



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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## Rotary Program 4-13-21 - Phil Johnson - Safety of our Voting Process

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 12, 2021



Philip A. Johnson has been a practicing attorney in Newton County for over 44 years. He graduated from Georgia State University in 1972 with honors, and the University of Georgia Law School in 1975 summa cum laude at the head of his class. He was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, and Blue Key Honor Societies. His law practice concentrates on commercial real estate, business law and estate matters. He served on the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Newton County from 1981 through 1985, and as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Acting Chief Executive Officer of the First National Bank of Newton County from 1983 through 1985. Phil served as Newton County Attorney from 1976 through 1978. In addition to practicing law, Phil founded and managed several businesses including a large health club, a chain of day care centers and an upscale day spa. Phil was the 2005 recipient of the Dick James Small Business Person of the Year award. He developed over 5000 residential lots over the last 35 years, and built twelve daycare centers, a small shopping center, numerous office buildings and two convenience stores. He also served as President of The Birdsey Group, LLC, a national real estate consulting firm from 2010 through 2015. Phil is currently one of the partners of Ashton Hills Golf Club. Phil served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1976 to 1981 where he was on Banks and Banking, Mini Judiciary and State Highway Committees. Phil is an alumnus of the 1978 class of Leadership Georgia and the 2016 class of Leadership Newton County. He served as Chair of the Newton County Democratic Party from 2017 through 2018. During the 2018 election he served as Newton County liaison with the Georgia Democratic Party election legal team. Phil is currently Chair of the Newton County Board of Election and Registration.

### Topic: Tuesday Rotary Meeting: Phil Johnson - Safety of our Voting Process

Time: Apr 13, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Thursday, April 1, 2021

### April Birthdays

**Jody Smith 4/16**

**Jerry Roseberry 4/21**

**Stacey Cotton 4/24**

**Pete Carter 4/26**



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#### April Anniversaries

**Joe & Ganeva Davidson 4/1**

**Brian & Melissa Burgoyne 4/14**

**Carter & Julie Rogers 4/22**

#### April Membership Anniversaries

##### Covington Rotary Rotary

**Joshua Aaron 2 Years 2 Years**

**Eric Adcock 2 Years 2 Years**

**Salisa Bacon 8 Years 8 Years**

**Patrick Carmichael 11 Years 26 Years**

**Brook Collins 17 Years 17 Years**

**Stuart Hamilton 36 Years 36 Years**

**Bill McCart 51 Years 51 Years**

**Brad Stewart 11 Years 11 Years**

**Ternard Turner 2 Years 2 Years**

## Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 12, 2021

**Meetings are being held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm  
Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM**

04-13-2021 - Phil Johnson - Safety of our Voting Process

04-20-2021 - Chief Michael Conner - Newton Co Fire Services

04-27-2021 - David Kent - Piedmont Newton Hospital

05-04-2021 - TBA

05-11-2021 - Public Safety Employee of the Year

05-18-2021 - TBA

05-25-2021 - Nurse of the Year

February Rotary Anniversary (2-14-39)/Valentines Banquet (Postponed)

4-22 to 25-2021 - District Conference - Jekyl Island - CANCELED

05-02-2021 - Rotary Cars of the Past Car Show - CANCELED - NO PERMITS AVAILABLE FROM THE CITY

May - Newton County Schools Top Ten Banquet

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## Need volunteers -2 Million Meal mark April 17th at Covington First United Methodist Church

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 12, 2021

We need volunteers to help unload a truck with Farmers to Families boxes at the Covington First United Methodist Church on Saturday April 17th at 9:00 am.

This will make the milestone of 2 Million Meals and will be a special occassion. The media may be on hand for such a mile mark.

If you can help please do. This will take place at the same church we have our meetings at.  
thank you for your participation

Covington First United Methodist Church  
1113 Conyers St SW  
Covington, GA 30014

## Birthdays

Jody E. Smith

April 16th

Jerry Roseberry

April 21st

Stacey Lanier Cotton

April 24th

James R. Carter

April 26th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Joseph Davidson

April 1st

Brian James Burgoyne

April 14th

Carter Rogers

April 22nd

## Club Member Anniversaries

William McCart

04-01-1970

51 Years

Stuart E. Hamilton

04-01-1985

36 Years

Brook Collins

04-15-2004

17 Years

Bradley Stewart

04-01-2010

11 Years

Salisa Bacon

04-23-2013

8 Years

Joshua Aaron

04-23-2019

2 Years



## The Vidalia Onions are Coming!

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 12, 2021



The Vidalia Onions are Coming! The Vidalia Onions are Coming!

