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Rotary Program March 5th, 2024 - City of Porterdale

By Levi Bailey on Monday, July 10, 2023

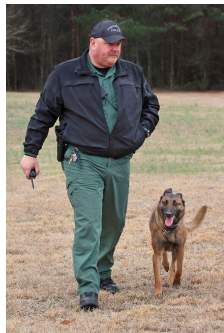


Michael Patterson is the newly elected Mayor of the City of Porterdale. He is the Senior Pastor of Faith Tabernacle in Conyers & is a Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor with the NCCA.

Mayor Patterson has served the City of Porterdale in an official capacity since 2020 when he served as the Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission for 1 year, then as a City Council Member for 3 years.

He is husband to Wendy & father to 4 kids, Logan, Corban, Addison, & Blake. He enjoys playing pickleball at Turner Lake & coaching his son's baseball team at City Pond.

Mayor Patterson is dedicated to leading the City of Porterdale into a bright future as he is committed to his vision to protect, provide, & promote the historic mill village.



Chief Jason Cripps
PORTERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Married for 21 years to Holly Cripps. Police dog handler for 13 years. Newton County resident/homeowner for 25 years. 20-year employee of the City of Porterdale. September 2024 will be 10 years as the Chief of Police. And a British immigrant to the US.



Lance is currently the Interim City Manager for the City of Porterdale. He was born in Vidalia, Georgia and attended the University of Georgia. He worked as a real estate appraiser, then attended Mercer Law School and worked in private practice and as a prosecutor in the Dublin Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office. He was the Dublin, Ga. city attorney for many years, then was Dublin City manager from 2015 until he retired in 2022. He and his wife Kathy have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Levi Bailey on Sunday, January 1, 2023

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Boone Brothers
Membership Retention Chair
Training Officer



Cathy Dobbs
Membership Retention Chair
Family of Rotary



Levi Bailey
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CCO-Club Comm. Offcr
Webmaster



Douglas E. Bolton
RYLA Coordinator
Training Officer
Club Admin Chair



Matthew Clayton
Service Projects Chair
Rotary Foundation Chair



Bryan Fazio
Public Image Chair
Past President



Philip Lanier
Public Image Chair
Interact Club Sponsor
Laws of Life Contest Chair



Brian Keith Adams
Past President
Club Director



Brad Bettis
Club Director



Thomas E. Davis
Club Director
Club Fundraising Chair



Terry Ozburn
CART Chair



Tracey Clark
Club Programs Chair



Andrea Hendricks
Youth Services Chair



David Lawler
Youth Services Chair



Doug Malone
Youth Services Chair

Birthdays

Ricky Mock
March 6th
Douglas E. Bolton
March 11th
Bradley Stewart
March 24th
Judith Winfrey
March 27th

Wedding Anniversaries

Stacey Lanier Cotton
March 8th
Judith Winfrey
March 16th
Joseph Davidson
April 1st

Club Member Anniversaries

Thomas E. Davis
08-15-2006

Birthdays

Ricky Mock 03/06
Doug Bolton 03/11
Brad Stewart 03/24
Judith Winfrey 03/27

Anniversaries

Stacey & Lana Cotton 03/08
Judith & Joe Winfrey 03/16

Member Anniversaries

Judith Winfrey 1 Year
Nija Miranda 1 Year
Doug Malone 1 Year
Brian Fazio 10 Years
Lauren Poynter 10 Years
Brad Bettis 22 Years
Steve Whatley 26 Years

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, July 8, 2022

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

03-12-2024 - Ashley Best - County Extension Office

03-19-2024 - TBD

03-26-2024 - Kechia Morrow, Dwayne Mask & Mike Hopkins - Miracle League

[Read More](#)

2024 Beef & Freezer Raffle

By Joseph Davidson on Thursday, February 15, 2024

Beef & Freezer Raffle

Donation \$10
Drawing 03/26/24
Includes
7 cu ft freezer

Rotary Club of Covington

www.rotarycovington.org

Purchase from any Rotarian

2 Ribeyes
2 T-Bones
2 Filet Mignons
2 Sirloins
4 New York Strips
2 Packs Cube Steak
2 Packs Beef Stew
1 Chuck Roast
1 Brisket
20 Pounds Ground Beef

Purchase or pay for your tickets online with a credit card or PayPal account.

Add the Rotary members name and choose Add to Cart and choose number of tickets.

Rotary member's name

Did you receive your ticket(s) when you paid?

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Georgia Rotary Students Program



Anna Stenport (She/Her) • Following
Dean of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences at
the University of Georgia
18m •

The power of international education and student

mobility in action: the **Georgia Rotary Student Program** has advanced Georgia as global state since 1946, placing over 3,800 international students in the state's universities and colleges. I was one of those students, thirty years ago. GRSP changed my life. Tonight I had the pleasure of getting to know five current **The University of Georgia** ambassadorial scholars in a celebratory dinner hosted by the **University of Georgia - Franklin College of Arts and Sciences**. Thanks Georgia members of **Rotary International** for maintaining this unique program of international goodwill and understanding. And, GO DAWGS. With **Maira La Fuente**, **J. Michael Sweigart**, **Rick Siddons**, **Hedvig Rask**, Regina Czniel, Gabriel Tavares, and Susanna Malmgren.



