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Rotary Program 8-30-22 - Steve Wagner - Newton County EMA

By Levi Bailey on Monday, August 29, 2022



Steve Wagner - Newton County EMA

I started my career in Emergency Management at the start of 2021. My previous lines of work included Powerline construction / substation maintenance with Snapping Shoals EMC 1986-1997. Business owner and operator at VendAmerica / Wagner Service Solutions 1997-2013. I sold my shares of those companies in 2013 and started my career in Law Enforcement. Most of my career in Law Enforcement was spent working Drugs. In November of 2019, a long-time friend and Director of Newton County EMA contacted me and invited me to join the EMA team. I didn't realize it at the time, I believe God was telling me I was getting too old to chase people on foot and stay up for two days straight. I joined the EMA team and have thoroughly enjoyed it.

The progression of my past career choices and experiences have helped prepare me for Emergency Management. I am passionate about my job and about the County's well being. I have lived in Newton County my entire life and want to help keep it a desirable and safe place to live.

I am a Christian and a member of Eastridge Community Church for almost 30 years. I am a family man and value good moral ethics. I enjoy hunting and fishing in my spare time. I am a Bull Dawgs fan and enjoy watching games with my Dad and as many family members as we can get together in one room. On game days you will always find some kind of meat on the smoker.

My current position with EMA is EMA Technician POST Certified. I will complete my Certified Emergency Manager certification before the end of this year. I hope and have plans to work for the County in this field until the Good Lord calls me home.

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August Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Levi Bailey on Monday, May 30, 2022

August Birthdays

Tracey Clark 8/5

Steve Smith 8/9

Jim Tudor 8/10

Thomas Kephart 8/11

Stuart Hamilton 8/13

Phil Lanier 8/18

Joe Davidson 8/21

Asher Dozier 8/25

August Anniversaries

Dale & Sally Evans 8/2

Jerry & Pat Roseberry 8/5

Steve and Cheryl Smith 8/8

Jody & Linda Smith 8/9

Wayne & Lisa Pugh 8/12

Michael & Elaine Pulliam 8/15

Tommy & MaryEvelyn Davis 8/20

Nathan & Janet Pulliam 8/29

August Membership Anniversaries

Covington Rotary Rotary

Patrick Carmichael 7 Years 22 Years

Tommy Davis 15 Years 15 Years

Samantha Fuhrey 8 Years 8 Years

Loyd Kerr 2 Year 2 Years

Jim Tudor 22 Years 35 Years



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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**

08-30-2022 - Stephen Wagner - Newton Emergency Management

09-06-2022 - Duane Ford - Newton Trails

09-13-2022 - Ruth Banks - Newton Mentoring

09-20-2022 - TBD

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Beef & Freezer Raffle

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, July 1, 2022

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Rotary Project Around the Globe - August 2022

By Levi Bailey on Monday, August 8, 2022

United States

The Rotary Club of Duvall, Washington, celebrated Valentine's Day by hanging 133 double-sided hearts from light poles along a mile-long stretch of Main Street, where they loomed large from late January through early March. Bearing messages sponsored by residents and businesses at a cost of \$50 each, the signs raised about \$13,500 for food pantries and other organizations serving youth, seniors, and the needy in the community northeast of Seattle. The club was inspired by a long-running fundraiser of the Rotary Club of Loveland Thompson Valley, Colorado, whose sign subscriptions routinely sell out within hours.



Birthdays

Gary C Steele
September 12th
Steven Hamilton
September 15th

Wedding Anniversaries

Nathan Pulliam
August 29th
Ricky Mock
September 4th
Lauren Poynter
September 6th
Thomas Kephart
September 10th
Johnny S. Smith
September 12th
Gena McLendon
September 25th

Club Member Anniversaries

Thomas E. Davis

08-15-2006
17 Years
Samantha Fuhrey
08-08-2013
10 Years



Venezuela



Since 2009 the Rotary Club of Barquisimeto-Nueva Segovia has overseen more than 350 surgeries to correct congenital craniofacial deformities in children. In late April the club, based in the capital of Lara state, administered nine cleft lip and palate surgeries. Patients and their mothers are interviewed by club members who are specialists in children's maxillofacial surgery. Proceeds from the club's golf tournament fund the surgeries and follow-up care, which costs about \$150 per patient. "Children with these malformations generally require several surgeries, and our club guarantees them all," says Rafael Cárdenas, a club member. "Our goal is to change lives permanently."

