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## Rotary Program January 14th - Industrial Development Authority

By Levi Bailey on Sunday, December 8, 2024

The Newton County IDA is a public-private partnership funded by Newton County to act as the single point of contact for economic development projects within the region. NCIDA is responsible for recruiting new business and industry; working with existing business and industry on expansions and retention; developing a workforce that is "second to none" in the nation; the development of a Northeast Georgia Regional Retail Hub; and assisting our partners with maintaining the "quality of life" we all enjoy in Newton County Georgia.



NEWTON COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Levi Bailey on Sunday, January 1, 2023

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays**  
**Boone Brothers 01/03**  
**Trudy Henry 01/13**  
**Christie Philips 01/30**  
**Brook Collins 01/31**

**Anniversaries**  
**Doug & Sherri Bolton 01/13**  
**Bryan & Amelia Fazio 01/23**

**Member Anniversaries**  
**Christie Philips 1 Year**  
**Tarrence Houston 12 Years**  
**Keith Adams 12 Years**

## Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, July 8, 2022

**Regular Meetings are being held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm**

01-14-2025 - Regular Meeting - Newton County Industrial Authority

01-21-2025 - Regular Meeting - TBD

01-28-2025 - Regular Meeting - TBD

02-04-2025 - Regular Meeting - Piedmont Newton

02-18-2025 - Regular Meeting - District Governor Visit

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## Rotary District 6910's FY25-27 Strategic Plan: A Blueprint for Growth and Engagement

By Sarah H. McKinney



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FY25-27 STRATEGIC PLAN:  
**A Blueprint for Growth  
and Engagement**

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Rotary District 6910 has launched a new Strategic Plan for 2025-2027 that aligns with Rotary International's Action Plan, focusing on increasing impact, expanding membership, enhancing engagement, and fostering adaptability. This alignment presents exciting opportunities for club members to deepen their involvement, grow personally, and create a lasting impact in their communities and beyond. Read on to learn how it will shape your Rotary experience!

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## Oslo Summer 2025 GRSP Scholarship Opens for Georgia College Students

### Birthdays

Trudy Henry  
January 13th  
Christie Phillips  
January 30th  
Brook Collins  
January 31st  
Bryan Fazio  
February 9th  
Ricky Adams  
February 10th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Douglas E. Bolton  
January 13th  
Bryan Fazio  
January 23rd

### Club Member Anniversaries

Thomas E. Davis  
08-15-2006  
19 Years

**GRSP-Oslo Scholarship**  
**June 28 – July 26, 2025**  
**University of Oslo, Norway**  
For more information or to apply, visit:  
[www.grsp.org/other-opportunities](http://www.grsp.org/other-opportunities)

**Rotary**   
Districts  
6900, 6910, 6920

**GRSP**  
GEORGIA ROTARY  
STUDENT PROGRAM

**UiO : International Summer School**  
University of Oslo

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2025**  **Questions: [grsp@grsp.org](mailto:grsp@grsp.org)**



Georgia Rotary Student Program partners with Rotarians in Norway to offer scholarships for undergraduate students to attend the International Summer School in beautiful Oslo, Norway. Recipients will be able to immerse themselves in Norway's landscape and culture, while living alongside students from nearly 100 different countries. Visit [osloiss.com/courses](http://osloiss.com/courses) to view options. All courses are taught in English.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDES**

**Roundtrip Airfare from Atlanta**  
**Oslo ISS Course Instruction- 10 ECTS- Undergrad**  
**Room and Board + Administrative Fees**  
**ISS Social and Cultural Programming**

