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Rotary Program 9-15-20 Debbie Harper, President, Chamber of Commerce

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 14, 2020



Debbie was named President of the Newton County Chamber of Commerce June 1, 2020. Prior to that, she has filled several roles at the Chamber since starting there in 2013. In that time, membership has grown by approximately 35%, the Chamber became a Georgia Certified Chamber in 2015 and a 4-Star United States Accredited Chamber in 2018. Only 3% of Chambers in the county have this honor. In June 2019, Debbie graduated from the United States Chamber Institute for Organizational Management, earning her the IOM designation. IOM is a four year program designed to enhance individual performance, elevate professional standards, and recognize association professionals, chamber of commerce professionals, and other non-profit professionals, who demonstrate the knowledge essential to the practice of non-profit management. In addition to her chamber responsibilities, she is also serves on the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives Board, the Newton County Industrial Development Authority, Newton County Tomorrow Executive Board the Newton College & Career Academy Advisory Board and the Newton County Drug Free Community Coalition.

Debbie has BS degrees from Berry College in Family and Consumer Science and from the University of Georgia in Textiles Merchandising & Interiors. She was a REALTOR serving Newton County and the surrounding areas for 20 years before joining the Chamber team full time.

Debbie & her husband Lance are life-long, 4th generation residents of Newton County, where they are raising their three sons: Dos, a Junior at the University of Georgia, Lucas, a Freshman at Georgia Tech and Sam, a Sophomore at Eastside High school. Debbie & Lance have strong family roots in Porterdale & Covington and are active members of Stewart Community Church.

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: Sep 15, 2020 12:20 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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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

September Anniversaries

Ricky & Nancy Mock 9/4



[Brad Bettis](#)
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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, September 14, 2020

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

09-15-2020 - Debbie Harper, President, Chamber of Commerce

09-21-2020 - International Peace Day 10:00 at the Rotary Benches outside the Newton County Administration Building

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

09-29-2020 - Steve Wallace, Salvation Army

International Day of Peace

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 14, 2020

On Monday September 21st, we are asking any Rotarians that can to join us for a short gathering for the International Day of Peace.

We will meet at the Rotary Benches that we installed outside the voting precinct next to the Newton County Administration Building.

We will start at 10:00 and will likely be finished by 10:05. We will have a short prayer followed by the 4 way test and a couple of photos.

Please wear your mask, as the City requires this.

Rotary Club Donates StoryWalk At Peoria Library's Lincoln Branch

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 14, 2020



Officials from the Peoria Public Library and the Rotary Club of Peoria hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new StoryWalk feature Friday at the library's Lincoln branch.

Officials from the Peoria Public Library and the Rotary Club of Peoria believe a new feature at the library's Lincoln branch serves as a testament to a shared commitment to literacy.

A new outdoor StoryWalk leading to the building's entrance will make a difference for thousands of children in the area, according to Peoria Public Library Executive Director Randall Yelverton.

◆ It will become an extension of the library ◆ a place where, like our other StoryWalks, we can host strolling story time, picnics and outdoor crafts, ◆ Yelverton said Friday during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

◆ It will be an attention grabber, and it will remind those of all ages the pleasure of reading a beautiful illustrated storybook. ◆

The outdoor attraction has already caught the eye of some residents from the area.

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

◆I've already had some neighbors come out, and they're wondering what is this? and I say, it's a StoryWalk.◆◆ said Cynthia Smith, Lincoln branch manager.◆◆So, it's another way of sharing the story with the child. We're excited about it and the neighborhood is excited about it.◆◆



Current Rotary Club President Brad Stegall and past president Maggie Freidag joined Yelverton, Smith and others at the ceremony.

◆The theme of Rotary is service above self, and one of those ways that we serve the community is through literacy. This is a perfect example of that,◆ said Stegall.

Freidag said the feature will be especially beneficial for students from Trewyn Middle School.

◆Being able to partner with the Peoria Public Library and install this storybook walk really is a great fit for our club, and also the library,◆ said Freidag.◆We look forward to bringing our Trewyn kids here that we read with and share that with them. I know I look forward to bringing my children here and sharing the stories.◆

Freidag said the StoryWalk at the Lincoln branch had been planned for a little more than a year but was delayed by circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

◆So being here today and seeing it all finished is really, really wonderful,◆ she said.

Yelverton said accepting the donation to the library made him gracious, while also making him proud to be a Rotarian. He touted the StoryWalk for its accessibility and noted it is free for everyone to enjoy.



◆Rotary has a strong commitment to education and to literacy, and that really dovetails well with the library's ongoing

mission, he said. It's been a great partnership, and we're glad it was able to reach some fruition with this installation.

Rotary Club Donates Food

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 14, 2020



Jonathan Fullenwellen, President of the Rotary Club of Southwest Philadelphia-Eastwick

On Saturday, the Rotary Club of Southwest Philadelphia Eastwick in partnership with the Rotary Club of Philadelphia donated 200 bags of food to community members. The event was held in the parking lot at The Common Place at 58th Street and Chester Avenue.

The Club spent the last five weeks raising money to help those in need in Southwest. Donations came from other Rotary Clubs, such as the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, and friends and family from far and near.

The Rotary Club meets weekly to learn about the community and to give back. Those that are interested in learning more about the club should visit <http://rotaryclubofsouthwestphiladelphia.com/>.

Burnsville Breakfast Rotary golf event a success

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 14, 2020



The 26th annual Burnsville Breakfast Rotary Golf Tournament and Fundraiser was held Aug. 12 at the Crystal Lake Golf Course. The day started with rain and delayed the start for the 100 golfers until about 12:30 p.m.

