



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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## Rotary Program 3-5-19 - Theodosia Wade - Solarize Newton Morgan

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, March 4, 2019



Solarize Newton-Morgan is a community-based solar photovoltaic bulk-purchasing campaign that makes solar more affordable and accessible for the residents of Newton and Morgan. Solarize campaigns harness the power of the crowd to save some major green while residences and businesses go green.

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, December 30, 2018

### March Birthdays

**Ricky Mock 3/6**

**Doug Bolton 3/11**

**Brad Stewart 3/24**

**Philip Byrd 3/30**

### March Anniversaries

**Stacey & Lana Cotton 3/8**

### March Member Anniversaries

**Brad Bettis 17 Years**

**Brian Burgoyne 5 Years**

**Phillip Byrd 5 Years**

**Dick Cottrill 1 Year**

**Jack Coyle 1 Year**

**Bryan Fazio 5 Years**

**John King 3 Year**

**Lauren Poynter 5 Year**

**Betty Shaw 24 Years**

**Steve Whatley 21 Years**

## Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, July 27, 2015

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

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

## Rolling on the River ~ District Conference 6910 2019

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 3, 2018

2019 Rolling on the River Conference





Assistant Governor



**Birthdays**

- Ricky Mock  
March 6th
- Douglas E. Bolton  
March 11th
- Bradley Stewart  
March 24th
- Philip Byrd  
March 30th

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- Stacey Lanier Cotton  
March 8th

**Club Member Anniversaries**

- Betty Shaw  
03-01-1995  
24 Years
- Steve Whatley  
03-03-1998  
21 Years
- Brad Bettis  
03-15-2002  
17 Years
- Brian James Burgoyne  
03-06-2014  
5 Years
- Bryan Fazio  
03-11-2014  
5 Years
- Lauren Poynter  
03-30-2014  
5 Years
- Philip Byrd  
03-30-2014  
5 Years
- John King  
03-08-2016  
3 Years
- Jack W Coyle  
03-13-2018  
1 Year
- Richard Cottrill  
03-13-2018  
1 Year

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](http://Rotary6910Conference.org/Agenda).

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

## Hot rods have raised nearly \$1 million for Rotary

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, March 4, 2019



The Rotary Club of Everett-Port Gardner is selling raffle tickets for this Chevrolet Camaro Z28.

One man won a classic car for just \$10. The Port Gardner club starts its raffle in a couple of weeks.

EVERETT ♦ He gambled \$10 for a chance to own the 1969 Chevrolet Camaro RS.

The car was maroon and silver, close to the colors of his college ♦ rival. The 18-year-old was studying at the University of

Washington.

Mary Schoenfeldt called him last year with the news. He had won.

He answered his phone, and was like, Are you kidding me? Which one of my friends put you up to this? she said.

Schoenfeldt is president of the [Rotary Club of Everett-Port Gardner](#). Each year the group raffles off a classic car to raise money for local organizations.

This year's prize is a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 in Hugger Orange.



The group starts selling tickets at the [Everett Home and Garden Show](#) in March. The drawing goes until October. The tradition is in its 20th year.

Schoenfeldt believes the contest has raised nearly \$1 million altogether. Usually it brings in about \$40,000 after the car's purchase price. Last year the money went to 20 local and international agencies, she said.

The group recently helped build an ADA-accessible trail through Legion Memorial Park. They plan to do the same in Harborview Park but need more volunteers, Schoenfeldt said. The club has 28 members.

Member Jeff Hager is in charge of the raffle committee. [He joined the Port Gardner Rotary club](#) about 15 years ago because his father-in-law is a member.

The first car in the contest was a Chrysler PT Cruiser in its debut year. The car was in high demand back then and brought in a lot of money, Hager said.

A hatchback version of the Cruiser didn't do as well when it was used the next year. That's when the group switched to classic cars.

Each year they spend \$40,000 on the raffle, but the cars are usually worth more. When the owners learn about Rotary's mission, they often lower the price, Hager said.

Next year's prize has already been chosen a 1968 Pontiac Firebird 400. The owner had bought a raffle ticket last year. This year she decided to give her family's convertible to the club.

Her dad purchased it new off the lot, Hager said. She donated all the paperwork with it and receipts for this and that.

Some of its emblems need to be replaced, he said. It just needs to be polished.

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### Buy tickets

The Rotary Club of Everett-Port Gardner is selling tickets for \$5 until October at area events. People can buy as many tickets as they want.

The contest starts March 8 at the Everett Home and Garden Show at Angel of the Winds Arena. Future locations and instructions to buy tickets through the mail are posted on the club's website, [rotaryepg.com](http://rotaryepg.com).

The Port Gardner Rotary meetings are at 7:15 a.m. each Wednesday at the Buzz Inn on Broadway, and guests are welcome.

## Northampton County's Rotary Clubs tackling hunger in a big way this weekend

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, March 4, 2019



Volunteers at last year's Outreach Hunger event sponsored by Northampton County's Rotary Clubs assemble meals for distribution to food banks and other agencies. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, with the goal of 40,000 meals

Members of the five Rotary Clubs in Northampton County will assemble tens of thousands of meals this weekend for families in need, and volunteers are welcome.

