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Rotary Program January 28th - Dr. Duke Bradley III - Newton County Schools Superintendent

By Levi Bailey on Sunday, December 8, 2024



With strong familial roots in education, Bradley's introduction to his career path was influenced by his parents. His mother was an educator for 35 years and his father was a local board of education member. In his submitted cover letter read by Newton County Board of Education Chair Shakila Henderson-Baker, he referred to the example his parents set during his formative years as "valuable training for [his] future as an educator."

Bradley received his bachelor's in English from Morehouse College, his master's in teaching from Brown University, his doctorate in jurisprudence from John Marshall Law School and his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Southern Mississippi.

As Henry County School's chief of staff, Bradley's duties include, "provid[ing] leadership and direct oversight over policy, legal compliance, communications, constituent services and special programs," according to NCSS' press release.

Prior to his current role, Bradley served as deputy superintendent and chief of schools for the Beaufort County School System in South Carolina. During his tenure, a "district-high graduation rate of 88.5 percent" was achieved along with the "surpassing [of] state averages in all tested subject areas during the 2021 school year," according to the release.

Bradley's administrative experience includes a decade of leadership at each of the elementary, middle and high school levels, from being the "turnaround" principal of Baneker High School in Fulton County to serving as the executive director of Wesley International Academy in Atlanta.

In 2018, Bradley was recognized as Fulton County Schools' overall principal of the year, where he was credited with "historic" gains in academic achievement, graduation rate and offering more opportunity for students to access higher level courses. After graduate school, Bradley taught high school English in DeKalb County before going on to attend law school. While in law school, Bradley worked as a congressional intern with a focus on education policy.

According to the press release, Bradley is an active member of the community with involvement as a board member for the Shaquille O'Neal Boys and Girls Club, a member of United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta's Child Well-Being Steering Committee, a member of the Atlanta Chapter of 100 Black Men of America and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Eta Omega Chapter.

After being introduced during the meeting, Bradley shared his gratitude and wave of emotions with board members and meeting attendees.

"I'm just feeling incredibly humble and grateful for this opportunity," Bradley said. "I want to thank the extraordinary leadership of this Board of Education for really facilitating an appropriately rigorous and rich process... I have enjoyed every single moment of it... One of the things that I will warrant to this community that if I am fortunate to be named a superintendent after the 14 day period, that the hallmark of my administration will be community. That the hallmark of my administration will be that every voice in this community will have a part of the work that we will be doing and building the future of Newton County schools together."

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



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02-04-2025 - Regular Meeting - Piedmont Newton - Lindsey Petrini CEO

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

02-25-2025 - Regular Meeting - SCBTV, Michelle Amarra

03-04-2025 - Regular Meeting - Dr. Taiwo A. Ajose - Piedmont Newton

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Thomas Kephart promoted to Regional President United Bank



Thomas Kephart, as Regional President, will continue to lead the Covington banking division while providing oversight to the bank's Barnesville, Forsyth and Madison markets. He joined the bank in 2011 as a division president for Covington. Kephart earned a BBA in finance from Georgia State and an MBA in finance from Mercer. He is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at LSU. Kephart has served in many community organizations throughout his career, including Leadership Newton County, Newton and Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Wildlife Federaiton, Rotary Club, Covington Family YMCA and the Arts Association in Newton County. Staff Reporter, Covington News

Rotary Valentine / 86th Anniversary Party

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, January 20, 2025

Valentines/Anniversary Party

Rotary Club of Covington 86th Anniversary

The Rotary Club of Covington will celebrate our 86th Anniversary

Tuesday February 11th, 2025, 6:30PM

Salem Hotel on Salem Campground

3940 Salem Road, Covington, GA 30016

Party will be BYOB If you would like beer or wine or..., please bring what you want!

See you there!



Beef & Freezer Raffle

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, January 20, 2025

Birthdays

- Christie Phillips
January 30th
- Brook Collins
January 31st
- Bryan Fazio
February 9th
- Ricky Adams
February 10th
- Tarrence T. Houston
February 17th
- Dee Cook
February 20th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Member Anniversaries

- Thomas E. Davis
08-15-2006
19 Years

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2 Sirloins
4 New York Strips
2 Packs Cube Steak
2 Packs Beef Stew
1 Chuck Roast
1 Brisket
20 Pounds Ground Beef

Beef and Freezer Raffle

Donation \$10.00

Drawing 03/11/2025

Includes 7 cu ft Freezer

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

By Sarah H. McKinney

Rotary District 6910

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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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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Rotary Your Way: Shape the Experience You Deserve

By Mark M. Valentine



Rotary Your Way:

SHAPE THE EXPERIENCE YOU DESERVE

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Do You Feel Empowered as a Rotarian?

What if your Rotary experience could be tailor-made to fit your passions, interests, and goals? Imagine breaking free from routine and discovering new ways to connect, serve, lead, and grow. The key lies in designing your Rotary journey. Ready to unlock your potential? Let's explore how!

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Meet Ben McDaniel: Building Community Through Service, Family, and Purpose

By Barbara Myers Mason APR



When Ben McDaniel talks about service, his voice carries the cadence of a man who has spent years actively building a better world. A devoted husband, father, and community leader, McDaniel has made it his mission to strengthen the connections that bind people together, whether through economic development or volunteering in his community. [Read More](#)

Rising to the Challenge: How D6910 Rotarians Can Triple Their Impact to End Polio

By Bill Strickland



Attention D6910 Rotarians!

We have an incredible **\$50,000 PolioPlus Challenge!** A generous Rotarian will **match every \$1,000 contribution** (from individuals or clubs) up to \$50,000 from **Jan. 1 to June 30**.

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Rebuilding Together: Rotary's Hurricane Relief Efforts



In the wake of Hurricane Helene, our Rotary community faced challenges unlike any we've seen before. Witnessing the devastation firsthand and hearing the stories of those who lived through the storm underscored the urgent need for action. Rotary District 6910 - along with Rotary District 6900 and 6920 - partnered with Georgia Baptist Missions Disaster Relief, CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort), and Girl Scout Camp Tanglewood to bring hope and relief to those impacted.

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Halftime Report - January Message from Coach DG Bobby



Grab your water and take a seat! Coach DGB is here to give us the good and bad from the first half. Time to make some in-game adjustments and be the second-half team we all know we can be as we share the #magicofRotary the last half of the year. [Watch Now>](#)

Rotary Clubs Across the District Have a Bright Christmas Helping Others

By Cathy O'Gara



Check out the best highlights from December from our club's across Rotary District 6910! [Read More](#)