were emailed a Press Kit earlier this week. Please reach out to Jennifer Hibbard for more information. Jennifer.Hibbard@vphealth.org

Over the last few months, the world has changed, prompting Rotary International to issue the following statement: **At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism.** Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work. We have more work to do to create more just, open, and welcoming communities for all people.

We need to continue our work in ensuring the culture we nurture is open and inclusive, fair to all, builds goodwill, and benefits our community.

All in all, we have so much to celebrate, and we'll do just that during our Fun-In-The-Sun District Conference from April 22 to 25 of next year. Who won't be thrilled for an end to social distancing! Before you know it, we'll be on our way to Jekyll Island for a fun-filled weekend of inspiring speakers, activities for all ages, and fellowship with one another

Registration is open!

Rotary Opens Opportunities

May Peace Prevail on Earth, DG Tina

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HOT . . . NEWS . . . District Guidance on New Legislation in Georgia

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Based on Senate Bill 359 that was recently signed into law by Governor Kemp, District 6910 is issuing the following guidance to all Rotary Clubs in the District:

All Rotary Clubs should immediately post at the entrance to their respective club meeting venue the following WARNING as provided in the statute.

Warning Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering these premises if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by entering these premises.
--Georgia Senate Bill 359

For more information, [click here](#) for a link to Senate Bill 359. The specification of the above described sign mandates that it should be created in at least **one-inch 'ARIAL' font** placed apart from any other text, and should be prominently displayed at the entrance to the meeting premises.

The District 6910 Leadership Team is committed to providing as much information as possible as our clubs continue to address COVID-19.

Monthly Rotary Theme



Retention, Innovation & Growth

By Chad Bingham on Saturday, August 1, 2020

**“ WHY JOIN ROTARY?
”**

While it is true that you can help humanity thru charity works in your own private capacity and without the help of others, you deprive yourself of extending help in global scale, not to mention, the opportunities of meeting people from all walks of life thru service and fellowship.

Rotary opens opportunities for you to be of help to others, to be a friend to someone, and transforms you to be a great, inspired and champion leader. **-W.P. DELLORO, JR.**



August is Membership & New Club Development Month. This theme helps us set the stage for what is to come throughout the year. Get off to a good start and grow your team so that you can do more, help more and achieve more! Read on for a special message from our District Membership Committee Co-Chairs.

[Read More](#)

Club Focus



Photos from Around The District

Rotary Club of Gainesville '19-'20 President Tommy Howard and his wife Emmie (right) are presented a Paul Harris Fellowship. Incoming '20-'21 President Bill Hall and his wife Stacy also received Paul Harris Fellowships. For more memories made and great District 6910 photos click the link Below. [Read More](#)



Meet Rotaract Assistant District Governor James Alewine

By Sallie Boyles on Thursday, July 30, 2020

Rotary has a bright future with the promise of Rotaractors like James Alewine. A founding member of the 400 North Rotaract Club (2019), he quickly jumped into leadership as the club's secretary. James now serves a dual role as his club's vice president and Rotaract Assistant District Governor for District 6910. [Read More](#)



The Rotary Club of Duluth Serves Up Holiday Meal for Police

By Sallie Boyles on Thursday, July 30, 2020



To commemorate Independence Day, the Rotary Club of Duluth provided a traditional holiday meal for the Duluth Police. While expressing their appreciation for the men and women who put their lives on the line to preserve peace within the community and safeguard the liberties of all, the club hoped to set an example for fellow citizens. [Read More](#)

Rome Rotarians Deliver Food to Families

By Clarence (Pete) McDonald Jr. on Saturday, August 1, 2020



Both the Rotary Club of Rome and the Rotary Club of Rome Seven Hills partnered with the USDA and multiple community groups to distribute more than 20,000 pounds of food to over 1,500 families. [Read More](#)

South Hall Promoting Literacy through Little Libraries

By Amanda R Groover on Friday, July 31, 2020

Meghan Mitchell and United Way President Jessica Dudley first visited the South Hall Rotary club at the end of June to consider joining the club. During the club's announcements it was mentioned that our club was looking at new creative ways to do service in our community. Dudley was quick to ask for our assistance in collecting books.

Club leaders decide that collecting books could be an easy way to continue focusing efforts on literacy. It was also a great project to be done through social distancing. So, during the month of July, members of the South Hall Rotary club cleaned out their bookshelves or purchased new books to collect books for the United Way. [Read More](#)