RI President Jennifer Jones crosses Canada from coast to coast to coast

By Levi Bailey on Monday, August 8, 2022



Jennifer Jones

President 2022-23

August 6th 2022

Jennifer Jones began her term as Rotary International's 2022-23 president in the midst of her Imagine Rotary Canada Tour, traveling coast to coast to coast to draw attention to the positive and lasting impact that Rotary clubs have in their communities.

"The Canada tour was awesome because it brought together different demographics," she said. "Every stop was representative of all ages, all cultures. The Rotary family was so excited to be together, to be in person, and showcase what they were doing. There were incredible, incredible things that people planned."

Organized around several hubs, the tour started on 17 June with an excursion through Yukon and the Northwest Territories, brushing up against the Beaufort Sea, an arm of the Arctic Ocean and one of Canada's three coasts. From there, it visited Jones' home city of Windsor, Ontario, and then the nation's capital, Ottawa. It next moved to St. John's on the Atlantic Ocean before heading west through Quebec City, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver before reaching Victoria on the Pacific Ocean.

A few hiccups prevented Jones and her husband, Nick Krayacich, from linking up with the tour for its first few days. Luckily, past RI Vice President Valarie Wafer and her husband, Mark, as well as past RI Director Bryn Styles, and his wife, Randy, were able to step in.

"The thing you never forget is how people make you feel — and we were treated so well as we traveled across the country," Mark Wafer said.

Mark Wafer said being able to celebrate Canada's National Indigenous Peoples Day in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, was the highlight of the trip. Jones also talked about how meaningful it was, later in the trip, to hear how clubs are involved in the effort to build and revitalize relationships among Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians.

"Engaging with First Nations and Indigenous people was an element of every one of the stops," Jones said, recalling an encounter with Bruce Starlight, a Tsuut'ina elder, in Calgary. "To be able to sit and learn from each other, to talk, to ask questions. That was a big part for me personally: the ability to learn how Rotary fits in and what clubs are doing to move forward with truth and reconciliation."

In Windsor, Jones got to see members of her home club, the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, as well as the new Imagine Rotary Trail with its 40 freshly planted magnolia trees. From there, the tour progressed to Ottawa, Canada's capital. It was there that on 1 July — which is also the Canada Day holiday — Jones fittingly began her tenure as RI president. Here and at other stops, Jones met with elected officials.

"Tons of government people came out along the way," Jones recalled. "We met senators and lieutenant governors and [members of Parliament]. It was an opportunity to thank our country for supporting Rotary's polio eradication efforts."

The next stop brought Jones to the Atlantic coast and St. John's, the capital of Newfoundland and Labrador, where she met with members of the newly created District 7815 and the tour members put their feet in the Atlantic.

In Quebec City, Jones greeted Rotary members from seven districts in Canada, the United States, and Africa at an evening reception.

A whirlwind of events in Toronto showcased the combined efforts of four districts. The day began with a watershed cleanup in the middle of a torrential downpour.

"We were not only cleaning up the beach, but cleaning off ourselves in the rain," said hub chair Michele Guy.

Rotary members in Winnipeg featured projects underway in their city and throughout District 5500 via social media and a 67-minute [online video](#).

In Calgary, where the tour participants met with First Nations leaders, there were also comic moments. In the middle of the Calgary Stampede parade, Jones' white convertible broke down and the occupants got out to push the car.

"Twenty seconds later it started up again, but the picture on the TV news that night was us pushing the car," said Jones. "Which kind of looked like maybe it was supposed to happen. We'll go with that."