Vidalia Onion sales is a Rotary Club of Covington fundraiser to finance our Empty Stocking Fund that provides Christmas Gifts to children in Newton County.

Everybody loves Vidalia's. You get to enjoy some of the best Onions grown and the children of Newton County benefit. It is a winner for everyone.

**Onions are 25 lbs. bag and are @\$20.00 per bag. They will be available in the first of May. Order now and reserve yours. Order online at [www.rotarycovington.org](http://www.rotarycovington.org)**

## 2021 District 6910 Virtual Conference

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, March 15, 2021



**VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**Rotary** District 6910 | **APRIL 23-24, 2021**

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- Virtual Activities
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- Digital House of Friendship
- **Beach Towel Contest Voting**
- Club Social Opportunities
- **District Awards**

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Our District Conference Planning Committee is hard at work transitioning our programs to a digital format. We're so excited to be able to bring you two days of great virtual programming that will offer fun, fellowship and celebration. We can't wait to showcase the amazing accomplishments of our 2020-21 Rotary year!

The new registration portal is under development and should go live any day, so keep a close watch for all of the latest on registration and conference events at <http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org/district-conference-2021-virtual.php>

Be watching your inbox for a special eBlast unveiling all of the exciting conference activities. More news to come soon!

**District Conference Registration** <http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org/district-conference-2021-virtual.php>

## Suburban Rotary clubs team up to collect new shoes for children in need

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 12, 2021





From left to right, Wendy Davis of Arlington Heights, Betsy Kmiecik of Arlington Heights, Bill Kolb of Zion and Linda Borton of Arlington Heights organize shoes for delivery at the Warm Soles picking and packing event in Northbrook on April 10, 2021

Rotarians from Cook and Lake counties partnered with Operation Warm this month to provide 1,530 pairs of new shoes to area children.

The shoes were delivered to local nonprofit organizations and schools for distribution to families. The 11 participating Rotary clubs gathered Saturday morning at a Northbrook warehouse to pick and pack shoes for Operation Warm's new Warm Soles program.

◆It's all about the kids, it's all about taking care of the kids in the area,◆ said Bill Kolb of Zion, who delivered shoes to northeastern Lake County recipients.

Rotarian Gary Moriello of Northbrook helped deliver shoes to Waukegan.

◆We have so much ourselves,◆ Moriello added, ◆and then to have a chance to give to somebody else who doesn't have (new shoes) is a great idea.◆

The program was funded from contributions from each participating club and a matching grant by Rotary District 6440 and The Rotary Foundation.

◆Childhood poverty is a significant problem in our country, even in many so-called affluent communities,◆ said Lyle Staab of Hawthorn Woods, Rotary District 6440 governor. ◆And this past year with the COVID pandemic hitting especially hard on low and moderate income families, it's not surprising our clubs want to lend a hand.◆



Bill and Debbie Kolb of Zion load shoes for delivery to northeastern Lake County at the Warm Soles picking and packing event in Northbrook on April 10, 2021

Staab said the project was made all the more meaningful by the joint cooperation of clubs from across the region.

◆It's so wonderful to actually be able to do something during the pandemic that people really do need, and it's so wonderful for us to actually be able to get people from across the district to come together on one project that's going to make a

significant difference, ♦ Staab said.

Participating were the Rotary clubs of Arlington Heights, Barrington Breakfast, Illinois Beach Sunrise, Northbrook, North Chicago, Schaumburg AM, Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates, Wilmette, Wilmette Harbor, Winnetka-Northfield and Woodstock.

♦ Nearly 20% of our children live in poverty, ♦ said Rich Lalley of Lincolnshire, past president of the Rotary Club of Winnetka and project coordinator. Lalley is also partnership director with Operation Warm.

♦ Frequent shoe purchases for growing children poses a financial burden on many families, ♦ Lalley said. ♦ Every child, regardless of their economic situation, deserves new, well-fitting shoes. ♦

Rotarian Betsy Kmiecik of Arlington Heights said the need for new shoes is felt in many communities.

♦ We think we live in a pretty affluent area, but we reached out to our school district and they tell us that at any given time, there are at least 10% of the kids in our school district who have some pretty serious financial needs, ♦ Kmiecik said.



Boxes of shoes are pictured at the Warm Soles picking and packing event in Northbrook on April 10, 2021.

