



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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## Club Leaders



[Joseph Davidson](#)  
President

## Rotary Program 05-23-2023 - Nija Miranda - Boy Scouts

By Levi Bailey on Monday, January 30, 2023



### Rotary Program 05-23-2023 - Nija Miranda - Boy Scouts

Nija' is the Yellow River District Executive at the Atlanta Area Council for the Boy Scouts of America. She is a graduate of Kean University with a BA in Public Relations, Advertising and Applied Communication.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life.®" The Scouting organization is composed of approximately 2.2 million youth members between the ages of 5 and 21 and approximately 800,000 volunteers in local councils throughout the United States and its territories.

Since its inception in 1910, more than 130 million young men and women have participated in the BSA's youth programs. More than 35 million adult volunteers have helped carry out the BSA's mission.

BSA programs are divided by age and activity: Cub Scouting is for boys and girls in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Scouts BSA is open to young men and young women in grades 6 through 12, and co-ed Venturing and Sea Scouting are available for young men and young women age 14 through 20. The BSA also offers career-oriented co-ed Exploring programs to youth age 10 through 20.

Traditional Scouting programs are operated by local chartering organizations, such as religious institutions, clubs, civic associations, and educational organizations, which implement the Scouting program for youth within their communities. These units are led entirely by volunteers appointed by the chartering organization, who are supported by local councils using both volunteers and paid professional staff.

In order to further outdoor activities, which are core to Scouting's mission, the BSA has four High-Adventure Bases: Northern Tier (Minnesota, Manitoba, and Ontario), Philmont Scout Ranch (New Mexico), Sea Base (Florida), and Summit Bechtel Reserve (West Virginia).

## ZOOM INFO

Join Zoom Meeting

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+1 386 347 5053 US

+1 507 473 4847 US

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## Covington Rotary Club TOP 10 Banquet - 2023

By Levi Bailey on Monday, May 22, 2023

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Below are pictures of the High School Students and selected Teachers for each high school.

#### Alcovy High School



**Lauren Poynter**  
Attendance Secretary  
On-To Conference Chair  
President-Elect  
Secretary



**Tarrence T. Houston**  
President-Nominee



**Megan L. Sellars**  
Treasurer



**Salisa Bacon**  
Membership Chair  
Past President



**Boone Brothers**  
Membership Retention Chair  
Training Officer



**Cathy Dobbs**  
Membership Retention Chair  
Family of Rotary



**Levi Bailey**  
Bulletin Editor  
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr  
Webmaster



**Matthew Clayton**  
Rotary Foundation Chair



**Philip Lanier**  
Interact Club Sponsor  
Youth Services Chair  
Laws of Life Contest Chair



**Brian Keith Adams**  
Past President  
Club Director



**Brad Bettis**  
Club Director



**Douglas E. Bolton**  
Club Admin Chair



**Thomas E. Davis**  
Club Director  
Club Fundraising Chair



**Terry Ozburn**  
CART Chair  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Tracey Clark**  
Club Programs Chair



**Andrea Hendricks**  
Youth Services Chair



**David Lawler**  
Youth Services Chair



**Eastside High School (Pictured Below)**



**Newton High School (Pictured below)**



## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Levi Bailey on Sunday, January 1, 2023

**May Birthdays**  
**Nija Miranda 05/01**  
**Carter Rogers 05/08**



[Bryan Fazio](#)  
iPast President

**May Anniversaries**  
**Keith & Olivia Adams 05/10**  
**Gary & Melissa Steele 05/10**  
**Brad & Martha Stewart 05/13**

**May Member Anniversaries**  
**Gary Steele 2 Years**  
**Levi Bailey 6 Years**  
**Phillip Lanier 6 Years**

## Birthdays

Doug Malone  
June 11th

## Wedding Anniversaries

C. L. Johnson  
June 7th  
 Brook Collins  
June 11th  
 Brad Bettis  
June 14th  
 James R. Carter  
June 16th

## Club Member Anniversaries

Thomas E. Davis  
08-15-2006  
17 Years  
 Samantha Fuhrey  
08-08-2013  
10 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**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM**

05-30-2023 - Classification Talks

06-06-2023 - Suchet Louis - HANWASH - Haiti

06-13-2023 - Trey Bailey - Newton County School Board

06-20-2023 - RYLA - Doug Bolton

06-27-2023 - Introduction of Officers

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## May Message from DG Gerry Taylor

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, December 12, 2022



GET ON BOARD...

MONTHLY MESSAGE FROM DG GERRY TAYLOR

## Imagine the Difference of our Next Generation?

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Thanks to all for your leadership!

DG Gerry

## Rotaract Club of GSU-Newton - Induction Ceremony 04-14-2023

By Levi Bailey on Tuesday, April 18, 2023

**Rotaract Club of GSU-Newton - Induction Ceremony 04-14-2023**

The Induction Ceremony for the new President of the Rotaract Club of GSU-Newton, Isabel Prieto, was presented by Doug Bolton and DG Gerry Taylor.







## ROTARY CLUB OF DULUTH'S ANNUAL CAR SHOW RETURNS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17

By Sallie Boyles on Friday, May 5, 2023



The Rotary Club of Duluth Car Show returns on Saturday, June 17, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in downtown Duluth. Cars on display will be parked in a secure area. The family-friendly event is free to the public. [Read More](#)

## Local Organizations Make Home Medical Equipment Available to Those in Need

By Fran Jackson Farias on Saturday, April 1, 2023

Dawson County (April 10, 2023) - Thanks to a collaborative effort among several community organizations, home medical equipment (HME) will be available to those in need in North Georgia. [Friends of Disabled Adults and Children \(FODAC\)](#), a statewide non-profit organization in Tucker, provides medical equipment and services to adults and children with disabilities. A collaborative effort between Executive director Chris Brand and Big Canoe Rotary President Fran Farias started last fall. Together with Big Canoe Rotary, Dawson County Rotary and Good Shepherd, we have set up *The North Georgia Mountains Home Medical Equipment Collection Center*. The **dedication** date was **April 18 at 4pm** at the Good Shepherd Parking lot.