In Edmonton, events unfolded around Fort Edmonton Park, a legacy project of four Rotary clubs that was launched nearly 50 years ago. Attendees planted trees, participated in an Indigenous Peoples Experience, and later joined hands and took part in a singalong of John Lennon's "Imagine." The unofficial song of Jones' presidential year was this time dedicated to the people of Ukraine. The following day brought a visit to a peace garden in Vancouver, a beach cleanup a few miles north of the U.S.-Canada border, and a reading event at the Aboriginal Mother Centre.

Finally, on 11 July in Victoria, Jones and her group dipped their toes in the Pacific.

For Jones, the moment recalled the journey of Terry Fox, a Canadian athlete who had cancer. He set off from St. John's in 1980 intending to run all the way to Victoria. He couldn't complete the journey, but monuments to his effort stand in both St. John's and Victoria.

"It was one of the most poignant moments of the tour," Jones said, "with everyone talking about what his run signified and the hope he gave to people."

Focus on Foundation: Endowments

By PDG Rich Panyik on Friday, July 8, 2022



DG Gerry Taylor has placed a priority this year on Rotary Promise Clubs. Take a moment to read this article from PDG Rich Panyik - Endowment & Major Gifts Chair about how to use endowments to leave your legacy. [Read More](#)

August Update from DG Gerry Taylor

Saturday, August 6, 2022



"Imagine Rotary"

As I travel around the District, I am amazed at the service projects clubs are providing to their communities. I can't mention all of them, but several of them stand out for the great benefits for their communities. Clayton has provided a dental clinic assisting those without dental insurance to get extractions and other services at a fraction of the normal cost. Lake Chatuge's Tower Garden provides fresh vegetables to the local Food Bank. Union County is enhancing the city's park for all to enjoy. And Madison County has provided over 800 handicap ramps for needy residents. Keep up the great work in all of our communities and around the world. Your leadership is greatly appreciated!

August is Membership Month. Recently, the District 6910 Board of Directors approved a new membership program that provides assistance to incoming new members 35 years of age and younger. Membership Co Chairs Scott Yochum and Pepper Pettit proposed for those that apply for new membership 35 years of age and under, the District will make available a subsidy that pays for their District dues, RI dues and a \$100 annual contribution to The Rotary Foundation for their first 2 years of membership. Stay tuned for logistical details about this new creative initiative. Also, don't forget to constantly check www.rotary.org for new membership leads and contact them to recruit for your club. It's the easiest way to acquire new members. There are new leads in our District almost daily.

There are also several new initiatives taking place. PDG Tina Fischlin has a new college scholarship program about to launch. We have some new "Empowering Girls" advocates in place to help promote this awesome initiative. And we have a Zone Membership Challenge in place for this year.

I look forward to celebrating all your accomplishments in Chattanooga next April 27-30, 2023 at our District Conference. "Get On Board The Rotary Express". Registration should be available shortly after Labor Day.

DG Gerry

The Power of Youth aboard the Engine of Rotary

Saturday, August 6, 2022



As we focus on membership this month, don't forget the power of our youth in imagining the next version of Rotary. Take a moment to read this inspirational article from Anu C. Narula, Ph. D. to inspire us to include our next generation. [Read More](#)

GRSP Scholars Study, Explore Oslo in Summer Session

By Amanda R Groover on Saturday, August 6, 2022



Did you know that GRSP sponsors American students to study abroad? Check it out! [Read More](#)

Membership Growth and Engagement - the Lifblood of Rotary

Saturday, August 6, 2022



As Rotary moves its focus to membership in the month of August, what actions are your clubs taking to recruit new members and retain your existing Rotarians? Check out a few simple steps from our District Membership team! [Read More](#)

Destination Park and Tuck Rd Cleanup

By John Davis on Saturday, August 6, 2022



Nearly 20 members spent time this morning working on the roadside cleanup project. Working in and around Destination Park off Tuck Rd in Loganville our team collected several hundred pounds and delivered to the local dump.

We were super grateful for the large turn out, we got it done in a lot less time.