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Rotary Program June 18th, 2024 - Craig W. Johnson

By Levi Bailey on Monday, July 10, 2023



Craig W. Johnson holds an Electrical Engineering and Business Management degree from Ohio University and an Executive Finance certificate from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Craig worked for 20 years in electrical engineering, statistics, marketing and sales leadership at Parker Hannifin, Michelin, and Nortel Networks.

He left the corporate world to pursue his deep passion for educating and mentoring students. In 2002, Craig implemented a mentoring program at the AR "Gus" Barksdale Boys & Girls Club. In 2004, he opened the Kumon Math and Reading Learning Center of Conyers, where he has served thousands of students in Rockdale, Newton, Dekalb, Gwinnett, Henry, Walton, Putnam, and Morgan counties for nearly 20 years. He is also committed to strengthening the Conyers community as a whole. Craig is a founding member of the Georgia Regional Sports Council, where he leads the governing board. Craig recently completed his term as the 2023 Chairman of the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce. He is a board member of the Development Authority of Rockdale County, Conyers-Rockdale Economic Development Council, and is an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He has also served in the Conyers Rotary Club and was a member of Leadership Rockdale Class of 2007.

Craig has been recognized for his leadership by receiving awards from the Rockdale County Public Schools Foundation, Metro Atlanta Champion Award, the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, Hills Academy, and numerous individual schools for his continued support.

Camp Sunshine June 16th and 23rd 2024

Camp Sunshine will be Sunday June 16th and 23rd

Camp Sunshine is for children with cancer. The 16th will be for the teens, ages 13-18 and the 23rd will be the juniors ages 7-12

We will be greeting campers and passing out drinks for Camp Sunshine at Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge.

We need Rotary Volunteers to arrive at about 12:30 to help.

This is a great time to come out and bring your family too.

See Brad Bettis for more information.

[Map to Camp Twin Lakes](#)

Camp Twin Lakes - Rutledge
1391 Keencheefoonee Road
Rutledge, GA 30663
Phone: 706-557-9070



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Birthdays

Chris Shurtz
June 17th
Clay Hodges
June 22nd
Mary Campo
June 28th
Salisa Bacon
June 30th
William McCart
July 13th

Wedding Anniversaries

Boone Brothers
June 28th
Jim Tudor
July 1st
Ricky Adams
July 8th
Tarrence T. Houston
July 8th

Club Member Anniversaries

Thomas E. Davis
08-15-2006
18 Years



Rotary Club of Covington earned the Governor's Citation at the 2024 District Conference at Lake Lanier. Accepting the award is 2023-2024 President Lauren Poynter and Rotary Foundation Director Matt Clayton.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Levi Bailey on Sunday, January 1, 2023

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Doug Malone 06/11
Chris Shurtz 06/17
Clay Hodges 06/22
Mary Campo 06/28
Salisa Bacon 06/30

Anniversaries

Brook & Katie Collins 06/11
Chris & Andrea Shurtz 06/13
Brad & Marlece Bettis 06/14
James & Gail Carter 06/16
Boone & Dawn Brothers 06/28

Member Anniversaries

Joe Davidson 22 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

06/25/2024 - Induction of Officers

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RI President's July Message

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, July 1, 2023



R. Gordon R. McNally

President 2023-24

July 2023

Even as we face new and serious challenges, Rotary takes care of its members and those we serve, works to build lasting peace, and embeds belonging and inclusion in everything we do. That is why I am asking everyone in Rotary to *Create Hope in the World*.

This year, we're prioritizing projects to support mental health. This effort is deeply personal to me. I know what it's like to see someone suffer in silence. I have also witnessed the power of personal connections, the value of discussing emotional and mental well-being, and the lifesaving impact of preventive care and treatment.

Research shows that performing acts of kindness is an effective step any of us can take to protect our well-being. And by building peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world.

Building peace is the essence of Rotary. Many of our service projects foster the conditions for Positive Peace. We work tirelessly to overcome barriers and create new connections. This year, we'll promote virtual international exchanges for members to strengthen those vital connections.

