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President



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Rotary Program 9-29-20 Baxter Bouchillon Chairman of SPLOST oversight Chairman

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020



A Georgia native, Baxter was born in Decatur, grew up in Conyers, and in 2001, moved to Covington, where his great-grandfather and namesake had settled in the early 1900s. Baxter has been married to Lisa for 23 years and has three children, twin daughters, Liane and Tory and a son, Taylor. He has been State Farm Agent for 21 years, the last 19 in Covington. He serves on the Board of Management at the Covington Family YMCA. He coaches Covington Galaxy, the YMCA's U18 boys club soccer team in the fall and HALO Wolfpack, a Varsity homeschool high school soccer team in the spring. He also chairs the Newton County SPLOST Oversight Committee.

**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 29, 2020 12:20 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://emory.zoom.us/j/99191421115>

Meeting ID: 991 9142 1115
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September & October Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, September 27, 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

Covington Rotary
Thomas Kephart 13 Years Stacey Cotton 23 Years

October Birthdays
CL Johnson 10/3



[Tarrence T. Houston](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair



[E. Wayne Pugh](#)
GRSP Chair



[Brad Bettis](#)
Club Director



[Douglas E. Bolton](#)
Club Admin Chair



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



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



[John King](#)
iPast President



[Dorothy Bala](#)
Assistant Governor

Wayne Pugh 10/3
Bubba Edwards 10/17
Dale Evans 10/17
Cathy Dobbs 10/24
Terry Ozburn 10/31
Steve Smith 10/31

October Anniversaries
Stuart & Ann Hamilton 10/12

October Member Anniversaries
Covington Rotary / Rotary
Tracey Clark 16 Years / 16 Years
Bubba Edwards 5 Years / 11 Years
Stephen Farrell 5 Years / 5 Years
Conner Haler 2 Year / 2 Year
Cathy Laseter 5 Years / 5 Years
Carter Rogers 16 Years / 6 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

09-29-2020 - Baxter Bouchillon Chairman of SPLOST oversight Chairman

10-06-2020 - To Be Announced

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

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

4-22 to 25-2020 - District Conference - Jekyll Island

District Governor Tina D Fischlin Visit 9-22-20

By Joseph Davidson on Tuesday, September 29, 2020



District Governor Tina D Fischlin and Thomas Kephart President 2020-2021 Rotary Club of Covington during the District Governor's visit 9-22-20

Birthdays

Eric Adcock
September 19th
Lloyd Kerr
September 21st
Billy S. Smith
September 30th
C. L. Johnson
October 3rd
E. Wayne Pugh
October 3rd

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



District Governor Tina D Fischlin and Thomas Kephart President 2020-2021 Rotary Club of Covington awarded Rotarian Pete Carter a Paul Harris Plus



District Governor Tina D Fischlin and Thomas Kephart President 2020-2021 Rotary Club of Covington awarded Rotarian Tarrence Houston a Paul Harris pin for his work with the Dollar General project



Past President 2019-2020 John King recieved the Gold Club Award for 2019-2020 Year

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. Use the link on the left bar to go to the Sportsman Raffle on the menu. Direct link to the [Sportsman Raffle](#)

Rotary Clash of the Clubs Golf Tournament 2020

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020



Date: Monday, November 16, 2020
Location: Ashton Hills Golf Course
Address: 10400 Bypass Rd. Covington, GA
Times: 8:30 am Registration
10:00 am Shotgun Start
Format: 2-person Scramble
Fee: \$125 Per Golfer

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Katie Collins: 706-248-2271
Katie@dogwoodcharitypartners.com
Stephanie Streer: 706-207-5441
Stephanie@dogwoodcharitypartners.com

2021 District Conference Jekyll Island

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020

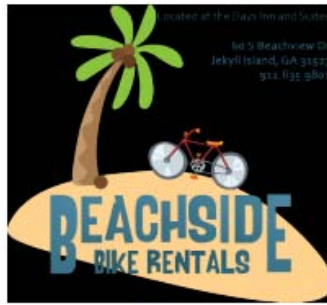


[Register NOW!](#)

[Info on meeting safely on Jekyll Island](#)

