



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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## Rotary Board Meeting with District Governor at 11:00 am before the 9-22 meeting

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 21, 2020

**There will be a board meeting with the District Governor at 11:00 am before the Tuesday September 22, 2020 meeting.**

**September 22 Rotary meeting will be the District Governor Tina D. Fischlin Official Visit**

**Please bring a mask in case for the board meeting**

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

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

Thank you

## Rotary Program 9-22-20 District Governor Tina D. Fischlin Official Visit

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 21, 2020

The 'official visit' to your club by the District Governor. The purpose of this Governor's visit is to address the club regarding Rotary International and the district's goals, objectives, and issues that are important to the club and its membership. You are encouraged to invite spouses to attend this meeting.



For over 20 years, Tina has been enabling programs around the world to maximize impact and reach out to those most in need. A native of Reidsville, Georgia, USA. She attended Georgia Southern University. After graduation, she moved to Atlanta and continued her education and worked in the financial sector and eventually made her way into real estate. She is a licensed agent with Coldwell Banker Lake Oconee Realty serving the Lake Oconee area. In addition, she continues to operate Barefoot Mountain Farms providing Fraser fir Christmas trees and greenery to schools and civic clubs throughout the Southeast. An advocate for reforestation she established the DavisHollcroft Family Forestry Scholarship at the University of Georgia. This scholarship is presented annually to a student studying at UGA's Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources.

Her volunteer work with organizations across the globe addresses the need for clean water, disease prevention, health care and literacy projects. In 2008, Tina joined Alliance for Smiles, a Rotary founded volunteer-based nonprofit, mobilizing hundreds of medical and non-medical volunteers from all over the world. Their work advances health care, trains local medical professional, and delivers surgical care for patients with cleft lip and cleft palate in their communities.

Tina is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties where she served as Club President in 2011-12 and currently serves as the clubs International Service Co-Chair. Active at the District Level, she has served on the finance committee, Assistant Governor and the District's International Service Chair. She is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), a Major Donor, a GRSP Will Watt Fellow, a Benefactor, a member of the Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society.

Tina received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self, an international award which recognizes less than 150 individuals annually who demonstrate their commitment to helping others.

Tina is married to Mike Fischlin, a former Major League baseball player who continues to live his passion as a sports agent with the Boras Corporation. In her spare time, she enjoys running, golf, spending time with family and friends and serving in her community and around the world. Tina, Mike and their dog, Sophia Loren reside in Greensboro, Georgia.

## 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: Sep 22, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://emory.zoom.us/j/96445103639?pwd=eDRhM0ZRNXpvZzUrbjNpOHBCdU1nZz09>

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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**  
**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**

## 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 Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 21, 2020

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

09-22-2020 - Rotary Board Meeting with District Governor 11:00 am

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

09-29-2020 - Steve Wallace, Salvation Army

10-06-2020 - To Be Announced

11-16-2020 - Rotary Clash of the Clubs Golf Tournament

11-17-2020 - 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle Drawing

## Cars of the Past Covington Car Show

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, September 20, 2020

**Cars of the Past Covington Car Show**



Car show postponed until spring.....

After careful consideration we have decided it would be best for all concerned to postpone the car show until Spring of 2021 due to Covid 19.

Please check back as we are checking for available dates and will post the new date as soon as we know. Thank you for your interest in the Car Show.

## Rotary Club of Covington 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 21, 2020



### 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle

Drawing to be held Tuesday, November 17, 2020

\$20.00 Donation

1st prize: Ruger Hawkeye 7mm/08 Rifle



2nd prize: Stoeger 12ga Shotgun Model M3500



3rd prize: Henry Golden Boy .22 Rifle



4th prize: Ruger American 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle



#### 5th prize: Ruger 10/22 Rifle



\*\*\*\* Subject to Federal/State Background requirements\*\*\*\*

All proceeds to benefit Covington/Newton County Empty Stocking Fund and other Community Projects

Prizes to be redeemed at Shots Fired, Washington St. Covington, GA.