The event raised over \$13,000 that will be given to support the COVID-19 relief initiatives of the following local organizations: M.O.M.S. Program, Community 191 Food Pantry, 360 Communities Burnsville Food Shelf and Burnsville YMCA Community Meals Program. Since March, these organizations have provided over 40,000 meals, served over 27,000 individuals, and provided over 500,000 pounds of groceries in the Burnsville area. Since inception, this tournament has helped to raise over \$500,000 to support various local programs and scholarships.



Rotary organizers said they wanted to thank all 100 golfers who played and the sponsors. The sponsors were: Gold sponsor; Ames Construction. Silver sponsors; Burnsville Toyota and the Justin Crane Foundation. Hole sponsors were; Augustana Regent, Challenge to Change, Chianti Grill, Dakota Electric, Detlefsen State Farm Insurance, Ebenezer Ridges, EFH Company, Firefly Credit Union, Key Cadillac, Mattson Gleason CPAs, Old National Bank, Park Chrysler Jeep, Peg Webb-Wealth Enhancement Group, Red Lion Liquors, Stephen C. Fiebiger Law Office and Troy Toske Allstate Agency.

More about the Burnsville Breakfast Rotary is at www.burnsvillebreakfastrotary.org.



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 Mönchen, 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.

PEACE THROUGH ACTION

By Tina D. Fischlin on Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Hi Everyone,

Can you believe we are in the third month of this Rotary year?

So much has happened in just the last 30 days. Jennifer Jones was nominated to serve as the first female Rotary International President in 2022 ♦ 2023. The World Health Organization (WHO) announced that the transmission of the wild poliovirus has officially been stopped in all 47 countries in Africa. This milestone is historic toward the global eradication of polio.

Locally, clubs are continuing to find ways to stay connected and participate in service projects. We ♦ are feeding hundreds in our District with the Farmers 2 Families program.

To comply with Rotary International ♦s branding standards, the D6910 PI Team has redesigned our District logo. You can find the designs in the ♦Logos♦ folder in DACdb under the ♦District Files♦ tab.

Georgia Rotarians are gathering at Rotary Peace Poles across the state on September 21 to recognize the International Day to demonstrate the positive changes that occur when people unite in good faith to serve humanity resulting in "Peace Through Action." Reach out to Jennifer Hibbard at Jennifer.hibbard@vphealth.org for the Peace Kit outlining step-by-step information on how to organize an event. If you have an event planned, please provide the location, time and a short description of the activities to the PI Chair Brandy Swanson at bswanson@smith-howard.com.

Rotary has designated September as Basic Education and Literacy Month, reflecting our dedication to creating a literate world. Every Rotarian has the ability and opportunity to share knowledge, both locally and abroad (click on the picture to play video):



Education for individuals of all ages ♦ an essential component to achieving peace and prosperity ♦ fuels many projects of Rotary clubs in our District that inspire learning.

We continue to witness how Rotary Opens Opportunities both locally and globally!

May Peace Prevail on Earth,
DG Tina

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R.I. Five-Year Forecast

Saturday, September 5, 2020



UPDATE ON ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S FIVE-YEAR FORECAST

*Rotary's Chief Financial Officer **Julie Burke** discusses the organization's Five-Year plan with Treasurer **Bharat Pandya***

Click on the picture above to see a video report updating Rotary International's "Five-Year Financial Forecast." It is presented by R.I.'s C.F.O., Julie Burke, and Treasurer, Bharat Pandya.

International Day of Peace Events

By Sallie Boyles on Monday, August 31, 2020



Is Monday, September 21 highlighted on your calendar?

As a reminder, Rotarians in District 6910 and across the globe will be commemorating the International Day of Peace, informally known as World Peace Day. First celebrated in 1981, the annual holiday, sanctioned by the United Nations, is now dedicated to peace education. [Read More](#)

Hot! Hot! Public Image Deadlines

Friday, September 4, 2020



To be eligible for the Zone 34 Public Image Citation for the '20-'21 Rotary Year, there are two important deadlines coming up on **SEPTEMBER 30**:

#1 - Get your club registered. Simply Click the link: [PI CITATION REGISTRATION](#)

#2 - Submit your content calendar. Click the link: [SUBMIT CALENDAR](#)

Important notes from the Zone 34 PI Team: This year, to achieve the Public Image Citation, clubs will be asked to complete a series of tasks each month. The idea is to develop sustainable public image capabilities to tell the Rotary story and promote what our clubs do in their communities. And we know that strong public image supports membership initiatives. In addition to bringing in new members, a solid public image program can elevate the pride that members have in their clubs which ensures higher retention rates!

Step one is simply to get registered. Step-two, we are now asking clubs to [submit content calendars](#). We know that creating a plan around Rotary themes, club projects and fundraisers makes it easier to be consistent in public image efforts. And some

INCREDIBLE content plans have already been submitted. For those clubs that need a little assistance, the Rotary Zone 34 Public Image Team is here for you and your clubs every step of the way.

As always, if there is anything we can do for you or your clubs, please reach out to us!
www.rotaryshares.org/teamflyer

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Monthly Rotary Theme



Membership Matters

By Sallie Boyles on Monday, August 31, 2020



Attracting new Rotarians while keeping our current members on the roster *and* engaged remains essential to the vitality of every club and our global organization. To maintain membership during a world pandemic♦let alone expand it♦requires fresh perspectives and new approaches.

[Read More](#)

Don't Forget!

By Paige W Havens on Sunday, August 23, 2020



DON'T FORGET!! Design your club's beach towel or mat to reflect the heart and spirit of your club. Present it to DG Tina during her official visit and then display it in the House of Friendship at this year's convention.

Club Focus