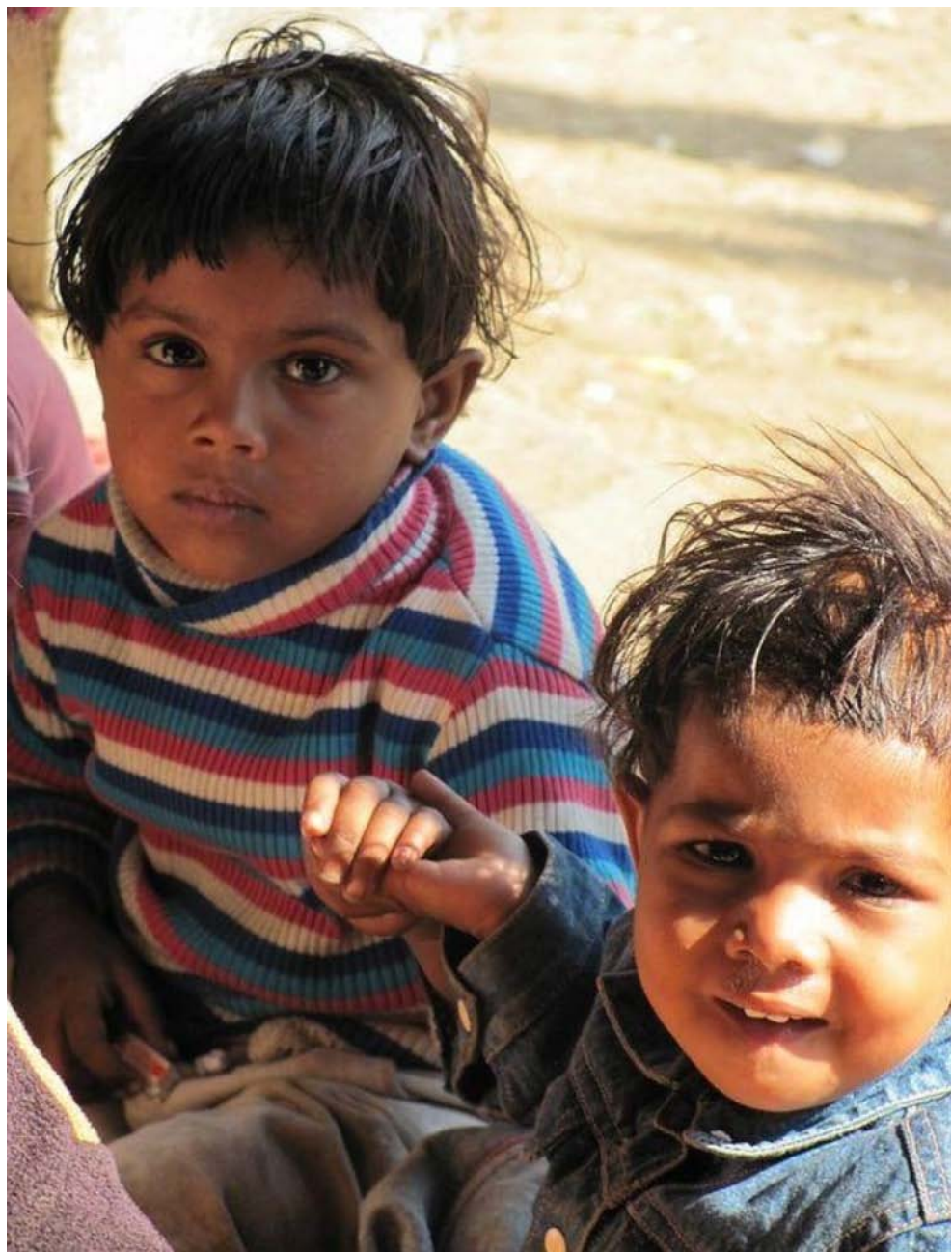


[Beach Towel/Mat Competition](#)



Rotary Club celebrates as Africa declared free from wild polio

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020



Rotary Club members across southwest Missouri are celebrating the news that the African region has been certified wild poliovirus-free.

Rotary members have joined others worldwide to play an invaluable role in the decades-long effort to rid the African region of wild polio. Rotary's District 6080, which includes 51 clubs in southwest Missouri, has contributed almost half a million dollars in the last five years, alone, to Rotary's End Polio Now campaign, according to District Gov. Jacqueline Howard, of Waynesville. Worldwide funding has come from Rotary International, the CDC, WHO, UNICEF and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The news from Africa will be celebrated when Rotary clubs worldwide and across southwest Missouri observe World Polio Day on Oct. 24.