Peace isn't a dream, and it's not passive. It's the result of working hard, earning trust, and having open conversations that may be difficult. Peace must be waged persistently and bravely. Everything we do across our areas of focus has the potential to foster the hope that can make peace possible.

The spirit of connection and purpose should inspire every Rotary member. When club leaders focus on offering an excellent club experience, we retain more members and attract more prospective members. We must make our clubs as welcoming and as engaging as we can.

Our goal is to create a sense of belonging, from our club meetings to our service activities. We need to continue creating inclusive, welcoming environments where everyone can be their authentic selves. All people of action need to be able to imagine a place for themselves in Rotary – it's up to us to ensure they can do so.

Over the next year, I will be putting a focus on continuing our journey in diversity, equity, and inclusion – ensuring that Rotary reflects the communities we serve and continues to take significant steps toward accessing the full range of human talents and experiences, so that we can better serve humanity. And we will continue to empower women and girls by helping them unlock the potential already within them.

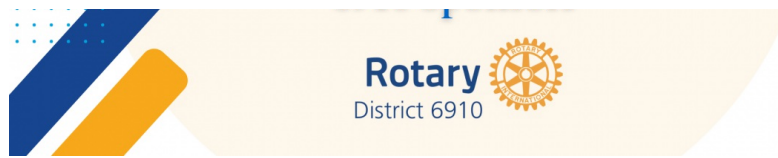
As we begin this journey together, I take inspiration from Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who in the 18th century spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "sense and worth, over all the earth." This has long been my call to action, and I share it now with you.

Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously and *Create Hope in the World*.

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](#)

Stellar Role of Rotary in Empowering “New Generations” through Youth Services

By Dr. Anu C. Narula



By: Dr. Anu Narula, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Peter Gleichman

Any time we think about the Youth Services, the following words of H. Jackson Brown, Jr. come to my mind, “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do, so throw off your bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover.” This quote, in our view, sums up the ethos of Youth Services in Rotary.

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Celebrating our 2024 Rotarian of the Year, Mark Valentine! Mark’s dedication to Rotary & his community is truly inspiring. From

leading future-focused initiatives to building a Rotary family, discover what makes Mark a Rotarian rockstar!

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District Assembly 2024: A Resounding Success

By Donald W. Martin



The District Assembly at Empower College and Career Center was a resounding success! Over 170 Rotarians from across District 6910 came together for a day of learning, fellowship, and inspiration. Find out now how to save the date for next year and hear about the moving experience from our leaders.

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Get to Know Bez Rengifo of the Rotary Club of Clayton

By Barbara Myers Mason APR



Lifelong volunteer Bez Rengifo has a passion for giving back. This California transplant recently moved to Georgia to be closer to family, but his commitment to Rotary remains strong. In this inspiring story, Bez shares his journey in Rotary, his dedication to youth development, and the impact he's making on his new community. Get to know Bez Rengifo.

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Canton Rotary Presented Scholarship Awards to Young Servant Leaders



The Rotary Club of Canton awarded scholarships to six upcoming Cherokee County graduates during its meeting on Tuesday, May 14. The Heart for Service Scholarships, part of the club's Empowering Young Leaders Initiative, were presented at Canton City Hall with the student honorees and their families, teachers, and principals in attendance. [Read More](#)

GRSP Conclave Slated Aug. 23-25 in Columbus



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Athens Area Rotary Clubs Invite You to Peace Garden Dedication



All Rotarians are invited to attend the upcoming dedication for the new Peace Garden in Athens on June 20th. Learn more about this event.
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RYLA 6910: Where Leaders are Forged in Fun, Fellowship, and Adventure

By Debby Ciccone



The Rotary District 6910 RYLA experience offers students a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills in a fun and engaging setting. Held at Tallulah Falls School, this immersive experience fosters teamwork, creativity, and a sense of community, preparing these future leaders to make a positive impact.

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Set Sail into the Sunset with DG Brandy's June Farewell





Hear one last time from DG Brandy Swanson as she sails into the sunset for her year as District Governor for Rotary District 6910. Listen to her thoughts and gratitude for the last few months. [Watch it now>](#)