Masks were required by volunteers as they picked shoe sizes for their assigned orders.

♦ I ♦ am just happy that Rotarians can get back together and do a service project together for the first time in a year, ♦ Lalley said. ♦ It ♦ has been a year since people have been able to get out and be in the same room with each other. ♦

Rotarians delivered shoes to locations that included Zion, Arlington Heights, Barrington, Waukegan, North Chicago, Schaumburg, Vernon Hills, Woodstock and Palatine.

Barrington Breakfast Club Rotarian Suzanne Gibson of Barrington said, ♦ The idea that we can provide shoes for so many needy children is just awesome. What a privilege. ♦

For many participants, the work was not just an act of service but was also personally rewarding.

♦ I feel like my heart is uplifted, ♦ said Rotarian Denis Pollina of Glenview.



Linda Borton of Arlington Heights organizes shoes for delivery at the Warm Soles picking and packing event in Northbrook on April 10, 2022

The Rotary Club works with Operation Warm, a national nonprofit that manufactures new winter coats and athletic shoes and



partners with community organizations to gift the items to children in need.

Founded in 1998, Operation Warm and its partners have provided more than 3.5 million coats across North America and Rotarians have been a partner for the last 22 years.

For more information on the effort, visit [rotary6440.org](http://rotary6440.org) and [operationwarm.org](http://operationwarm.org).

## TR Rotary Club connects with school in Belize

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 5, 2021



A group of Three Rivers Rotarians and friends during a work trip to Belize. Three Rivers Rotary Club has collaborated with Libertad (Belize) RC School for three decades, funding significant building improvements, educational materials and scholarships.

During an annual visit to Libertad, Belize, as part of Rotary district 6360's Belizerve project, Larry Campbell of Three Rivers Rotary Club noticed that a block foundation had been laid for a new school building.

◆That's really neat,◆ he said. ◆When will it be done?◆

◆Nobody cares,◆ came the response. ◆We have no hope.◆

Today, 30 years after Campbell and fellow Rotarians first set foot in that country, they talk about the future, he said.

◆Now there's hope,◆ Campbell said.

In 1990, Rotary International was encouraging districts and clubs to add an international aspect to its charitable work. District 6360 decided to support the small Central American nation of Belize, just south of Mexico. Three Rivers Rotary Club was assigned to an elementary school in the small town of Libertad in northern Belize.

Belizerve began as a three-year effort, whose objective was to assist in improving educational services in 32 schools. School books, furniture, tables and school supplies made their way south during those early days as Three Rivers Rotary collaborated with Libertad RC School. A group of Rotarians drove a convoy of school buses, dump trucks, a fire truck and two ambulances from Michigan to Belize.



A Belizean student and Rotarian Larry Campbell in the interior of Libertad RC School, prior to the renovation project.

After the district formally ended the project in 1994, Campbell ◆ along with wife, Jane, whose initial encouragement led to his involvement ◆ determined they couldn't simply walk away.

Teachers and other educational personnel from St. Joseph County, where Campbell, then superintendent of Intermediate School District, conducted a four-day workshop attended by 50 teachers from area schools in Belize's Corozal District.

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After staff members requested help to finish the five-room schoolhouse, Campbell marshaled resources from fellow Rotarians and friends: \$20,000 and a 10-person construction crew. The group built a facility that offers space for classes, and also serves as the village's hurricane shelter.

Through the years, Rotarians and others have contributed toward numerous institutional improvements: a playground, indoor toilets and sinks, soccer uniforms, internet access, a library, ceiling fans, a kitchen and a security fence. Several projects received funding through Rotary district grants. A group called Raleigh International in England added a second floor to the building.

The Juana Terry Scholarship Fund named for the school's retired principal has been established for students who want to go on to high school (which can cost from \$500 to \$1,000 annually). Terry, current principal Esteban Pasos, a parent and two teachers comprise the scholarship selection committee.



Interior of Libertad RC School, after renovation funded by Rotary.

Currently, the Three Rivers Rotary board contributes \$1,000 per year toward the Belize project.

Several individual donors, as well as members of First Presbyterian Church Three Rivers/Centreville, ensure the annual total comes to \$5,000. Money is divided among building maintenance, school supplies and scholarships.

In June 2019, Libertad RC School invited Campbell to address the 16 graduates at commencement.

◆There was, and still is, a spirit here in this school: a dedication to education, an understanding of the purpose of learning, a craving for knowledge that was so evident 28 years ago it couldn't be denied,◆ he said.