Global Grant Spearheaded by Rotaract Shifts Focus from Turkey to Ghana

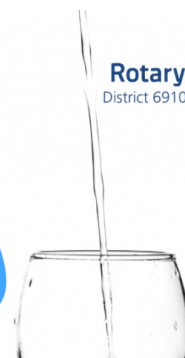
By Nipuna Ambanpola



GLOBAL GRANT SHIFTS FOCUS

FROM TURKEY TO GHANA

Rotary
District 6910



FROM TURKEY TO GHANA

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ROTARACT OF WILLIAM & MARY



We are excited to share a significant update on the Water and Sanitation Global Grant (23-49396) initiated by the Rotaract Club of William and Mary in Virginia, USA. Originally designed to provide drinking water for earthquake victims in Adiyaman, Turkey, the project has undergone a transformative shift. [Read More](#)

Clayton Rotary: 75 Years and Growing Strong

By Cathy O'Gara



by: Laura Seberg and Cathy O'Gara

Join us in celebrating the 75 years of service through the Rotary Club of Clayton. Take a look at how the club celebrated through service in their community. [Read More](#)

District Highlights

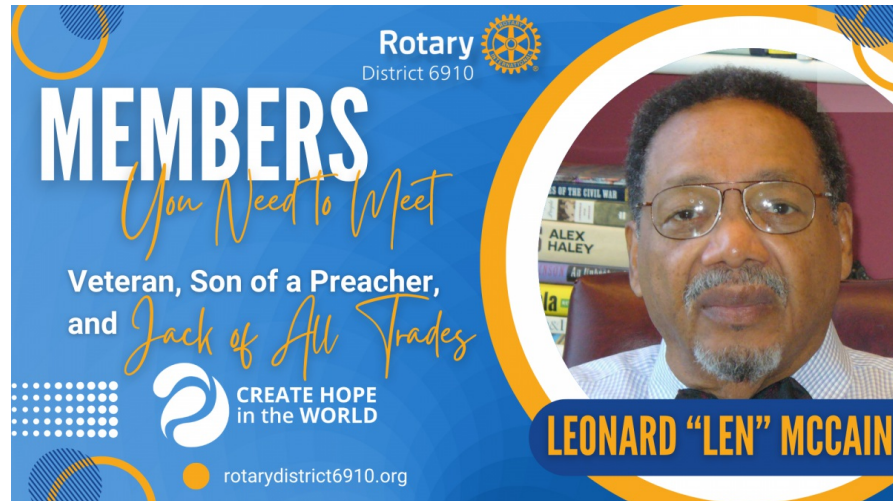
By Cathy O'Gara



Check out all the New Members, Awards and Great Speakers in January from around the District! [Read More](#)

Get to Know Leonard (Len) McCain, Rotary Club of Columbia County West

By Barbara Myers Mason APR



Preacher's Kid, Veteran, Trailblazer, Engineer, Volunteer, Builder, Reader, Learner, Investor, Traveler, Leader, and Rotarian. Leonard "Len" McCain can be described as many things, but his story speaks to overcoming segregation, transition, poverty, and cultures in a way that led to a successful career. He is still working through service and volunteering. Read more about this Rotary Club of Columbia County West member. [Read More](#)

GRSP Honors White as First Frank Bentley, Sr. Fellow, Selects 24-25 Class

By Katherine Fields

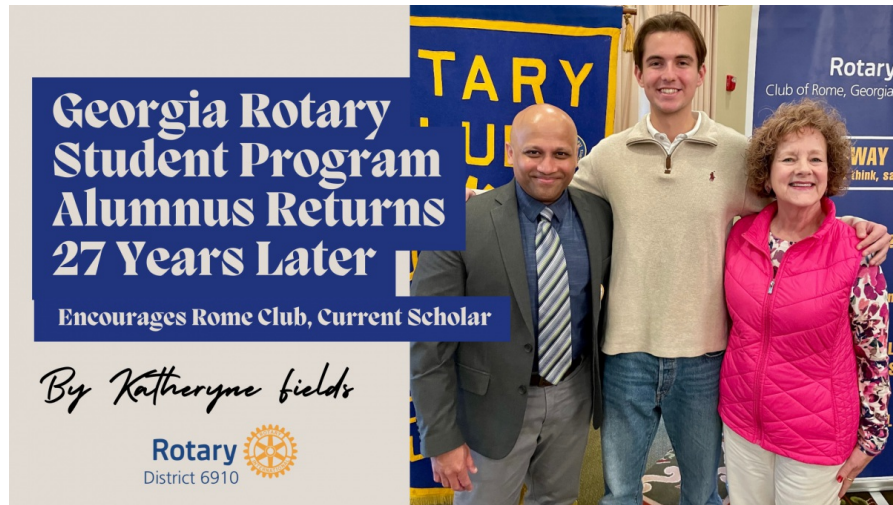




Georgia Rotary Student Program selected students for scholarships for the Class of 2024-25 and celebrated a milestone in mid-January during the GRSP Trustees Winter Business Meeting in Savannah.
[Read More](#)

Georgia Rotary Student Program Alumnus Returns 27 Years Later, Encourages Rome Club, Current Scholar

By Katheryne Fields



Former GRSP student Chalindra Weerasinghe, also called "CD" for good reason, returned to Rome Rotary recently to talk about his life since he received the honor 27 years ago. Although still a Sri Lanka resident, he has studied and worked in the United States since becoming a GRSP student back in 1997. Learn about his journey to being a national leader in economical game theory. Check it out!