**Drawing to be held Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

**Rotary Members Brad Bettis for your tickets to sell**

**See any Rotary Member to purchase raffle tickets**

**or purchase tickets on our website at [www.rotarycovington.org](http://www.rotarycovington.org). Use the link on the left bar to go to the Sportsman Raffle on the menu. Direct link to the [Sportsman Raffle](#)**

## Rotary Club of Waxhaw-Weddington salutes heroes

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 17, 2020



Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Waxhaw-Weddington

WAXHAW ♦ The Rotary Club of Waxhaw-Weddington is partnering with the Waxhaw Farmers Market through August to showcase its Flags for Heroes fundraiser.

The Rotary Club plans to display 100 full-size American flags flying in honor of heroes on Sept. 11. Each flag can be sponsored in the name of a member of the Waxhaw Volunteer Fire Department.

The Rotary Club will have a tent at the farmers market this month to collect sponsorships for heroes. For \$50, you will sponsor a hero and the medallion will be attached to the flag and later presented to the fireman as a keepsake.

Those not able to attend the farmers market can sponsor a flag on the Flags for Heroes Facebook page or at [www.waxwedrotaryclub.org](http://www.waxwedrotaryclub.org).

## Smyrna Rotary Wings of Freedom Fish Fry a 'drive-by' success

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 21, 2020





Verontae Deams opens his door as Nicole Johnson brings his dinners to his vehicle on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at the Wings of Freedom Fish Fry, in Smyrna, that was held drive-through style this year due to COVID.

Instead of letting a pandemic cancel its annual charity fundraising event, Smyrna Rotary improvised with a "drive-by" format for this year's Wings of Freedom Fish Fry on Saturday.

Cars lined up on the road in front of the Smyrna Airport for curbside meals instead of gathering inside a hangar.

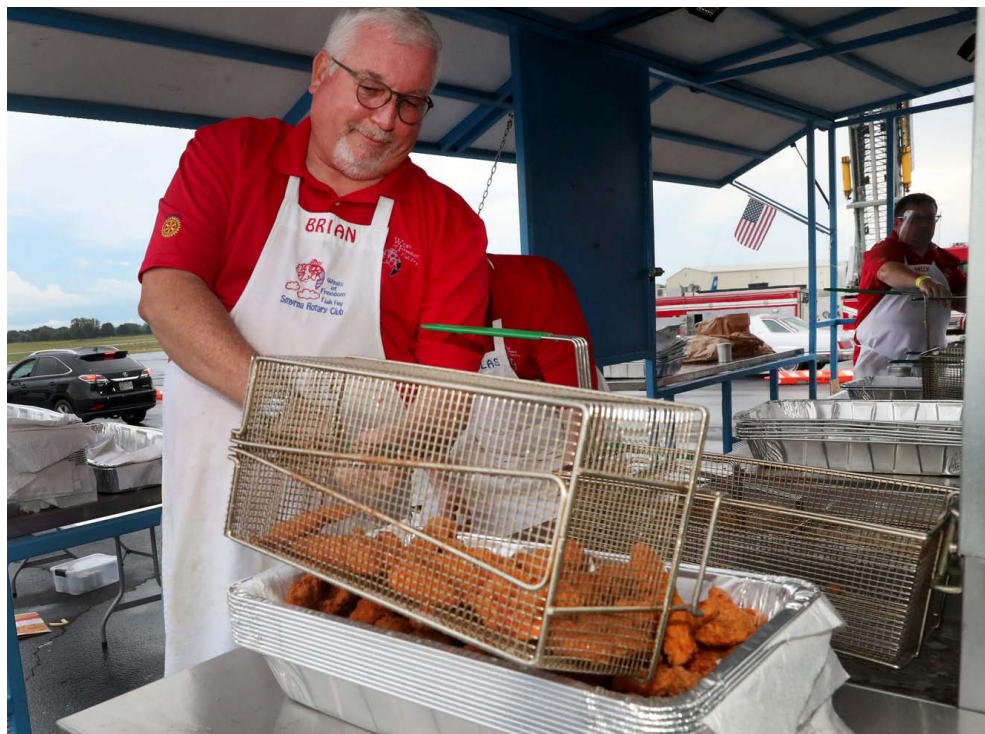


Tennessee Representative Mike Sparks walks to deliver food to cars on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at the drive-through Wings of Freedom Fish Fry, in Smyrna

"It looks different this year, but we're making it successful," said Amanda Johnstone, Smyrna Rotary Club president.

