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Board Meeting at 11:00 am before the regular 8-18 meeting

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 17, 2020

There will be a board meeting at 11:00 am before the Tuesday August 18, 2020 meeting. The meeting will be in the conference room to the right as you come in the door of the church.

You can attend in person or on Zoom.

Board members please try to attend. All other members are welcome if desired.

Thank you

Zoom information:

Topic: Rotary Board meeting's Zoom Meeting

Time: Aug 18, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting ID: 966 8564 7696

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Rotary Program 8-18-20 Mike Hopkins - Executive Director Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 17, 2020



Mike Hopkins is a native of Newton County, Georgia. He is uninteresting and socially challenged, however he sincerely loves people, and will play golf with anyone. He has been a part of the water industry his entire life, mainly in the role of a consumer, with the last twenty-three years employed by the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority. Mike currently serves as the Authority's Executive Director. A title that sounds way more important than it actually is.



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VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting will be held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM
Topic: Rotary Club of Covington's Zoom Meeting
Time: Aug 18, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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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

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

Lloyd Kerr 1 Year / 1 Year

Jim Tudor 21 Years / 34 Years

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

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
Steve Whatley
August 9th
Jody E. Smith
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

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 17, 2020

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

08-18-2020 - Mike Hopkins - Water and Sewerage Authority

08-25-2020 - TBA

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

Phil Burgess: Annapolis Rotary adapts crab feast to coronavirus pandemic

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 17, 2020



Workers with Shoreline Seafood remove freshly steamed crabs to be served. The Rotary Club of Annapolis' 74th annual Crab Feast was held at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis.

Adaptation. That ♦s what human beings do really well.

The idea of adaptation is also at the center of the often-quoted ♦Serenity Prayer, ♦ which says: ♦Accept the things you cannot change; change the things you can; and have the wisdom to know the difference♦.

Using that wisdom certainly applies to individuals in the nation♦s emerging longevity culture, where close to four out of five people who reach age 65 will live to age 75; two out of five will reach 90; and one out of five will celebrate age 95.

Life at age 85 or 90 will not be the same as life at 45, but we learn to adapt. Perhaps we can♦t jog, but we can walk or swim. Maybe we can♦t climb the stairs to get into the theater, but we can take the elevator, and if the dialogue is hard to hear, we get a hearing aid. When the steak gets too tough to chew, then we eat crabs!

And life goes on!

We humans ♦ especially those of us in the developed world ♦ are control freaks: We don♦t like admitting there are things we cannot change. After all, we broke the law of gravity and went to the moon, so why should we have to abide by the law of a coronavirus pandemic?

Still, adjusting to impositions is not something we are usually comfortable doing. Even with the coronavirus, we have pulled out all the stops to get a vaccine so that ♦we can change the things we don♦t want to accept♦.

In the meantime, most of us practice the three Ws ♦ Wear a mask, Watch your distance, and Wash or disinfect your hands, often ♦ as we adapt to the real dangers of coronavirus infection, especially those in their bonus years, where more than 80 percent of COVID-19 deaths in the US are attributed to people over age 65, with most of those over age 85.

But adaptation is not only an inborn quality of human beings; adaptation is also a hallmark of human organizations.

I thought of this last week when my email contained the notice of the Annapolis Rotary Club♦s annual crab feast, held the first Friday of August every year since 1946, and recognized by many as the ♦world♦s largest crab feast♦.

In years past, 2,000 or more fans of Maryland crabs ♦ along with supporters of the noteworthy philanthropic work of Annapolis Rotary ♦ would make their way to the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis for an all-you-can-eat-and-drink community shindig organized by Annapolis Rotary to raise charitable donations for local community and cultural organizations.

Last year♦s feast featured over 300 bushels of #1 male crabs (the big ones) plus 100 gallons or more of Maryland vegetable crab soup, more than 3,400 ears of sweet Maryland corn on the cob, 150 pounds of beef barbeque sandwiches, 1,800 all-American hot dogs, watermelon, hundreds of gallons of assorted sodas and beer ♦ all to be finished off with sweets from a bake sale and cake raffle.

This year, however, with all the restrictions on large gatherings, there was no way Rotary could hope to gather 2,000 plus crab-pickin♦ enthusiasts at the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium for the annual crab feast.

While many assumed the event would be canceled, the Annapolis Rotary Club decided to reimagine the crab feast.

◆At a time when community-based groups are serving more and more people while experiencing budget cuts and being forced to cancel their own fundraising events, we felt a strong need to generate proceeds from the crab feast so our assistance to non-profits is not interrupted,◆ Rotary president Frank Andracchi said. ◆That meant we had to find a way to make the crab feast work.◆

That◆s when the Crab Feast committee, headed by Rotarian Leigh Rand, came up with the idea of a ◆drive-by crab feast◆.

Called ◆Rotary Crabs to Go!◆ the drive-by crab feast will use an online, pre-order process coupled with a drive-thru pick-up beginning at 4:30 pm on Aug. 7, at the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium on Taylor Avenue at Rowe Blvd.