[Read More](#)

Yo Ho Ho and a Month of Truce: Join the Pirate Pact for Peace



Listen in as District Governor Brandy Swanson talks about need for Rotarian to embrace conflicts to learn and grow. Our shared commitment and diversity is what allows us to create hope and change. [Watch now>](#)
[Read More](#)

The Rotary Learning Year Continues

By Donald W. Martin





We have more learning, training, and development opportunities than ever before! From becoming a great club leader to having a great club, there is an opportunity for you to develop your skills this spring. Even better, these skills can translate into your professional career. Check it out!
[Read More](#)

2024 Rotary District 6910 Conference: Adventure Awaits ALERT!

By Wendy Willis

— District Conference 2024 —
 Setting Sail for a Lake Expedition Convenient for Everyone!

Lanier Islands
 one of Georgia's most exclusive retreats

Registration and Lodging Now Open!

April 26-28, 2024
 Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge
 Buford, Georgia

just a short drive north of Atlanta, Lanier Islands spans 1200 acres of breathtaking landscapes to explore, lavish & comfortable accommodations, and activities galore
 ~ Whatever Floats Your Boat! ~

Join fellow Rotarians for excitement, relaxation and unforgettable memories amidst nature's luxurious lake landscape

Charting a New Course to a Lake-Filled Expedition
 Lanier Islands Rotary District 6910 Conference April 26-28, 2024

QUESTIONS? Contact Conference Co-Chairs
 Jennifer Hendrickson at jhendrickson@ggc.edu or Mark Willis at mwillis@gsba.com

The District Conference team is hard at work adding new opportunities for our voyage upon Lake Lanier! Check out a few of the highlights and learn how to register. [Read More](#)

Welcome our Rotary RISE Sponsors!

By Paige W Havens





We are kicking off our Rotary RISE sponsors this month and we are excited to introduce you to our District partners. [Read More](#)

Congratulations to Laws of Life Honor Roll Nominees

 A graphic for the Laws of Life Honor Roll Society. On the left, the text "HONOR ROLL SOCIETY" is in bold, black, sans-serif font, with "Honoring the Influential Teachers in Our Lives" in a smaller font below it. A circular portrait of Patissia Childs is shown. Below the portrait, it says "2023-24 Most Nominated Teacher" and "Patissia Childs" in a large, blue, cursive font, followed by "Greenville High School" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner is the "Laws of Life" logo, which includes the text "THE GEORGIA ROTARY CLUB LAWS OF LIFE RISES ABOVE" and a small Rotary emblem. On the right, the word "Congratulations!" is written in a large, orange, cursive font. Below it, the text "2023-24 Nominated Teachers" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by a list of 14 teachers and their schools. A decorative yellow laurel wreath is on the right side of the graphic.

HONOR ROLL SOCIETY
Honoring the Influential Teachers in Our Lives

2023-24 Most Nominated Teacher
Patissia Childs
Greenville High School

2023-24 Nominated Teachers
 Patissia Childs - Greenville High School, Greenville, GA
 Shirley Bickford (ret) - Central High School, Carroll County, GA
 Dr. Linda Frye - Hart County High School, Hartwell, GA
 May Belle Reichenbach (ret) - Eastern High School, Louisville, KY
 Michael McIntyre - Osborne Middle School, Hoschton, GA
 Kim Kapella - Holcomb Bridge Middle School, Roswell, GA
 Dr. Asha Kapelina-Thomas - Atlanta Classical Academy, Atlanta, GA
 Jennifer Howell - Heritage High School, Conyers, GA
 Shannon Turner - Rockdale County High School, Conyers, GA
 Chris Terry - Nunaka Valley Elementary School, Anchorage, AK
 Shannon Juhan - Marist School, Atlanta, GA
 Tad Chitwood - Eastern High School, Louisville, KY
 Mrs. Maggie (ret) - Sophia School, Kota, Rajasthan, India
 Liz Rue - Eastern High School, Louisville, KY

Laws of Life
THE GEORGIA ROTARY CLUB
LAWS OF LIFE
RISES ABOVE

By Carol Gray Walker, Executive Director

It is our pleasure to announce that Patissia Childs of Greenville High School has received the most nominations for the first year of the Georgia Laws of Life Honor Roll Society. In all, 14 teachers were nominated for the society. [Read More](#)