This milestone is the result of widespread efforts across the 47 countries of the African region. It has involved millions of health workers traveling by foot, boat, bike and bus, innovative strategies to vaccinate children amid conflict and insecurity, and a huge disease surveillance network to test cases of paralysis and check sewage for the virus.

Polio usually affects children under the age of 5, sometimes leading to irreversible paralysis. Death can occur when breathing muscles are affected, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

◆The eradication of wild polio in the African region shows us that polio eradication is achievable, and shows how our hard work, partnerships and financial commitment continue to propel us forward, even during a global pandemic,◆ said District 6080 End Polio Now Chair Susan Haralson.

Rotarians continue to work on the final challenge: eradicate the wild poliovirus in the two countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan and Pakistan. They vow not to stop the campaign until the last case of polio has been recorded. If efforts stop now, officials say, the world can expect to see over 200,000 new cases of polio in the next 10 years.

Community Foundation Celebrates One Year Anniversary of Rotary Park

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020



LANSING, Mich. ♦ As the Capital Region Community Foundation celebrates the one year anniversary of Rotary Park on August 28, Foundation leaders are thrilled about the park's popularity, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

♦We created Rotary Park as the start of a vibrant and user-friendly riverfront, part of a bigger goal to attract and retain a talented workforce for our region,♦ said Laurie Baumer, Community Foundation executive vice president. ♦Immediately the park became a sensation for residents and visitors of all ages, races, and physical abilities. Now during COVID, visitation has exploded. Outdoor spaces like Rotary Park have become essential for our physical and mental well-being.♦

In partnership with the City of Lansing and several corporate sponsors, the Foundation led the fundraising, design and construction of the \$1.8 million Rotary Park, located in downtown Lansing on the Grand River, between the Lansing Center and the Shiawassee Street Bridge. Unlike any other park in the region, Rotary Park features a plaza with a large fireplace, a sand beach, a magical lighted forest, a lighted venue under the bridge for small concerts and events, and an ADA-accessible kayak launch. The park is also home to River Town Adventures, a small business that rents kayaks and bicycles.

♦Out of 111 parks in the city of Lansing, Rotary Park has been the heaviest used since it opened a year ago,♦ said Brett Kaschinske, director of Lansing's Parks and Recreation Department. ♦Rotary Park has features and amenities that no other parks have, so it's constantly used for meetings, picnics and exercise. It's one park during the day and another park at night with the cool lighting.♦

Rotary Park is open from dawn to dusk every day and is free to the public.

At the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRCC) annual dinner in February, the Community Foundation was the recipient of LRCC's Community Impact Award for the Foundation's leadership in the development of Rotary Park.

Rotary Park's financial contributors included: Rotary Club of Lansing Foundation, Delta Dental of Michigan, Dewpoint, Red Cedar Investment Management, Auto-Owners Insurance, Gillespie Group, Team Lansing Foundation and the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau, and several individual donors. In addition, the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority awarded \$343,000 for the park, and Ingham County Parks Board allocated \$100,000 toward bank stabilization, bringing total riverfront investments to almost \$3 million to date. A Wieland retiree, the late Dennis Anderson, volunteered his time and expertise as project manager.

In 2017, the Foundation commenced a major placemaking initiative to revitalize Lansing's riverfront to create a vibrant thriving region where people want to visit and live. After two years of fundraising and planning, the Foundation raised over \$1 million from private donors for all riverfront projects, which the Foundation matched dollar for dollar. The Foundation also established a fund to help the City of Lansing maintain the park's amenities, and contributed staffing to oversee the park's design and construction.

Warrenton Rotary Club hosts community ♦Baby Shower♦

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020



Baby food and formula are on the list of items being collected during the Warrenton Rotary Club's "Baby Shower."

The Warrenton Rotary Club will hold a community Baby Shower collection drive on Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Items will be collected on behalf of the Fauquier Community Food Bank & Thrift Store. While any typical food bank items will be accepted, the drive is specifically focused on baby-friendly items like non-expired baby food and formula, diapers of all sizes and brands, baby wipes, diaper cream and baby hygiene items.

Donated items may be brought to the **Fauquier Times** loading dock located at the corner of Lee and 2nd Streets in Old Town Warrenton. Members of the Rotary Club will be there to accept donations from community members and deliver them to the Food Bank.

An Amazon Baby Registry has been set up as well, to allow people to donate with a click or two. Orders will be shipped directly to the Food Bank. Those interested in shopping online for the Baby Shower drive may search Amazon registries for ♦Warrenton Rotary♦ to find the registry. The registry was designed for any budget, so community members can purchase items or contribute funds toward one.

