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Empty Stocking Fund Planning meeting Tuesday 8-25-20 at 11:30 am

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 24, 2020

We will have a planning meeting for our Empty Stocking Fund this Tuesday 8-25-20 at 11:30 am before our regular meeting.

This meeting is open to ALL members that would like to get involved in the decision making of the future of our Empty Stocking Fund.

The meeting will be in the conference room to the right as you come in the door of the church.



2019 Empty Stocking Fund delivery day

Rotary Program 8-25-20 Dr. Norris Little -Chief Medical Officer, Piedmont Newton Hospital

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 24, 2020



Dr. Norris Little is the Chief Medical Officer of Piedmont Newton Hospital in Covington, GA. As CMO, he oversees medical staff services, QPI, CV/Stroke Accreditation, and is part of the Quality Department of Piedmont Healthcare. Responsibilities also include medical staff governance oversight and implementation of quality and safety programs at the hospital. Dr. Little joined Piedmont Healthcare in 2016 after practicing 32 years as a Primary Care Internal Medicine Physician in the Covington Community. During that time, he was active in the hospital's leadership as well as the quality programs serving as Chair of the Credentials Committee, Physicians Quality Improvement Committee, and Infection Prevention Committee. He Served as Chief of Staff for 3 terms and Chair of the Medicine section for 2 terms.

Norris received his Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from Vanderbilt University and his Medical Doctorate degree from the Medical College of Georgia. He holds a board certification in Internal Medicine.

He is married to Frances Seibels Little and has 3 married children and 5 grandchildren.

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 25, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://emory.zoom.us/j/92503602214?pwd=L2tCd3h5UGRoQnE2YzhKNDFGZ1ZkQT09>

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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

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 24, 2020

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

08-25-2020 - Dr. Norris Little -Chief Medical Officer, Piedmont Newton Hospital

09-01-2020 - To Be Announced

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

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

Lewes-Rehoboth Beach Rotary donates items to food pantry

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 24, 2020

14 Years
Samantha Fuhrey
08-08-2013
7 Years
Patrick Roy Carmichael
08-25-2014
6 Years
Lloyd Kerr
08-06-2019
1 Year



Lewes-Rehoboth Beach Rotary members delivering donations to the Epworth UMC food pantry are (l-r) Greg Seger, David Moskowitz, Nick Hoogs, Mary Jo Porreca, John Li, Georgiann Deist, Mike South, Jeff Kitchen and Chuck Ward. July 26, 2020

◆Phenomenal◆ was the word Epworth United Methodist Church officials used to describe a recent Lewes-Rehoboth Beach Rotary Club response to their request for food pantry supplies.

Rotary Club Communications Director David Moskowitz spearheaded the effort. ◆I happened to spot a Facebook plea for community help due to running low on food and seeing eight times the volume of food requests during the pandemic,◆ he said.

Rotary Club President Chuck Ward said members quickly responded, with help from neighbors in the Breakwater community in Lewes. ◆Epworth tells us the donation totaled 1,280.8 pounds of food, part of a record-breaking daily contribution,◆ said Ward.

Since 1929, the Lewes-Rehoboth Beach Rotary Club has quietly and significantly been making the community a better place to live, work, go to school and raise a family. Through various fundraising activities, it has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities over the years. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the club has supported the Harry K foundation financially, delivered food supplies to local churches in Lewes, supplied Beebe Healthcare with NK-95 and cloth face masks, and organized Flags For Heroes to honor frontline workers and personnel.

In partnership with the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club, Lewes-Rehoboth Beach Rotary provided more than 550 garments to Clothing our Kids, making use of a Rotary District Grant in the process.

For more information on membership, contact Chuck Ward, president, at 302-430-6370 or Jim Hellier, membership chair, at 410-271-1360.

Rotary, Routt County Riders partner to install signs on popular Emerald Mountain trail

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 24, 2020



Routt County

Riders, Rotary of Steamboat Springs and the Bureau of Land Management partnered to install 10 signs on the popular Rotary trail on the backside of Emerald Mountain on Wednesday.

Routt County Riders/courtesy

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS ♦ The Rotary trail on the backside of Emerald Mountain got an upgrade, as 10 educational signs were installed Wednesday by members of Routt County Riders, Rotary of Steamboat Springs and the Bureau of Land Management, which has jurisdiction over the area.

The project started about a year ago when Rotary put aside some funds to put towards the signs. Routt County Riders came up with the idea for interpretive or educational signs with the goal to help kids and beginners learn a little more about mountain biking.

The signs are placed methodically, telling riders how to act around the cows where the cows normally are, guiding them through climbing ahead of the climb and suggesting safe descending skills before the downhill section.



There are also signs on how to handle switchbacks and muddy trails. Lobeck said the inspiration came from a trail in Fruita that

had similar signage.

◆That◆s a trail that kids ride often. It◆s a way to help kids improve their mountain bike skills,◆ said Routt County Riders Board Member and Head of the Marketing Committee Jessica Lobeck. ◆Sometimes, they don◆t listen to their parents.◆

Located off Routt County Road 45, the Rotary Trail is a 4.3 mile loop with almost 600 feet of elevation gain.



The signs were installed on Wednesday by members of all three collaborating groups. First, Lobeck and her daughter scouted the trail, marking where signs should go with flags. Then, they had to transport the heavy bases of the signs. With permission, the volunteers used an e-bike to move the bases.



Routt County Riders, Rotary of Steamboat Springs and the Bureau of Land Management partnered to install 10 signs on the popular Rotary Trail on the backside of Emerald Mountain on Wednesday.

Normally, electric bikes are not allowed on the trail, but for the sake of trail improvement, they made an exception. While the motor-assisted bikes bore the heaviest burden, Lobeck and other volunteers still had to heave the actual signs up the trail.

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](#)

New District RI Compliant Logos

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Wednesday, August 19, 2020



To comply with Rotary International branding standards, the D6910 PI Team has redesigned several of the logos used throughout the District. They have been placed in the Logos folder under the DACdb District Files tab, and are also available using the Insert Image functions in EZStory, the Easy & Beautiful websites. PNG, JPG and PDF formats have been provided, as well as both color

and black & white versions.

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](#)

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](#)

