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Rotary Program 9-08-20 Dana Darby, Newton Co Tax Commissioner

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 7, 2020



Dana Darby, Newton Co Tax Commissioner

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

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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

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, September 6, 2020

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Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM

09-08-2020 - Dana Darby, Newton Co Tax Commissioner

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



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

09-29-2020 - Steve Wallace, Salvation Army

Monroe Rotary Club's 26th annual golf classic slated for Sept. 10

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, September 6, 2020



MONROE, CT ♦ The 26th annual Clarksons Platou/Monroe Rotary Golf Classic will be held Thursday, Sept. 10, at Whitney Farms Golf Club in Monroe.

The golf outing will support the Monroe Rotary Club's philanthropy for local causes such as Project Warmth and charitable organizations like the Monroe Food Pantry, and Feed the Hungry. The Rotary also awards scholarships for high school students and donates money to international projects, such as efforts to eradicate polio.

Another program the Rotary is known for is its drive to give dictionaries to school children.

The Clarksons Platou/Monroe Rotary Golf Classic committee recognizes how difficult the economy has been for many residents and businesses due to COVID-19, and is appreciative of any businesses, vendors, volunteers and golfers who become involved in the fundraiser.

Dennis Condon, a committee member, said over 50 businesses have already contributed \$4,000 worth of prizes for raffles.

To register to play golf or to be a sponsor, [click on this link](#).

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's BRaffle Boosts Branford Community, Restaurants & Prize Winners

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 7, 2020



Rotarians and BRaffle supporters gathered Aug. 26 at Owenego Beach and Tennis Club to watch Branford First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove (left) draw the winning tickets on Aug. 26; as Branford Rotary's Chip Marsh (center) and president Tom Laurenson (right) look on. Pam Johnson/The Sound

On August 26, they twirled the hopper, tumbled 2,000 tickets and picked the winners of BRaffle, Branford Rotary's first-ever "outrageous restaurant raffle." Rotary's "absurd" grand prize ♦ 34 individual \$100 gift certificates to 34 Branford restaurants ♦ was won by community member Wendy Bluemling. Branford resident Sarah McTavish won BRaffle's "ridiculous" second prize of 34 \$50 gift certificates to 34 Branford restaurants. Eight other area residents won BRaffle restaurant gift certificate prizes 3 ♦ 10 (additional winning names appear at the end of this story).

Rotarians and BRaffle supporters shared some safe social distance and plenty of good cheer when gathering under a tent at the Owenego Beach and Tennis Club to watch Branford First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove draw the winning tickets on Aug. 26. Community viewers tuned in to watch Rotary's Facebook Live and BCTV live streaming coverage.

BRaffle sold out shortly after launching July 20, raising a remarkable \$40,000 to add to \$45,000 already infused into the community by Branford Rotary to help residents, restaurants and frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, said Cosgrove.

"As we stand here, Branford Rotary has responded to the crisis with \$85,000 in aid since April. That's amazing," said Cosgrove. "That's dozens of businesses supported, hundreds of workers protected and thousands of meals served."

Prior to BRaffle, Rotary purchased \$5,000 worth of isolation gowns for front line workers at Connecticut Hospice; delivered hundreds of pounds of fresh produce to Branford Food Pantry, and raised more than \$35,000 for Branford Rotary's innovative dual-support program, "Help Out-Take Out." The program buys gift cards from local restaurants and distributes them to community residents in need, through a partnership with Branford Counseling & Community Services (BCCS).

BCCS's Executive Director Peter Cimino said Help Out -Take Out is an extraordinary example of a civic organization helping out on two fronts to support two different community groups impacted during a crisis.

Cimino also shared a couple of thank-you notes from appreciative Help Out-Take Out recipients, including one reading, "...the gift cards from the Parthenon are very much appreciated. My family has always enjoyed going there for breakfast, but since losing my job because of COVID, we had to cut back the trips. Thank you, Branford Rotary, for caring about our local restaurants, but especially for caring for us."