Big Canoe Rotary project chair, Dawn Clay, and Dawson County Rotary Club project chair, Patty Kurz, are organizing the project. The bulk storage container measuring 8 feet by 20 feet was delivered on February 16 by FODAC to the Good Shepherd Clinic parking lot. The Rotary Clubs' goal is to encourage other North Georgia Rotary Clubs to collaborate or establish a similar medical recycling project to help people access HME. The container is located near the crossroads of Georgia State Routes 53 and 400, in Dawsonville.

#### The project works this way:

**To Donate HME:** Items such as wheelchairs, rollators, and shower seats are collected for distribution by Rotarians who pick up items or coordinate drop off sites. For information to donate please call 470-789-0918. The gently used (HME) is inspected, sanitized, and stored for distribution in the bulk storage container. Equipment needing repair will be picked up by FODAC for refurbishment and distribution.

**To Request HME:** Individuals and agencies such as hospitals, clinics, social workers, area agencies on aging and centers for independent living can make a request by emailing [donate30534@gmail.com](mailto:donate30534@gmail.com). Rotarians then work to meet that need with the clean, gently used HME item.

Big Canoe Rotary partnered with The Big Canoe Community hosting 4 home medical equipment drives on "Bulk Trash Days": **January 28, April 29, July 29, October 28.**

For more information about the project contact Big Canoe Rotary or Dawson County Rotary or to donate: email [donate30534@gmail.com](mailto:donate30534@gmail.com) or call 470-789-0918.

## Rotary District 6910 strives for Environmental Sustainability

By Anu C. Narula on Saturday, April 1, 2023



Rotary International has deemed April's theme Environmental Month. Rotary shift the themes for 2023 after adopting the environment as the seventh area of focus. Take a second to read this informative article about some of the work happening in our district that strives to make an impact on the environment.

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## Picks 'n' Vids

By Cathy O'Gara on Friday, May 5, 2023



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## Meet our Members | The Awe inspiring Journeys of an Environment Warrior

By Anu C. Narula on Saturday, April 1, 2023



We are excited to introduce you to a true environmental enthusiast and Rotarian in our April Member spotlight. Our spotlight recognize Laura Iyer, a member of the Classic City Rotary Club in Athens, GA. Laura has been actively participating in the cause of protecting the environment by founding the Non Profit Southern Sustainability Institute. Learn more about Laura in this glowing tribute.

[Read More](#)

## The Sustainable Splendor of Hydroponic Gardens in Rotary District 6910

By Anu C. Narula on Friday, May 5, 2023



The service of creating sustainability in a community might not be captured in a better way than what the Rotary Club of Lake Chatuge is doing through their hydroponic garden project. If you haven't heard about this project before, then take a moment to see the work of people of action. If you have, then read this update on what is happening in the northern reaches of our state. [Read More](#)

## Lake Lanier Area Clubs Partner to Promote Water Quality Awareness

Monday, March 6, 2023



Four years ago this May, Jeff and Jess Williams were enjoying Don Carter State Park and swimming in Lake Lanier with their three sons, including their youngest, Justus. In the days following, Justus started to get sick and doctors told them that the illness should pass. But the boy's condition worsened. He developed an infection and died less than two weeks later. The couple didn't know how it happened until they saw a news report in June that River Forks Park was shut down for high E. coli levels, and they realized that their 2-year-old son must have been swimming in risky waters. Learn how this unfortunate event, became the inspiration behind this Rotary club project centered around water quality in our communities.

[Read More](#)

## Join in the fun for Rotary International Convention in Melbourne from your Home!

By Amanda R Groover on Monday, March 6, 2023



We would like to invite you to be involved with a film for the Rotary International Convention 2023.

It will be wonderful to have as many people as possible involved. If you're happy to invite others to participate that would be great. We are very keen to demonstrate the global influence of Rotary and to represent diversity, equity and inclusion. A guide film has been created with instructions and for use as a guide track. This can be found at <https://www.illaraart.com/rotaryfilm>.

Thanks for your support and for all the work you do to contribute to Rotary.

*This is a project of the Melbourne 2023 Rotary International Convention Host Organizing Committee Incorporated*

## Meet our Members | A Spotlight on Finance, Farming, and Fun!

By Amanda R Groover on Sunday, May 7, 2023



As we turn the page to the Month of May, Rotary International places a special focus on youth service. Therefore, our District leadership want to introduce you to a person who places a special focus on youth service all year round. If you haven't met Jeremy Echuck, then take a moment to get to know him above and beyond being that "Interact Guy". [Read More](#)

## Did you catch the train to Chattanooga? Check out the District Conference Recap!

Sunday, May 7, 2023



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District 6910 Rotarians sold out DG Gerry Taylor's 2023 conference in Chattanooga. Here is just a snippet of amazing opportunities over the long weekend away - [Read More](#)

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By Debby Ciccone on Friday, May 5, 2023

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### \$32,500 PRESENTED TO HOPE HAVEN OF NE GEORGIA

Thursday, April 27, 2023



President Whit Richardson and fundraising chair Trai McRae, presented Hope Haven of North East Georgia a check for \$32,500! These were the proceeds from our annual plungefest fundraiser that was held in February.