He gave them recognition for their tremendous success that year: one student won the national essay competition, and after students took national exams, not only did the school earn first place in the district, but also ◆Most Improved School◆ for the entire Corozal district.

High school scholarship recipients have gone on to careers such as doctor, teacher, banker and store manager. Many seek futures in the hospitality industry, which brings in more than half of the country's annual revenue.

The first college scholarship recipient, in the field of electrical engineering, is nearing graduation.

◆Now there is hope where, in the past, there was little,◆ Campbell said. ◆Sometimes a little hope or a hug that says ◆you are important◆ is all they need.◆

For additional information about the project, contact [threeriversrotary@gmail.com](mailto:threeriversrotary@gmail.com).

## **asa de Amistad school supplies provided by Del Mar-Solana Beach Rotary**

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, March 22, 2021





Rotarians (l-r) Lew Williamson, Charles Foster, Herb Liberman; Casa de Amistad Executive Director Nicole Mione-Green; Beverly Liberman, Jan Parsons, Patricia Case

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Casa de Amistad is one of the organizations the Del Mar-Solana Beach Rotary has supported for many years. The organization's latest involvement was providing \$3,700 from its Community Service funds and members' donations for school supplies for 160 students. Rotarians recently gathered at the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church to watch and help in the drive-by distribution.

Casa de Amistad is a nonprofit organization that provides education and character development programs for over 260 underserved dual-language children and their families in coastal North County San Diego. They pair trained tutor/mentor volunteers with students in grades K-12 to help with homework, improve reading and math skills, and develop general study skills. Due to the pandemic, tutoring sessions had to go online where they continue to provide academic support.

The success of their mentoring is evidenced by 100% of students from last year's graduating high school class enrolled in post-secondary education, including acceptance into some of California's top universities. Casa de Amistad is led by Executive Director Nicole Mione-Green, who was recently recognized as Woman of the Year in coastal North County State Assembly District 76.

To learn more about DMSB Rotary and how they help others, visit [dmsbrotary.com](http://dmsbrotary.com). They are meeting via zoom most Friday mornings from 7 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

## RI President's April Message

By Joseph Davidson on Thursday, April 1, 2021



**Holger Knaack**

**President 2020-21**

### April 2021

This year, we celebrate Earth Day on 22 April with a new sense of purpose. The environment is now an area of focus for Rotary. Solutions for all great tasks always start with you and me, and there is much we as individuals can do simply by changing our behavior: Cutting down on our use of plastic and using energy wisely are just two examples. But now we have the opportunity to do more together.

Supporting the environment is not new to Rotary; clubs have long worked on environmental issues based on local needs. Now climate change — a problem that affects us all, rich and poor — requires us to work together more closely than ever. Alberto Palombo, a Venezuelan engineer living in Brazil and a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, shares his view.

*For 30 years, my work has been to connect with communities and policy officials to take care of the environment. Today, I am excited about Rotary's opportunities to help reduce environmental degradation and make communities more environmentally sustainable.*

*In every community where we have a Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact club or a Rotary Community Corps, there are environmental challenges. As Rotary members, we can become stewards of environmental sustainability and adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in our daily lives at home and in our clubs. Then we can incorporate them into our Rotary projects.*

*My club has been involved with water and environment projects since day one. We seek opportunities to empower Rotarians and foster partnerships in our region and beyond, working with groups such as the Inter-American Water Resources Network and the World Water Council. Local clubs worked with the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group (wasrag.org) to help Rotary get a seat at the table during the 2018 World Water Forum in Brasilia, where we discussed how communities can recover from environmental disasters like the one caused by the failure of a mining dam on Brazil's Rio Doce in 2015.*

*Taking care of the earth is an effort that never stops. To make an impact, we must align our knowledge, abilities, and enthusiasm and Rotary is already great at doing this. As a volunteer with the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (esrag.org), I have seen how our work for the environment dovetails with much of what we are already doing in water and in our other areas of focus. Rotary members are not passive spectators; we take action. Let's work together and make a positive impact.*

Support from The Rotary Foundation will define this new chapter in our service. Through district and global grant projects, we will build upon our previous projects that help the environment. We will look for ways to collaborate more closely and make a greater impact on global environmental issues. And we will incorporate environmental concerns into all of our programs, projects, and events.

Rotaractors and participants in our youth programs expect Rotary to take a clear position and provide leadership with vision. We will work with them, seeking intelligent solutions to the problems they will inherit. Our incredible members, networks, and Foundation give us the capacity to make an important and lasting contribution. Now, we will discover together how *Rotary Opens Opportunities* to help us expand our service to preserve the home we all share.

