



Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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Rotary Program 2-26-19 - Covington Speaker: Newton County Strategic Plan

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, February 25, 2019



Newton County's Vision Statement

Newton County is a thriving community united through strong relationships and partnerships

In response to the themes identified in the Stakeholders Needs Assessment, a planning team of community leaders, members of the Newton County Board of Commissioners and the Department Heads of Newton County government immersed themselves in the creation of this Newton County Government Strategic Plan which addresses many of the needs expressed by the Stakeholders in the Needs Assessment. This Core Planning Team, from April 2018 - January 2019 spent hundreds of long, arduous hours researching, reviewing, writing, delving into thoughtful discussion and healthy debate and regularly engaging with the community.

Newton County's Vision Statement

Newton County is a thriving community united through strong relationships and partnerships.

Newton County's Mission Statement

Newton County is a safe, well-planned community that respects and values an informed citizenry, embraces diversity, preserves natural resources, and cultivates economic and social opportunities.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, December 30, 2018

February Birthdays

Wendell Clamp 2/5

Conner Haler 2/7

Vitaly Zefirov 2/7

Bryan Fazio 2/9

Ricky Adams 2/10

Betty Shaw 2/15

Tarrence Houston 2/17

Josh Kirkham 2/21

John King 2/25

February Anniversaries

Janet & Jeff Brewer 2/2

February Member Anniversaries

Ricky Adams 17 Years

Joshua Redmond 1 Year

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 27, 2015

02-26-2019 - 26th Lloyd Kerr - Newton County's Strategic Plan

03-05-2019 - Theodosia Wade - Solarize Newton Morgan

03-26-2019 - Rachael Long - Newton Pregnancy Resource Center



Rotary Has Heart

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, February 5, 2018

Birthdays

Ricky Adams
February 10th
Bryan Fazio
February 9th
Conner Haler
February 7th
Tarrence T. Houston
February 17th
John King
February 25th
Joshua Hale Kirkham
February 21st
Betty Shaw
February 15th
Vitaly Zefirov
February 7th

Wedding Anniversaries

Janet Brewer
February 2nd

Club Member Anniversaries

Kevin Price
02-14-1939
80 Years
Billy S. Smith
02-14-1939
80 Years
Joshua Redmond
02-06-2018
1 Year



FOOD DONATION

The Rotary Club of Covington is accepting canned food donations throughout the month of February to donate to the Covington First United Methodist Church Food Ministry. For more information, visit www.rotarycovington.org.



We are collecting food for "Rotary has Heart" for the month of February. Please bring your donations to the meetings

I will be happy to collect at PC AfterDark if you need a place to drop off donations.

Monetary Donations in lieu of canned food accepted. Please click on the donate button and let your heart help.

Donate



All canned goods are welcome. Though here are some helpful suggestions:

Protein - protein bars, peanut butter, tuna, cooked chicken, beans (pop top lids are a plus in case people do not have a can opener)

Vegetables - green beans, corn, peas, carrots, chopped greens (pop top lids are a plus!)

Fruit - fruit cocktail, pears, peaches (plastic containers or pop top lids are a plus!)

Carbs - macaroni & cheese, rice, ramen/cup noodles, individual crackers, cereal

Bottled water

Utensil/napkin packs for our homeless bags

Rolling on the River ~ District Conference 6910 2019

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 3, 2018

2019 Rolling on the River Conference



For more info, click [HERE](#)

Rolling on the River August '18 Conference Update

District Governor Bruce Azevedo is a great believer in teamwork. Teamwork is vital to Rotary. Rotary cannot achieve complete success without the participation and cooperation of all members of the team. We would like to have all team members attend Rolling on the River District Conference May 2-5, 2019. District Conference brings our clubs' successes full circle. Here, you will inspire your fellow Rotarians with what you and your club are doing and you will be inspired by them.

