



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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## Rotary Program March 26th, 2024 -Miracle League

By Levi Bailey on Monday, July 10, 2023



### Dwayne Mask, Director of Parks and Recreation

I have worked for Parks and Recreation for 36years. Mr. B.C. Crowell hired me in April of 1987. I spent the first 22 years overseeing the Maintenance of all our Parks . In 2010 I became a Recreation Administrator, which I did for 5 years. In 2015 I moved into the Assistant Director's position, which I served in for 5 years, and I have been honored to serve as the Director for the past 4 years.

### Kale Curtis, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation.

Kale has worked with Parks and Recreation for the past 23 years. He is a native of Newton County and is married with two daughters. He played baseball at Newton High and finished his playing career at Georgia College and State University.

### Kechia Morrow

Married to Curt & Mom to 4 phenomenal children.

Background: 15 years as a Certified Special Education Teacher with Dekalb County School District

Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator for the Miracle League under the umbrella of the Newton County Parks & Recreation

### Mike Hopkins

Mike Hopkins has been a member of the Miracle League Board since 2009 and has served as Chairman since 2017. Mike has two children who have played in the Miracle League, with the oldest having played when the Miracle League was first started in Conyers, GA, in 2000. Mike currently loves spending his Saturdays in the spring and fall with his daughter Michala, playing Miracle League baseball.

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Levi Bailey on Sunday, January 1, 2023

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### 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**

04-02-2024 - Hattie Hunter - Professional Development

04-09-2024 - TBD

04/16/2024 - Badia Ahad - Dean of Oxford College

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## 2024 Beef & Freezer Raffle

By Joseph Davidson on Thursday, February 15, 2024





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[Andrea Hendricks](#)  
Youth Services Chair



[David Lawler](#)  
Youth Services Chair



[Doug Malone](#)  
Youth Services Chair

## Birthdays

Judith Winfrey  
March 27th

Matthew Clayton  
April 8th

Jody E. Smith  
April 16th

Jerry Roseberry  
April 21st

Stacey Lanier Cotton  
April 24th

## Wedding Anniversaries

[www.rotarycovington.org](http://www.rotarycovington.org)

Purchase from any  
Rotarian

**Rotary**  
Club of Covington

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

**Beef & Freezer Raffle**  
Donation \$10  
Drawing 03/26/24  
Includes  
7 cu ft freezer

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

Joseph Davidson  
April 1st  
Carter Rogers  
April 22nd  
Arthur M. Vinson  
April 23rd

#### Club Member Anniversaries

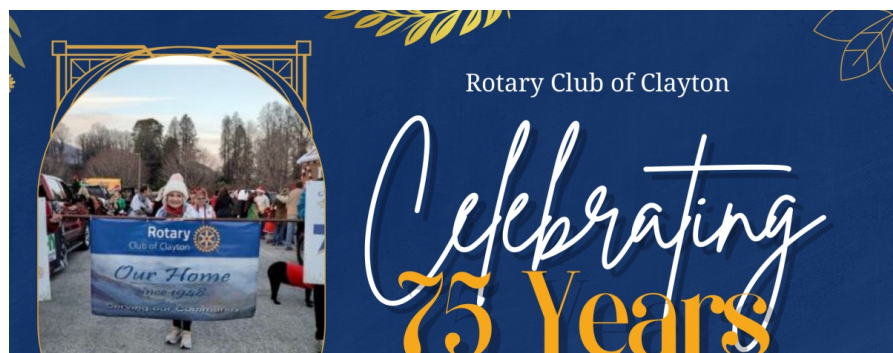
Thomas E. Davis  
08-15-2006  
18 Years

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 **Moira La Fuente, J. Michael Sweigart, Rick Siddons, Hedvig Rask**, Regina Czniel, Gabriel Tavares, and Susanna Malmgren.



#### Clayton Rotary: 75 Years and Growing Strong

By Cathy Oâ€™Gara







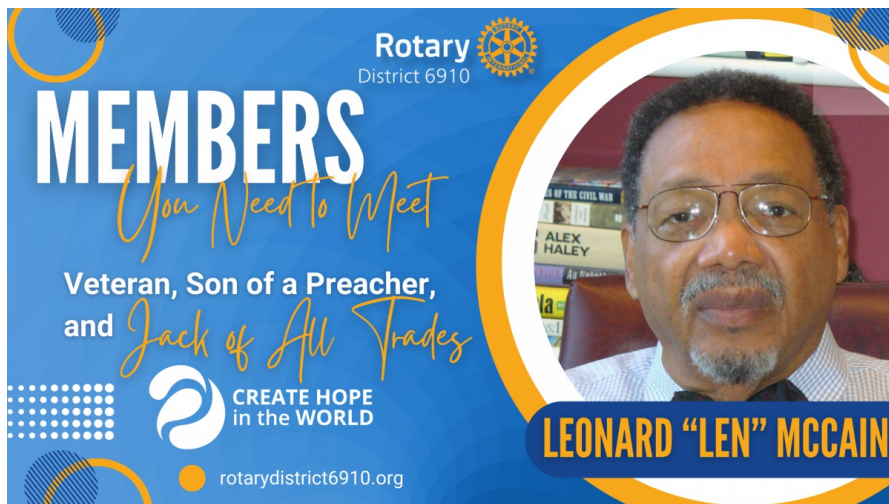
by: Laura Seberg and Cathy Oâ€™Gara

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.

