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Rotary Program 9-1-20 Kathy Morgan - Hwy 278 CID

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020



Kathy was born in Alabama, raised in Pensacola, Florida and located in Covington, Georgia with her parents Don and Lois Griffin in 1968 when her father accepted a position at Hercules. She attended Ficquett Elementary, Newton County High School and Oxford College of Emory University, where she met and married her high school sweetheart, her late husband, Davis Morgan. They raised three daughters, Abigail Morgan Coggin, Melissa Morgan Parker, and Savannah Morgan Hembree who are the pride of her life. These daughters have given her three sons in law and 5 of the best grandchildren in the world.

Kathy and Davis owned and operated several small businesses locally from 1985 to 1992 when they closed their asphalt paving and concrete business. Davis was elected Chairman of the Newton County Board of Commissioners and Kathy went to work at Decatur Federal Bank in Joint Ventures. Following a merger with First Union Bank, she transitioned into the Special Assets team handling a Commercial Real Estate and Industrial portfolio. Kathy retired from the bank in 2008 when she was elected Chairman of the Newton County Board of Commissioners. She believes in and serves her community. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church and has served on many boards.

When Kathy left office she began consulting for small businesses and became her father's health caretaker until his death in 2015. She was offered the position of administrator for the Hwy 278 Owners association and tasked with the development and enactment of the Newton County Community Improvement Act in the Georgia General Assembly, the Newton County Board of Commissioners and the City of Covington. Now she primarily divides her time between the Highway 278 CID and the Newton County Office of Economic Development. The Hwy 278 CID has tasked her to develop and implement the Master Plan, hopefully by securing grants and partnerships with other agencies including Georgia Dept. of Transportation. She works with the Office of Economic Development providing financial, administrative, and research assistance as needed.

Topic: Rotary Club of Covington's Zoom Meeting
Time: Sep 1, 2020 12:20 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Meeting will be held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://emory.zoom.us/j/95068255319?pwd=SFNoTzFmN2xMT2dwUnMwMGZ5dldKUT09>

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September Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020

September Birthdays
Eric Adcock 9/17
Lloyd Kerr 9/21
Billy Smith 9/30



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September Anniversaries

Ricky & Nancy Mock 9/4
Lauren & Dean Poynter 9/6
Amy & Thomas Kephart 9/10
Johnny & Judy Smith 9/12
Gena & Charles McLendon 9/25
Terry & Patricia Ozburn 9/29

September Membership Anniversaries

Thomas Kephart 13 Years**Stacey Cotton 23 Years**

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020

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

09-01-2020 - Kathy Morgan - Hwy 278 CID

09-08-2020 - TBA

09-015-2020 - TBA

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

Annapolis Rotary beats coronavirus blues with **Crabs To Go** instead of annual feast

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020



Birthdays

Eric Adcock
September 19th
Lloyd Kerr
September 21st
Billy S. Smith
September 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

Ricky Mock
September 4th
Lauren Poynter
September 6th
Thomas Kephart
September 10th
Johnny S. Smith
September 12th
Gena McLendon
September 25th
Terry Ozburn
September 29th

Club Member Anniversaries

Stacey Lanier Cotton
09-09-1997
23 Years
Thomas Kephart
09-01-2007
13 Years

Rotary Crabs To Go!

Rotarian Bob Reedy loads a bushel of crabs into an SUV. The Rotary Club of Annapolis held their first ever **Rotary Crabs To Go!** event at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium to replace the COVID-19 canceled annual Crab Feast.

Chesapeake Seafood Caterers served meaty crabs at over 120 parties and events last summer. This year, because of the coronavirus, they served one.

The Rotary Club of Annapolis purchased more than 220 bushels of steamed crabs and 4,000 ears of corn from Chesapeake Seafood Caterers for its first **Rotary Crabs To Go!** fundraiser. The pandemic moved the traditional crab feast, known for attracting thousands of people to dine at tables overflowing with crabs, to a drive-thru only option.



Crabs are scarce and expensive this season. And people can't always travel or crack crustaceans at popular restaurants because of coronavirus restrictions. For some, the Rotary Club's drive-thru could be the first chance residents had to participate in one of Maryland's favorite pastimes.

"I've never seen a year like this," said Adam Higgins, vice president of Chesapeake Seafood Caterers. "The recession was probably the last time we went from doing 120 jobs to 50. I have not seen it where it's one (job)."

The Rotary Club was set to celebrate its milestone of serving the Annapolis community for 75 years on Friday. Organizers decided to save the official 75th celebration for next year so it can be properly recognized and enjoyed in close company. Friday marked the civic organization's first "Rotary Crabs To Go," where customers could pick up crabs to eat at home.



The event was still held at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium but in the parking lot rather than beneath the stadium bleachers. Volunteers hustled to pack crabs, steaming in 36 large pots, into paper bags and place them in the trunk of customers' cars. The drive-thru smoothly shepherded 360 cars through two stations in a process meant to avoid any physical interaction between customers and volunteers.