[Outreach Hunger 2019](#) will be held Saturday in Hauptert Hall at Moravian College.

Organizers plan to assemble the same number of dry-ingredient, non-perishable meals as last year — 40,000, double the number from the inaugural 2017 event.

Project coordinator Ron Searfoss, assistant governor of Rotary Area 2 and past president of the Bethlehem Morning Star Rotary, said 225 volunteers pitched in last year to make the meal kits, which include rice, beans and oatmeal.

◆It's a lot of the members from clubs themselves, plus family, friends and relatives,◆ he said. ◆We had people from 5 to 6 years old to 93. People have a real good time with it.◆  
Volunteers work 90-minute shifts on seven production lines. The event begins with setup at 7:30 a.m. and is expected to last until about 4:30 p.m.

Tackling hunger is one of the major missions of Rotary International. The service organization has about 1.2 million members in more than 35,000 clubs around the world.

◆One in five children in America face food insecurity. And it is happening right here in our community,◆ Searfoss said. ◆It is very hard for children to learn in school if they are hungry.◆

The Bethlehem Morning Star, and the Bethlehem, Nazareth, Easton and Saucon Center Valley clubs each determine the distribution of their share of the meals.

Last year's recipients included the Salvation Army, Hispanic Center, Northeast Ministries, Grace Church, New Bethany Ministries and St. Joe's Community Center, and the Central Moravian and Nazareth food banks.

## Jerseyville Rotary Chili Fest celebrates 65 years of giving back

  
**JERSEYVILLE ROTARY CLUB**  
**CHILI**  
**FEST**

3.5.2019 **CHILLY OUTSIDE? CHILI INSIDE!** 11 AM-6 PM

Giving back to our Community for over 65 Years

Knights of Columbus (KC) Hall  
307 N State St, Jerseyville



JERSEYVILLE ♦ The Jerseyville Club ♦s largest yearly fundraiser Chili Fest has taken place annually for over 30 years. This year ♦s Chili Fest is coming up on Tuesday, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Jerseyville KC Hall, 307 N. State St.

Tickets can be bought in advance from any club member, at the First Bank Jerseyville location at 117 S. State Street or purchased at the door on the day of the event. Tickets are \$8 and that includes all-you-can-eat chili or beef vegetable soup, hot dogs, cookies and a drink. Carryout meals are also available. With this being their biggest fundraiser of the year, members are hoping for lots of support so they can continue working to make great things happen.

Some of the ongoing Club projects include giving away hundreds of dictionaries to local 3rd graders each year to encourage literacy, donating and planting dozens of trees in City Parks, supporting local educational projects through Character Counts grants, hosting international exchange students and involving our local youth in Junior Rotarian programs. The group has also partnered in the past with several other local non-profit organizations to maximize their impact and expand their reach.

## RI President's March Message

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, December 1, 2017



**Barry Rassin**

**President 2018-19**

**March 2019**

One of the things I appreciate most about serving as president of Rotary International is the people I get to meet. Much of my time is spent traveling and visiting Rotary clubs around the world. A Rotarian welcome is something quite special. But let me tell you, there's nothing so warm as the welcomes that have been rolled out for me by Rotaractors. These are young people who are committed to Rotary ideals, who are pouring their hearts into service, and who, in the process, don't forget to have fun.

One of the highlights of my recent travels was a trip to Ghana, where I visited a district that boasts some 60 Rotaract clubs. They aren't satisfied with that number, though ♦ in fact, they're excited about a plan to double it. They'll do it, too.

Rotaractors are vaccinating children against polio. They're donating blood where the supply is dangerously low. They're providing handwashing facilities to schools where children previously had no way to get clean. In short, they're all about transformational service: carrying out projects that make a real difference in their communities.

In Nakivale, Uganda, one special Rotaract club is making a difference in its community ♦ which happens to be a refugee settlement. These young leaders are turning what others might see as disadvantages into opportunities for service, building community and opening up new possibilities to those who are most in need of them.

In Turkey, Rotaractors are visiting children in the hospital every Wednesday to lift their spirits by playing games with them. They also are mentoring new students at their university and teaching them leadership skills.

Rotaractors are blazing the path for Rotary to be more relevant in this new century of service. And World Rotaract Week, which we're celebrating 11-17 March, is the perfect opportunity to get to know your local Rotaractors and talk to them about how your clubs can work together. If your Rotary club doesn't already sponsor a Rotaract club, know that you don't need to be near a college or university to do it: Community-based Rotaract clubs are a great option. And remember that Rotaractors are part of the Rotary family.

When Rotaractors are ready to leave their Rotaract club, we don't want them to leave that Rotary family behind. I'm asking all Rotarians to help them make the transition into a Rotary club or to start a new one: I'm happy to charter as many new clubs as we need to give everyone a place where they feel at home while making the world a little better. Service should be fun, it should be inspirational, and it should be open to all.

If there's one thing Rotary has always excelled at, it's diversity. In the past, that often meant diversity of profession, nationality, and outlook. We've made great strides when it comes to diversity of age and gender, and as we welcome more Rotaractors into our organization, we'll become even stronger.

Rotary is powerful. Together with Rotaract, it is unstoppable. Working side by side, we have the potential to ***Be the Inspiration*** in every part of society, to every person we meet.