If you've been to a district conference before, we are bringing back a few traditions: cookie breaks, local service project, child care during the dinners, and clubs will have the opportunity to share their outstanding projects. There will be group activities or you can visit Greenville on your own. Click [here](#) for information on Greenville and all it has to offer.

Who knows? Maybe there will be new club traditions started on Saturday, May 4 with clubs inviting their conference attendees to lunch with ample time afterwards to explore Greenville.

Due to the success from last year's conference, we will offer again a 1st time Attendee Session on Thursday, prior to the official start of the conference, to learn about expectations at a District Conference.

Some new additions to District Conference this year will be themed dinners, promotion of sponsorships, and lots of fun that will be happening in our House of Friendship.

Click [here](#) for conference agenda or visit Rotary6910Conference.org/Agenda.

Click [here](#) for sponsorship information or visit Rotary6910Conference.org/Sponsors.

As your District Conference Chair, I am committed to ensuring that you have the best conference experience ever! Bring the family and enjoy an incredible, entertaining weekend in beautiful Greenville, South Carolina.

Be the Inspiration. See you in Greenville May 2-5, 2019.

[LINK: To all Conference Information \(Conference Website\)](#) [LINK: Notes, Disclaimers, and Reminders](#) [LINK: Conference Agenda](#) [LINK: Hyatt Regency Greenville Reservation Link](#) **Phone: 1-864-235-1234**
[LINK: Rotary District 6910 Annual Conference Sponsorship Form](#) [LINK: House of Friendship Reservation Form](#)
[LINK: Service Project - Rotary Reads](#)

Frankie Brewer wins Rotary Chili Feast car

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, February 18, 2019



WINNER OF THE NEW CAR in the Highlands Rotary Club Chili Feast Raffle was Frankie Brewer, center, with Gene Lenamond. Pictured with the winners are some of the Rotarians that helped with the Chili Feast. L to R, Teresa Martin, Tricia Scott, Denise Smith, Andy Scott, Sheila McDonald, Delana Matthews, Irene Adcox, and Charlie Ward

HIGHLANDS ♦ Hundreds of enthusiastic local residents gathered last Saturday for the annual Rotary Club Chili Feast.

For the second year in a row, the winner of the new vehicle in the Chili Feast Raffle was a walk-in, buying their \$100 ticket at the door. Actually, Frankie Brewer and Gene Lenamond bought five tickets, and one of them turned out to be the lucky one.

The Rotary Club ♦s 44th Annual Chili Feast was a great success, according to officials with the club. President-elect Sheila McDonald made a report to the club at their luncheon on Tuesday, reporting that the gross receipts for the event are in line with previous years, even though the attendance and ticket sales were down slightly.

The club grossed about \$88,000, and netted about \$54,000, according to treasurer Tricia Scott. This money will be used throughout the year for local community projects and support for organizations, scholarships, and international aid projects.

McDonald was the chairman of the Chili Feast, which is put on with the help of the scouts, local interact clubs, and wives of the Rotarians.

Top ticket sellers again this year were Betty Brewer, Weston Cotten, Jerry Fallin, and Patricia Scott.

Rick Loggins was the auctioneer for the Live Auction.

As the raffle drawing progressed, anticipation grew as to who would win the new vehicle, the top prize in the raffle. When the last number was drawn, the winner was Baytown resident Frankie Brewer, with Gene Lenamond.

The runner-up in the drawing, with the 699th ticket drawn, were Raymond and Linda Martin, who won an Apple Watch but came ever so close to the vehicle.

In addition to the raffle, the day's events included a great chili luncheon, and a live auction and a silent auction. Together these auctions brought in about \$40,000.