The annual feast is held to raise money for various charities and nonprofits around Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. The party usually draws about 2,000 people and raises funds in the neighborhood of \$45,000 to \$65,000 depending on the weather. The money is then donated to around 20 organizations, although how many charities and how much money they receive from Friday's drive-thru is still to be determined.

Frank Andracchi, president of Rotary Club of Annapolis, estimates the modified event will raise roughly \$30,000 for charities that are experiencing a particularly tight year because of COVID-19.



Classic food items are featured each year at what Andracchi describes as the block party of the community, such as crab soup, barbecue and watermelon. Friday's event was a simplistic version that stuck to the basics of crab and corn.

Despite the changes, other tell-tale signs of the feast were present. The scent of Old Bay seasoning clung to the air while volunteers talked spiritedly among themselves hauling heavy paper bags loaded with fresh crabs into car trunks.

"It's a lot of fun. It's a lot of work, but a bit easier this year," said Pam Urnowey, a Rotary Club member who volunteered at the crab feast for nine years. "It's rewarding to give back to the community and raise money for the community."

The Rotary Club of Annapolis will begin taking applications for donations from organizations on Monday. Charities and other organizations typically receive grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 from the proceeds made at the event, although the board could divert to choosing fewer groups or offering larger sums this year.



Naples North Rotary Club to distribute wheelchairs to those who need them

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020



The Naples North Rotary Club is teaming up with the Collier County Sheriff's Office to help people get around a little bit easier. It's called the Wheels of Hope program, and the Rotary Club said it has about 100 wheelchairs ready for people who need them most.

"We are really targeting the people that do need it and it will make a major impact on their lives and they do not have the financial means to get one themselves," said Carrie Kerskie, president-elect of the Naples North Rotary Club.

"You can see the relief on their face when we arrive with the wheelchair. Whether it be for the actual recipient or the caregiver because it's going to make both of their jobs a lot easier," said Steve Matteau, president of the Naples North Rotary Club.

The program is for Collier County residents.

Nixa boy creates little free library for Rotary Park

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020



Avid Mitchell in Nixa constructed a Little Free Library (Nixa Public Schools)

NIXA, Mo. (KY3) - A Nixa boy gives back to his community with a project he began earlier this spring.

Avid Mitchell is going into the third grade at John Thomas School of Discovery in Nixa.

Mitchell raised \$700 to build a little free library for Rotary Park this summer. His structure was recently installed by the Nixa Parks Department at Rotary Park and works as a library of books for exchange.

The Nixa Chamber of Commerce and other community members plan to recognize his efforts with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Rotary Park at noon on Monday, Aug. 10.

RI President's September Message

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020



Holger Knaack

President 2020-21

September 2020

Rotary youth exchange ♦ one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month ♦ was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students!

From the start, we loved it so much that, in addition to hosting students in our home, we became involved with the program by helping to organize student summer camps. During one such camp, I met Christine Lichtin, who was a German high school student at the time and whose father is a past president of my Rotary club. To try something new during this year of embracing change, I am turning this space, normally reserved for the president of Rotary, over to Christine so she can share her story.

My first contact with Rotaract was about 13 years ago, when I was with Susanne and Holger at a barbecue for the summer youth camp. Holger turned to me and said: "Why don't you visit a Rotaract club? You'll meet a lot of great young people who come together to have fun and to make a difference."

A few years later, when I was at Trier University, his words came back to me and I decided to give it a try. That was more than eight years ago, and I'm still at it. Once you are in Rotaract, you just don't want to get out. Rotaract has accompanied me everywhere, starting with the Trier club and then on to a club in Bologna, Italy, during the year I studied there. When I was in Kiel for my master's degree, I got involved with Rotaract there before landing at the Rotaract Club of Hamburg-Alstertal as I began my career. Each of those clubs has its own identity and focus, but all have the same intrinsic motivation.

I am now taking on a senior advisory role in my Rotaract club, which I really enjoy. I carry Rotaract in my heart, and it shapes my values, even as my interests evolve. One day, as if she had sensed this evolution, Susanne knocked on my door, wanting to introduce me to a young, modern Rotary club located between Hamburg and Mölln, my hometown. The E-Club of Hamburg-Connect, which Susanne helped charter, holds e-meetings, all of them very relaxed and personal. With members of different ages, everything just seemed to fit, so I thought, why not try it out? After all, time is precious and should be filled with fun whenever possible; the rest happens by itself.

Now I am in both worlds ♦ a proud member of Rotaract and a Rotarian. And my small personal goal is to build a bridge between these two parallel worlds. All of us have very similar reasons for being part of the Rotary family.

It took some persistence to persuade Christine to become a member of Rotary, but it was well worth the effort. It is our duty to put in this kind of effort with youth program participants and Rotaractors so we can keep them in the family of Rotary. I hope you were inspired by her story. It's up to each of us to ensure that more young people like Christine can experience the many ways Rotary Opens Opportunities for us and for the people we serve.

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 and 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 ♦ will do just that during our Fun-In-The-Sun District Conference from April 22 to 25 of next year. Who won ♦ be thrilled for an end to social distancing! Before you know it, we ♦ will 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.

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 oportunities 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. DELORO, 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