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## 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](#)

## 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

**ADVENTURE AWAITS!**  
Plot Twist!  
Rotary District 6910  
Charting a New Course to a Lake-Side Expedition  
Lanier Islands Rotary District 6910 Conference April 26-28, 2024

QUESTIONS? Contact Conference Co-Chairs  
Jennifer Hendrickson at [jhendrickson@ggc.edu](mailto:jhendrickson@ggc.edu) or Mark Willis at [mwillis@gsba.com](mailto: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](#)

## This World Rotaract Week, We celebrate the Spark that Ignited Rotaract District 6910

By Nipuna Ambanpola



In the vibrant tapestry of Rotary's global service network, Rotaract stands out as a beacon of youthful enthusiasm and impactful change. The World Rotaract Week, observed annually in March, serves as a global celebration dedicated to recognizing the significant impact of Rotaractors worldwide.

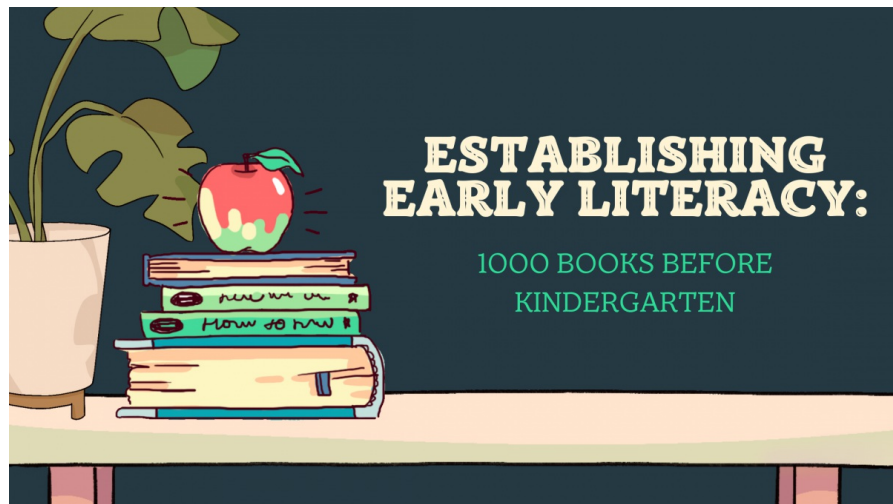
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## Establishing Early Literacy Skills at the Library: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

By Angela Cortellino on Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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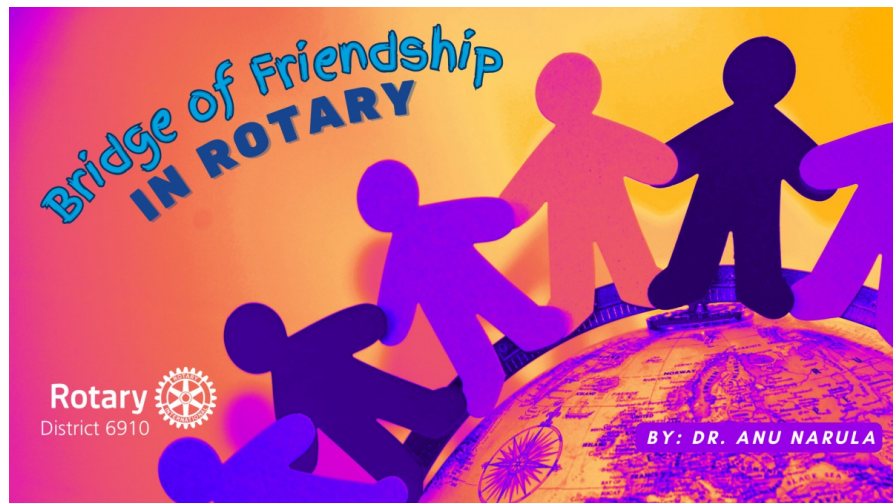




The Georgia Public Library Service has partnered with public libraries across Georgia to encourage caregivers to read 1,000 books to their children before entering kindergarten with a program aptly named 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. This program is designed to be a fun and easy way to help children develop pre-reading skills vital to kindergarten readiness. Caregivers can register for this program at their library and start the journey of recording their completed reading and earning incentives. [Read More](#)