## We Can Help Prevent the Death of 5.9 Million Children Annually

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Thursday, April 1, 2021

### MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

One of the seven areas of focus for Rotary is *Maternal and Child Health*, and in April we celebrate the efforts of Rotarians and others worldwide, who work tirelessly to save women and children.

An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation--all preventable!

So how does Rotary help? The Rotary Foundation supports programs that provide education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

In our District, we support many Rotarian-initiated projects that support this area of focus. Alliance for Smiles <http://www.allianceforsmiles.org/> is a project near and dear to my heart. Be sure and read Sallie's article in this newsletter about all the lives that have been changed with your support.

Another amazing Rotarian initiated non-profit providing healthcare solutions for children is Gift of Life International. <https://www.giftoflifeinternational.org/> This amazing organization provides hope to children born with congenital heart disease, the number ONE birth defect worldwide. This picture of Sat Nu from Myanmar shows how this surgery saved her life.

These are just two of the wonderful programs your clubs can contribute to support maternal and child health.

District Conference registration is OPEN! Reserve your spot at the Fun in the Sun virtual District Conference. Simply [click on the link here!](#)



## Are You Ready?

Thursday, April 1, 2021





By Laura Dent and Paige Havens

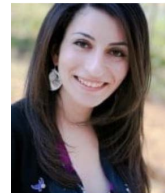
Our amazing virtual *Fun in the Sun* District Conference is just 3 weeks away, and we're excited to bring the beach to you! More than 200 of you have registered to date, and the names keep pouring in. If you haven't already, [register here!](#)

It's amazing what we can now do together virtually. Our two-day conference will be packed with Rotary fellowship, fun activities with in-person options, excellent speakers, and a Pack-A-Backpack Service Project--all online! Here are some key resources you'll need to soak up all of the *Fun in the Sun*:

- **Conference Agenda:** [Click here!](#)
- **Conference Keynote Speaker Bios:** [Click here!](#)



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Dale Bracken  
Management  
Consultant



Jeff Henderson  
Entrepreneur, Speaker  
Pastor  
Business Leader

- **Shopping List for 5:00 Somewhere Cocktail Party:** [Click here!](#)
  - *Recipes will be sent to attendees via Whova*
- **Beach Bash Low Country Boil Recipe:** [Click here!](#)
- **Wine Coupon for your Wine Tasting Order:** [Click here!](#)
- **How to Set Up & Customize Your WHOVA Conference Portal:** [Click here!](#)

Cost to attend is only \$25 for Rotarians and \$15 for guests. Each registrant will receive virtual registration gifts and a chance to win excellent door prizes. One lucky person will win a grand door prize--\$1,200 Gift Certificate for a 3-night stay at The Westin Jekyll Island. To incentivize us all to be actively engaged in each session, you must be present to win!

Conference attendees, watch your email closely for lots of great conference information coming to your inbox. We can't wait to celebrate this year's great accomplishments of our Clubs and District 6910 with you!

## Alliance for Smiles

By Sallie Boyles on Thursday, April 1, 2021

The signature international project of the Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties, Alliance for Smiles (AFS) is especially near and dear to District Governor Tina Fischlin. She became involved with the medical nonprofit in 2007 and joined the board in 2009.





Established in 2006 by six Rotarians from San Francisco, AFS conducts missions to correct cleft lip and palate anomalies in children (primarily) from underserved communities worldwide. As Tina says, ♦Even in parts of the US and Western Europe, we have a group of doctors with mobile clinics.♦ To date, AFS has treated more than over 8,700 children.

[Read More](#)

## '20-21 Laws of Life Winners Announced

Friday, April 2, 2021



In March the 2020-2021 Georgia Rotary Clubs *Laws of Life* Essay Contest School-Level Winners were announced. A total of 25,112 students from 48 schools shared their Law of Life essay in this year's contest, notwithstanding the challenges of distance learning and hybrid schedules. Over 100 Rotarian volunteers patiently navigated a new online judging platform and worked with staff to successfully read, score and judge the 1173 essays that were submitted for judging. [Click here](#) to see a list of all the winners. To read the official press release from the Laws of Life Executive Director, Carol Gray Walker, [click here!](#)

The state winners will be announced in early April.