Local restaurant owners from the Parthenon Diner and The Stand also stepped up to the microphone Aug. 26 thank Branford Rotary for its support.

"I'd really like, from the bottom of my heart, to thank Branford Rotary; and I can assure you, on behalf of all the restaurants, we thank you for your support," said John Sousoulas, owner of the Parthenon.

Sousoulas also thanked the community for its continued support. He said the pandemic has created "...a tough road, to say the least; [but] I think Branford in general does come together as a community, with great people and great businesses. And all our wonderful restaurants are truly, truly appreciative."

The Stand's Rob Kauffman thanked Branford Rotary on behalf of he and his partners.

"What you do is incredible," Kauffman told the Rotarians.

Kauffman also said he was impressed when Rotary's Andy Marlatt first shared the BRaffle concept with him and even more impressed with the results.

"I've been in fundraising for many, many years, so right away I knew it would be a big hit," said Kauffman. "I didn't think he would sell out as quickly as he did."

Kauffman also thanked community members for their support, including "...all our patrons and residents of Branford -- we really appreciate your business."

Marlatt thanked the local business sponsors listed on the BRaffle banner for their support, which helped develop BRaffle and its prizes, generate online ticket sales, promotional lawn signs and more. He said approximately 900 individual entrants purchased Rotary's limit of 2,000 BRaffle tickets issued. Tickets were sold at \$20 each. Approximately 82 percent of all tickets sold were purchased by Branford community members.

Branford Rotary president Tom Laurenson emceed the Aug. 26 BRaffle event at the Owenego, with raffle drawing oversight assistance from Rotarian Chip Marsh.

"Like any event, there's a whole team behind this, and I want to thank each and every one of them for their effort. And it took a whole team to sell these tickets," said Laurenson. "To all the Rotarians ...well done."

Local Rotary Clubs members help distribute 10,000 meals to those in need

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, September 6, 2020



More than 20 volunteers from all five of the county's Rotary Clubs and the Rotary Club of Dawson County met at the Ingles parking lot on Canton Highway on Thursday to load pallets of fresh food into vehicles to take to those who need them in the community. - photo by Jim Dean

Those dealing with food insecurity will soon have some fresh produce from local farms thanks to the efforts of Forsyth County's Rotary Clubs.

More than 20 volunteers from all five of the county's Rotary Clubs and the Rotary Club of Dawson County met at the Ingles parking lot on Canton Highway on Thursday to load pallets of fresh food into vehicles to take to those who need them in the community.

◆We were able to get these truckloads of food that would normally be sent to restaurants, but restaurants aren't receiving them, so there's excess capacity,◆ said Ted Richardson with Rotary Club of South Forsyth County. ◆So, we arranged for, I think, 20 or 22 pallets of food, 1,680 20-pound boxes. It's estimated that◆ll feed 10,000 meals with fresh produce, good nutritious food that's not canned or starches.◆

The boxes contained wide varieties of fresh produce, including apples, grapes, oranges, onions, cucumbers, potatoes and more from a farmer's market by Royal Food Service, Inc. in Atlanta.

◆They arranged for the trucking and shipping and sent it up here to us,◆ Richardson said. ◆Our Partner, Steve Daniels with Meals By Grace, was very instrumental in handling the distribution of the food. It's more than they could use in the short time-life of the food, so he arranged for all the surrounding food banks to come in and participate.◆

Daniels said the food would be going to ◆as many places as we can◆ and thanked the volunteers for their time.

◆This is great,◆ he said. ◆They're making such quick work of what could be a really big job.◆

He said most of the food, except things like citrus fruits, were grown in Georgia.

◆The ability to keep produce as part of [the client's] diets, it's so powerful,◆ he said. ◆It will help their health overall.◆

The program is part of Rotary International's 10 Million Meal Challenge.

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 M◆lln, 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'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 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 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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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.

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



Opportunity Knocks



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.