## Bridges of Friendship in Rotary: Canton Rotarians Visit Projects in D3192

By Dr. Anu C. Narula



It all began with the power of friendship. Some one hundred and nineteen years ago, four men called Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey from downtown Chicago in Illinois started Rotary in 1905. This small fellowship of friends formed with the view of celebrating friendship and professional bonding went through phenomenal changes over time and evolved into one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world with 1.4 million members as of now. We all know that over the decades, the seven areas of focus and a number of ideals, themes, and mottos have been embraced by Rotary, but one thing that has remained constant is the value of friendships, fellowships, and vocational/personal connections in Rotary. “Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together,” affirmed Paul Harris in 1948. [Read More](#)

## Oslo International Summer School 2024 Scholarship Winners Announced

By Katheryne Fields



**Isabel Forster**  
District 6900

**Vivian Cassaniti**  
District 6910

**Joshua Youmans**  
District 6920

## Oslo International Summer School 2024 GRSP Scholarship Recipients



**Rotary**  
Districts  
6900, 6910, 6920



Georgia Rotary Student Program Founder William A. Watt, Sr., established a relationship in Norway that is prospering more than 70 years later, as evident in the three college students from Georgia who have been selected to spend six weeks this summer studying at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo. The opportunity is the result of a partnership with the university, Georgia Rotary Student Program, and Rotarians in Oslo. [Read More](#)



## Get to Know Paige Havens: Change Agent, Healthcare Champion, International Volunteer, Rotarian

By Barbara Myers Mason APR



This month we invite you to get to know a Rotarian from our district who isn't always out there in the front making big headlines, but she is constantly found somewhat behind the scenes working, doing good, and making an impact. She is not simply 'in Rotary,' but rather, 'Rotary is in her!' She is well known in her home community of Gwinnett County for her work on numerous public initiatives, and she has served on several healthcare organizations and boards. Read more about this Rotarian of 19 years, whose passion for taking action to create lasting change continues to grow in leaps and bounds. This month we present Paige Havens.  
[Read More](#)

## District Highlights





From signature service moments to a little Mardi Gras fun, there was a lot to highlight around the District this month - Check it out!! [Read More](#)

### Join the Pirates for Clean Seas | March Message from DG Brandy Swanson



Join the Pirates for Clean Seas: Navigating the Waters of Water, Hygiene and Sanitation! Listen in as we set sail to tackle water woes with DG Brandy Swanson. [Watch it now >](#)

### Don't Miss Out on this Buccaneer Bash- Secure Your Booty Today!



Ahoy, Rotarry Mates!

Drop anchor and prepare to plunder the excitement at our 2024 District Conference – the highlight of the year that’s about to blow yer socks off!

Join us for a rollicking good time at lovely Lanier Islands in Buford, Georgia, filled to the brim with top-notch speakers, a service project, and mingling with yer mateys that’ll make ye say “Now that’s a Rotary Adventure!”

We’ll have a treasure chest full of awards for the 2023-2024 Rotary year. Don’t miss the ship – secure your spot and join the crew for an unforgettable voyage!

## RYLA 2024- Deadlines Approaching

The graphic features a photograph of several people in blue and yellow inflatable rafts navigating a river with white water rapids. The text 'rotary youth leadership awards' is overlaid in a colorful, stylized font. Below the photo are three colored boxes: a pink box with the RYLA timeline, a blue box with the RYLA 2024 logo, and a teal box with a call to action to watch a video from the 2023 event.

**rotary youth leadership awards**

**RYLA TIMELINE**

- WELCOME KITS - READY NOW
- COMMITMENT FORMS & PAYMENT - APRIL 1
- STUDENT APPLICATIONS DUE - MAY 1
- RYLA CAMP BEGINS - MAY 30

**COMING SOON**

**RYLA**

2024

**CLICK HERE**

**TO WATCH A VIDEO FROM 2023 RYLA**

If your club hasn't already started ramping up for this year's RYLA event, now is the time! New [Welcome Kits](#) are now available at [RYLA6910.com](http://RYLA6910.com). Deadlines are approaching fast - check it out!! [Read More](#)

## Rotary District 6910 Making a Splash in Haiti: Bringing Clean Water to Communities

The graphic has a dark, textured background. On the right, a large, stylized blue water droplet is shown, with the map of Haiti inside it, colored with the Haitian flag. On the left, the text 'UPDATE: HOW WE ARE MAKING SPLASH IN HAITI' is written in white and yellow. The Rotary logo and 'District 6910' are in the bottom left corner.

**UPDATE:**  
HOW WE ARE MAKING  
SPLASH IN HAITI

**Rotary**  
District 6910

Did you know millions in Haiti lack access to clean water? Rotary District 6910 is partnering with HANWASH to change that. **Click the link to learn how YOU can help bring clean water to a community in Haiti!!**

[Read More](#)



## ROTARY DISTRICT 6910 WILL LEAVE NO GIRL BEHIND!

By Paige W Havens



### ***Support our 2024 District Conference Girl Empowerment Service Project***

*Did you know 1 in 4 Georgia women struggle to afford necessary period products to be able to manage their menstrual cycles with dignity? 1 in 5 low-income women report missing school, work, and other key life events due to their lack of access to period supplies. Learn how you can help at this year's District Conference.*

[Read More](#)