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

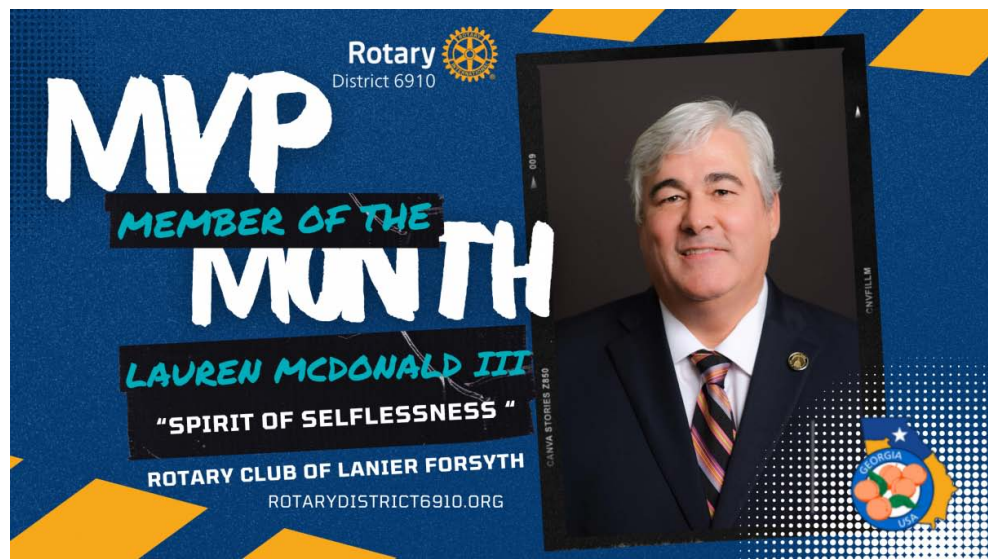
**Already Completed Equivalent of 1 Year of College**  
**Ages 20-24 and Single**  
**Good Health + Academic College Standing**  
**Georgia Rotarian Endorsement**

Apply through GRSP website. Nominees will be reviewed and winners will be selected by a committee of GRSP Trustees in each Rotary District. Two recipients will be selected by January 27, 2025 and will then apply to the summer school via link from college coordinator.

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## **MVP of the Month - Lauren McDonald: A Life Built on Service**

By Barbara Myers Mason APR



Whether working as an EMT, serving as a state representative, volunteering on community boards, or leading relief efforts, Lauren McDonald III embodies the spirit of selflessness. A state representative for District 26 which primarily spans Forsyth County, he has spent his life serving others. [Read More](#)

### DG Bobby's Vision: Innovative Rotary Clubs Driving Change in December



Discover how innovative Rotary clubs are driving change and making an impact! In this December news message, District Governor Bobby shares exciting updates, fresh ideas, and inspiration for reimagining what Rotary can achieve. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how your club can embrace innovation and serve the community in new, impactful ways. [Watch now>](#)

### Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary Gives their City a Timely Christmas Gift



**Dahlonega  
Sunrise  
Rotary Gives  
their City a  
Timely  
Christmas  
Gift**

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The Dahlonga Sunrise Rotary Club has been busy this year gifting their community with legacy projects. Check out this unique gift of time they recently unveiled. [Read More](#)

## Make Character Education a Reality in 2025 | GA Laws of Life



The Georgia Department of Education has declared Character Education a priority for 2025:

"We must continue to support those who have answered the call to support our students—in difficult times and by setting them up for future success." Click here for full article > [article](#)

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## Introducing Francisca Bastias Arevalo | GRSP Berry College



# FRANCISCA BASTIAS AREVALO

- ✓ From Chile
- ✓ Attending Berry College
- ✓ Pursuing a career as an Industrial Engineer
- ✓ Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Rome and Rome-Seven Hills



*"I want to work and focus on helping the world and to be an input to our society with everything I have learned"*



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With 27,000 acres to roam in Rome, Francisca Bastias Arevalo, 24 from Chile, stated that Berry College is as beautiful as it seems in pictures, and there are always things to do besides studying in the largest campus of the world! Francisca is studying to become an Industrial Engineer and is attending Berry through the sponsorship of the Rotary Clubs of Rome and Rome-Seven Hills. She loves attending weekly Rotary meetings and how the clubs get together to help the community with different activities.

"My GRSP has been even more amazing than I thought it could be," she said. "I love how welcoming everyone is at Berry, in my clubs and of course, all the GRSP from this year!"

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