◆This approach will permit Rotary to provide crabs and raise funds in the safest manner possible,◆ Rand said. ◆Crabs will be steamed onsite at the stadium and packaged for travel. Rotarians (with PPE) will direct traffic and provide customers with their orders as they drive through designated lanes in the stadium parking lot.◆

Ordering options range from a bushel to a dozen crabs (with other choices in between) ◆ and all options include corn on the cob! Orders are placed online at annapolisrotary.org/crabfeast where drive-by crabbers can also specify their preferred pick-up time in half-hour increments, from 4:30 through 7 p.m.

These adaptation initiatives and the ongoing support of crab feast fans will enable Annapolis Rotary to continue to provide support to area non-profits.

In fact, over the past five years, Annapolis Rotary has distributed \$268,000 to Anne Arundel County Food Bank, Backpack Buddies, Hospice of the Chesapeake, Light House Shelter, The Arc, Meals on Wheels, Seeds 4 Success, and Wellness House, among others.

Having once been a member of Annapolis Rotary, I know how much work is involved in planning, organizing, and executing the annual Crab Feast. Indeed, the determination of Rotary to rework the crab feast to adapt to the coronavirus restrictions ◆ giving us ◆Rotary Crabs to Go!◆ ◆ is a reminder of the observation of Coretta Scott King that ◆The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.◆

By this measure, the Annapolis area is halfway to greatness. The rest of the way will be measured by the volume of online orders placed by those who will adapt to the drive-thru pick-up crab feast on Aug. 7.

Rotary Clubs Fill a Need to Feed

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 17, 2020

Loss of jobs and income have placed enormous stress on many citizens, challenging their ability to provide basic necessities such as food for their families.

As with many civic organizations, Rotary Clubs in Croton-on-Hudson and Tarrytown exemplify how civic organizations are stepping up, more than redoubling their regular efforts to address the unfortunate but understandable surge in requests for food.

[The Rotary Club of Croton-on-Hudson](#) has a long, proud history of supplying fresh produce to Croton Food Pantry, as well as providing more than 150 turkeys each Thanksgiving to those in need.

Croton Rotary reports it has seen the demand for produce rise to 150 families asking for assistance each week, almost five times the previous weekly level of 35 families.

Each Friday, Croton Rotary members gather to sort and package food bundles for the public. The Club has packed approximately 1000 bags of produce and plans on continuing to do so for the foreseeable future.

Feeding Westchester has been helpful in supplying some produce for the Club to bag. Donations also can be made to the Croton Food Pantry, to provide funding for the purchase of necessary items to supplement funding by Croton Rotary.



TARRYTOWN ROTARY DELIVERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Rotary Club of The Tarrytowns is always ready to help its community. When Covid-19 hit, the Club immediately saw the need to feed first responders and who lost jobs. Through the Meal Train program, Tarrytown Rotary Club was able to feed ita! first responders at Phelps Hospital and Sleepy Hollow EMS [Emergency Medical Services].

The Club◆s efforts reached beyond first-line workers to help other members of the community, including restaurant owners. It asked the community to help raise funds to expand Rotary◆s food program. The community◆s response was overwhelming.

The Club recruited local restaurants to cook and deliver the meals each week. The partnership proved a win◆win: feeding those in need and helping restaurants maintain staff during these difficult times.

Through June, Rotary Club of The Tarrytowns was able to raise over \$70,000 to feed first responders and those in need at Phelps Hospital, Open Door Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown Volunteer Ambulance Corps (TVAC), Sleepy Hollow EMS, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM) Life Center, and Tarrytown Community Opportunity Center (COC).

Covid-19 persists, as do the dire needs of the community. Please continue to donate. Together we are strong.

Rotary clubs plan Caravan of Caring

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 17, 2020



Brooklyn and Lillian Keller wave from their grandmother's car July 11 as they pass Presbyterian Manor during a Caravan of Caring in Fulton. The Fulton Rotary Club is teaming up with the Mexico Rotary to provide a similar caravan Saturday to Mexico nursing homes.

Mexico and Fulton's Rotary Clubs are teaming up to provide a Route 54 Caravan of Caring on Saturday to area nursing homes.

Family and residents of both communities as well as car clubs and other organizations are invited to participate, who will meet 9 a.m. at Mexico High School, 639 N. Wade St. They will drive by Pin Oaks, Kings Daughters, Teal Lake Assisted Living and Missouri Veterans Home.

◆After the successful caravans in Fulton, we decided to go to the veterans home in Mexico because three of our Rotarians and several other Fulton residents live there. ◆Fulton Rotary Service Chair Jan Reyes said. ◆Then we decided to expand our scope and visit the other nursing homes to brighten their residents' ◆ days, too. ◆

For more information, call Reyes at 573-220-3147, Josh Hanley at 573-253-1966 or email info@fultonrotary-mo.org.

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



Club Focus