## Feed10Million Update

By Randy Redner on Saturday, April 3, 2021



*This is no April Fool's Joke - DISTRICT 6910 HAS NOW PROVIDED  
1,837,742 MEALS  
TO FAMILIES IN NEED!*

- 2,205,290 pounds of food
- 1,102 tons of food
- 74 tractor trailers of food
- Lined up that would be over 1 mile of tractor trailers
- Provided 517,516 meals in March ♦ That's an average of 16,000+ meals a DAY

*Our revised goal of 2 million meals is within sight...but we are not done yet.*

**Here are the two things your club can be doing right now to support the Feed10Million campaign:**

1. **Farmers to Families** (see flyer attached) ♦ This is a USDA program that in response to COVID provides food truck deliveries for free through local charitable organizations like Rotary. Doug Bolton out of the Covington Club is coordinating these deliveries across the District, so if you club is interested in receiving one of these truckloads of free food, contact Doug at [dougbolton@yahoo.com](mailto:dougbolton@yahoo.com).
2. **Log your meal projects** -- Remember, in Rotary it doesn't count until the paperwork is done, so click [HERE](#) to log your meals each time you complete a project.

## '20-21 District Grant Projects

Saturday, April 3, 2021

Rotary clubs throughout District 6910 complete amazing projects every year with the help from District Grants. These projects are immensely impactful in helping communities and real people. Over the course of the next few months, in the District Newsletter we would like to feature some of these terrific projects so that Rotarians around the district can share ideas and see what is being accomplished. When you start

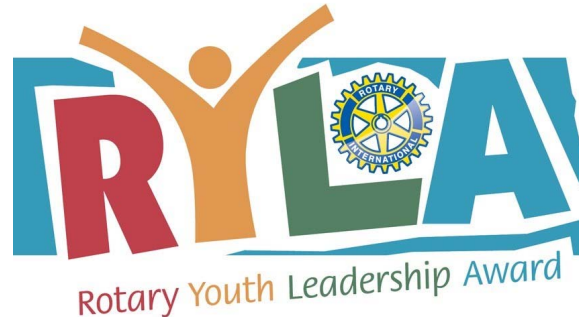
to realize the scope and reach of these projects and multiply them across the district and around the world, it becomes exciting to see the dramatic impact of Rotary! It truly is astonishing and makes you proud to be a Rotarian.

This month we will feature four such projects, funded with the help of District Grants (click the see more link below):

- Rotary Club of Forsyth County & Rotary Club of South Forsyth
- Lanier-Forsyth Rotary
- Rotary Club of Jefferson
- Banks County Rotary

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in our district's communities and communities abroad. For more information on District Grants, [click here](#) to visit the D6910 District Grant web page. [Read More](#)

## Is Your Club Up To Speed On RYLA?



[RYLA](#) is a GO for this year and is scheduled to take place June 3 to June 6 at Tallulah Falls School in beautiful Tallulah Falls! Student applications are due April 30! With club officer turnover from the 19-20 Rotary year, some clubs may not realize they've already paid for a slot for last year's cancelled event. Any questions about your club's commitment, feel free to contact District Chair, [Bob Alman](#).

Here's your link to the RYLA links that you will need, located on the D6910 Web Page: [Click here!](#)

## Leadership Spotlight: Becky Carlan

By Paige W Havens on Thursday, April 1, 2021

Continuing our District Leadership series, we want you to get to know some of the terrific Rotarians that have stepped forward to help in the Rotary District 6910 efforts to serve all of its clubs. This month we shine our spotlight on district board member, Becky Carlan. A member and past president of the Banks County Rotary, she currently serves as the club's on-to conference chair. To find out why her job helps her to know every resident in the county, be sure to click read more.

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Becky rocking her Rotary spirit on the crater of the world's largest dormant volcano at the Haleakala National Park in Hawaii.

## Let's Make Every Day Earth Day

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

By Schelly Tennant ♦ Rotary Club of Gwinnett County



For me, the environment isn't just the focus of my career ♦ it's a focus in my life.

Every year the world commemorates Earth Day--the one day a year that we turn our attention to the needs of the planet. While April 22 marks one of my favorite days of the year, I can't help but think, ♦Why can't we make every day Earth Day? ♦ After all, the environment isn't just an ecological part of this planet--it's an integral link in the chain of life. The health of the environment not only impacts the health of the people and animals who live in an ecosystem, it impacts the economic welfare of the community it encompasses. Graffiti-filled walls and litter-strewn streets are rarely, if ever, associated with an economically thriving community. That's why it's up to all of us to serve as stewards of our local environment.

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