The goal this year was \$125,000, and Johnstone said she would be "over the moon excited (if the goal was met)."

This year the club plans to give the biggest portion of funds raised to build an [all-inclusive playground](#) that should be ready sometime in 2021. Johnstone said they hope to break ground by the end of 2020.



Brian Hercules fries chicken at the Wings of Freedom Fish Fry, in Smyrna

Proceeds from the fish fry also benefit local nonprofits like the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rutherford County and Nourish Food Bank.

Since 2003, Smyrna Rotary has raised \$1.4 million for local charities.

"Organizations that benefit the most need our help more than ever. Many of these organizations have really stepped up and filled the needs of the community. We knew if we canceled the event, it would have devastating effects on other people," Johnstone said. "We couldn't let our organizations down."



Nicole Johnson delivers food to vehicles on Saturday, Spt. 12, 2020

The event always spotlights veterans. But because of COVID-19, there was a virtual presentation honoring World War II and Korean veterans, including video interviews.

## Encinitas Rotary Club helps build new exhibit at Heritage Museum

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 21, 2020





A nearly century-old postal wagon will be sheltered in a structure built by Encinitas Rotary Club members.

The Encinitas Rotary Club made some sidewalk repairs and helped construct a new exhibit at the San Dieguito Heritage Museum on Aug. 29 for the club's Rotarians at Work Day.

The new exhibit includes an approximately 100-year-old postal wagon that used to be carried by horse. The Rotary Club members built a small wooden enclosure where the wagon, which had been in storage for a long time, will be housed.

The project was originally scheduled to be completed in April, but it had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The museum's new additions will complement the replica row of old fashioned storefronts that adorn the property.



Rotary Club members built a walkway at the Heritage Museum for the club's Rotarians at Work Day on Aug. 29.

◆Our vision for this is that this area here would be wonderful for family events and gatherings such as weddings,◆ said Kerry Witkin, a Rotary Club member, referring to the area by the museum's general store replica.

About 15 Rotary Club members worked on the new sidewalk and exhibit from about 7:30 a.m. to noon. The club has more than 80 members total.

◆For some of the people who have been in town for a long time, it's a reflection of their childhood memories,◆ Witkin said about the various displays and artifacts at the museum. ◆They come in here and they see things that may have belonged to their grandparents or great grandparents.◆

The display already in place at the Heritage Museum includes the facades of a barbershop, cafe, real estate office and fire station.

◆People can come by here and they'll recognize things from their past or from their ancestors◆ past,◆ Witkin said. ◆And that's just the modern era.◆

The historic Teten House, for example, is located on the museum's property. Named for Fred Teten, a blacksmith who bought the home in the 1890s, the house served as a school when it was built the decade prior. It was restored about five years ago by Dave Oakley, an Encinitas resident and Rotary Club member who died last October.

The Heritage Museum also has artifacts, including tools made from stones and bone, that date back to Native American inhabitants of the land.

One of the Rotary Club's goals is to make sure local residents know about it and make a point to visit.

"We want the community to, No.1, know that it's here, know that we're here, and they can come by and tour the museum and discover something that's been in their backyard for a long time," Witkin said.

The Heritage Museum is located at 450 Quail Gardens Drive in Encinitas. For more information, visit [sdheritage.org](http://sdheritage.org). For more information about the Rotary Club, visit [encinitasrotary.com](http://encinitasrotary.com).

## RI President's September Message

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020



**Holger Knaack**

**President 2020-21**

### September 2020

Rotary youth exchange is one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month. It 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 Molln, 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 is 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're 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 is 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



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.

## 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](http://www.rotaryshares.org/teamflyer)

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## 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](#)

## Opportunity Knocks

By Paige W Havens on Sunday, August 23, 2020



Sponsorships opportunities are now available for our **Annual Rotary District Conference**, scheduled April 22 -25, 2021 at Jekyll Island, Georgia. Your support is critical to underwrite the event, which attracts over 400 Rotarians and their guests. District Conference is a time when we come together to highlight the clubs♦ service to their community and beyond. This is an excellent way to showcase your business to fellow Rotarians while helping us spotlight the great work we do together. [Click here](#) to explore all of the opportunities available in the sponsorship packet.