A pressing need

♦This is exciting for us! We have had lots of groups do food drives, but this is our first baby shower!♦ said Sharon Ames, director of the Fauquier Community Food Bank & Thrift Store. ♦We know the community will support us in droves and we will share the abundance with Fauquier FISH, Community Touch and organizations that support Fauquier's young families.♦

Ames added, ♦We are always in need of items for families with young children.♦ She emphasized the need for non-expired baby formula; formula shelf lives are short and they have to keep their clients safe.

She said, ♦Another big need is for baby food, since many families start their children on adult food too early because they simply cannot afford baby food, which is formulated with extra vitamins and nutrients that babies need at such a young age.♦

Rotary Club steps in

When Shel Douglas, new director of Fauquier County Social Services, toured the Fauquier Community Food Bank & Thrift Store recently, she was impressed with the magnitude of services the shop provides for the community, but she was also struck by the immediate need for baby items.

Over the years, Douglas said she has seen struggling families forced to stretch their baby supplies by diluting formula and leaving their children in a wet or dirty diaper a little longer than they want.

She pointed out that these choices can have both short-term and long-term consequences. In the short term, the risk of diaper rash and an increased rate of UTIs ♦ from leaving a wet diaper on too long --may cause excessive crying and could even lead to higher rates of abuse. In the longer term, babies are at risk of delays in physical and mental development due to poor childhood nutrition.

A longtime Rotarian and new Warrenton Rotary Club member, Douglas knew that if there was a need in the community, Rotarians could help meet it. She reached out to the club and quickly responded with a focused action committee to plan a baby item drive and fill needs at the food bank and other local organizations.

Rev. Wes Shortridge, president of the Warrenton Rotary Club, said, ♦Rotarians are people of action and when we see a need in our community we jump in to meet it, whether it is something small like putting up the Christmas tree on the courthouse steps, packing backpacks for FISH, or big, like stocking the shelves at the food bank, we work together to meet our community's needs.♦

Catherine Nelson, vice president of the Warrenton Rotary Club and publisher of the **Fauquier Times**, said, ♦When we brainstormed where we could have a collection site for the drive, we offered our loading dock area as another way to serve our community. It is not just what we do, it is who we are.♦

The Rotary Club of Warrenton is a part of Rotary International and meets weekly by Zoom. More information can be found by visiting the group's [Facebook page](#).

RI President's October Message

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020



Holger Knaack

President 2020-21

October 2020

During a recent Zoom meeting with Rotarians and Rotaractors, I looked at the smiling faces on my screen and realized how much our organization has changed in a short period. It is clear that there is no going back to the "old normal" in Rotary ♦ and I see that as an exciting opportunity!

Innovation and change are happening at so many levels as we rethink and remake Rotary. Rotary's new flexibility is blending with digital culture to drive change in ways that many of us have never seen before. We can learn a lot from Rotarians like Rebecca Fry ♦ who, at age 31, already has 15 years of Rotary experience.

I see Rotary as a phenomenal platform to change the world. I believe I can have the greatest influence by empowering others to create the change they wish to see in the world. I've gained leadership insights through my experiences in RYLA and Rotaract, and now, as charter president of the Rotary Social Impact Network, a new e-club.

Engaging Rotary program alumni is key in forming new clubs. Our club is proof that Rotaractors and other alumni want to join Rotary but sometimes they can't find the Rotary club that's right for them. Our club has 31 members, all between the ages of 23 and 41, and almost all of them are alumni of Rotary programs.

We need to be able to integrate and align Rotary with the other personal and professional goals we're pursuing. In chartering this club, we set out to design a personalized model of Rotary that is focused on added value for our members. We have also sought to leverage connections through Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and other international partnerships in order to elevate our members' experiences beyond the club.

Our club meets and manages most of its projects online, using Microsoft Teams to engage 24/7 in topics that interest our members. This also means our club is not geographically bound to any one location: Although many of us are in Australia, we also have members in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States.

Also key for our club is measuring the impact of our projects. For Plastic Free July this year, we created an awareness campaign promoting ways that individuals could reduce their use of plastics, and we reached more than 6,000 people. It's a project with a tangible impact that anyone can take part in wherever they are. I'm proud that, through our club, we are bringing people together for a new type of Rotary experience. I am excited for our future.

Rotary International



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

#RotaryShares

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.