The live auction had over 60 lots, donated by local businesses and Rotarians. Some of the featured items included an autographed football from Texans Quarterback DeShaun Watson, a popcorn machine, Astros Quilt, a Go Big or Go Home 2019 Belt Buckle donated by Scott Stephens, tools, Red White & Blue bench, USA Flag, wooden swing, pressure washer, golf basket, tickets to the Crosby Fair & Rodeo, Autographed picture of Jose Altuve, generator, George Strait framed art, newspaper ad, pink cooler, Barbecue Pit shaped like a bull, Tickets to Brooks & Dunn, wine basket, Autographed Alex Bregman picture, tickets to Brad Paisley, homemade cinnamon rolls by Junior Forest, ice chest, park bench, Michel Kors satchel, bar by Andy Scott, liquor cart for a Super Bowl party, weekend hunting trip for an African Oryx, fireworks, and more.

Hospital donates equipment to Rotary program

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, February 18, 2019



Medical equipment and supplies once used at Joint Township Memorial Hospital will get a second life thanks to the Rotary Club.

The hospital has donated boxes of medical supplies including surgical lighting, medical carts, and even an ultrasound machine to Rotary's Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad program.



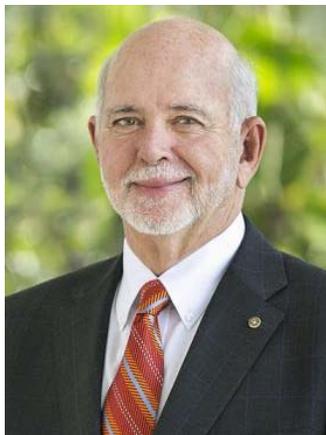
This is not the first time the hospital has helped out but in recent time they have been able to do more after having secured a box truck.

"If you're helping people that have nowhere to go, and otherwise die, with the equipment that we provided to help them get treated, that's the difference, and that's why it's important," said Bob Ruehl, a Rotarian. "Rotary doesn't just do this here, they do these things all over the world."

All of the equipment goes to a warehouse in Fostoria that distributes it where needed.

RI President's Febuary Message

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, December 1, 2017



Barry Rassin

President 2018-19

February 2019

In my travels over the past year, I've visited many strong, vibrant clubs and districts that are transforming their communities. When I attend their meetings, I can feel the energy. When I meet their members, I can see they are people of action. And when I look at their communities, I can recognize the impact of their work.

I've also visited communities with Rotary clubs that were hardly more than social clubs. It shouldn't ever be that way. Fortunately, there's a simple approach that I believe can help revitalize any club.

I'd like to challenge every Rotary club to come up with at least one high-impact service project. Each club already has the potential, the resources, to make it happen. It has the power to change people's lives ♦ completely.

It doesn't take millions of dollars. One of the most transformational projects I've been a part of involved providing a Jeep to a group of midwives in Haiti. We had asked the midwives what we could do for them, and they told us they needed a way to reach expectant mothers in a remote part of the country. We supplied a Jeep, painted it pink, and put the Rotary logo on it. Three years later, we went back to see how they were doing. They were excited by the outcomes: They told us that the mortality rate for mothers and infants in that region had dropped by 50 percent.

That's what I call transformational service.

But Jeeps don't last forever, and after eight years on the road, that vehicle was on its last legs. So we bought a pink Land Cruiser. It's still on the road, allowing the midwives to provide prenatal care to women in that remote region.

What makes a project transformational? It doesn't have to involve a lot of money, but it has to reach people and have a major impact in the community. That is the key, and that is where careful planning and thorough research come in. So do your research. Leverage your resources. Seek partnerships that can increase your impact. And then take action.

Of course, service is only part of what a strong club must offer. It must also have good speakers, provide leadership development, involve Rotaract and Interact, and bring value to its members and reasons to participate in Rotary events.

If your club is transformational and well-organized, everything else will follow. Members will be engaged, and new members will be eager to join you. Fundraising will be easier: People love to give when they see how their money is making a difference and when they know the organization is accountable. Your club will be vibrant, relevant, and alive ♦ and it will *Be the Inspiration* to those within its ranks as well as to the community it serves.