



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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## Rotary Program 8-4-20 Serra Phillips Hall - Senior Project Manager Newton County

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 3, 2020



**Serra Phillips Hall - Senior Project Manager Newton County**

**8-4-20 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 4, 2020 12:20 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://emory.zoom.us/j/96433880511?pwd=bEtKZHpDb0htZDFUVkg3a2NZO2pmdz09>

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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**



[Joseph Davidson](#)  
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



[Ricky Mock](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[John King](#)  
iPast President



[Dorothy Bala](#)  
Assistant Governor



**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**

**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**

## 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

## Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 3, 2020

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

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

## 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

## Cupertino Rotary, West Valley Community Services continue school supplies program

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 3, 2020



POSTED BY: STAFF WRITER JULY 17, 2020

While the coming school year will at least start in a distance-learning environment, local organizations are still providing needed supplies.

Cupertino Rotary is partnering with West Valley Community Services to support a back to school program for low-income households. The effort provides clothing, shoes, backpacks, and school supplies to students in need.

◆This project, especially now during the pandemic is all the more reason we need to continue helping and supporting families and children in need,◆ said John Hirokawa, Cupertino Rotary Youth Services Committee Chair.

According to project organizers, the program is ◆helping to ensure the leaders of tomorrow ◆ the young people in our community ◆ have the basic tools they need to start the school year off successfully.◆

It is open for children between Transitional Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students receive a backpack filled with school supplies and gift cards for clothing and shoes.

The standard program, where a volunteer assists the student in picking out new clothes and supplies, has changed this year. It is now a contactless program, with drop-offs at student◆s doors.

## 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

◆I want to express my deepest gratitude to the Rotary Club of Cupertino Youth and Community Services Committee Members for their continued support of this project.◆ said Josh Selo, Executive Director at West Valley Community Services.

## Rotary Club of Pismo Beach-Five Cities collecting donations for SLO Co. Sheriff's Sewing Program

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 3, 2020



Members of the Rotary Club of Pismo Beach-Five Cities are collecting donations for the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Sewing Program throughout the month of July.

The sewing program gives prison inmates fabric to create clothing items and blankets for community members who are homeless, according to club members.

The rotary club is accepting yarn and fabric until July 31, said Margie Salame, co-secretary of the Rotary Club of Pismo Beach-Five Cities.

"Our program is all about doing good for other people," said Salame. "There's so much satisfaction in helping improve the lives of others."

According to club members, inmates will use the material to knit hats, scarves, afghans and sew quilts, which will then be donated to El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) and Community Action Team made up of patrol deputies, probation officers and licensed psychiatric technicians who assist community members in need.

Salame said the club has collected at least seven bags of yarn and thread so far.

To donate materials to the rotary club for the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Sewing Program, community members can email Salame at [margiesalame@gmail.com](mailto:margiesalame@gmail.com) or visit the [event's Facebook page](#).

## RI President's August Message

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, August 1, 2020



**Holger Knaack**

**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.

## 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](#)

## 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!

I encourage you to share your Rotary story at [www.rotaryshares.org/myrotarystory](http://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: September 21, Districts 6910, 6920 and 6900 will participate in a Peace & Unity Day centered around Rotary's 4-way test and social justice. We ask that clubs in our districts join together virtually or in person to promote peace and unity. MORE TO COME TOMORROW !

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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## Membership Month - Membership Article

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 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](#)

## Communication Pipeline

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

## 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](#)

