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Rotary Program 4-20-21 - Chief Michael Conner - Newton Co Fire Services

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, April 17, 2021



Michael Conner has been Chief of Newton County Fire Services since April of 2017 and has since led the department in a time of growth in personnel, training and coverage.

Conner started his career in fire services in 1979 with the Rockdale County department. He rose through the ranks to become a battalion chief in 2009. In that role he served as on-duty incident commander for emergencies and oversaw 44 employees on the C-shift, including nine engines.

Topic: Tuesday Rotary Meeting: Chief Michael Conner - Newton Co Fire Services

Time: Apr 20, 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

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



Rotary Foundation Chair

Brad Stewart 11 Years / 11 Years
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Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, April 17, 2021

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

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 - Jekyll 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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Birthdays

Jerry Roseberry
April 21st
Stacey Lanier Cotton
April 24th
James R. Carter
April 26th
Stephen Farrell
May 7th
Carter Rogers
May 8th

Wedding Anniversaries

Carter Rogers
April 22nd
Joshua Hale Kirkham
May 2nd
Brian Keith Adams
May 10th
Bradley Stewart
May 13th
Phillip Byrd
May 18th

Club Member Anniversaries

Thomas E. Davis
08-15-2006
15 Years
Samantha Fuhrey
08-08-2013
8 Years
Michael Pulliam
07-25-2017
4 Years
Lloyd Kerr
08-06-2019
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

2021 District 6910 Virtual Conference

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, March 15, 2021



VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Rotary District 6910 | APRIL 23-24, 2021

FEATURING

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

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\$15 FOR ROTARACTORS, INTERACTORS, & GUESTS

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Our District Conference Planning Committee is hard at work transitioning our programs to a digital format. We are 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>

Farmer's to Families delivery 4-17-21

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 19, 2021

Rotary members in action with the Farmer's to Families delivery of the 2 million meal mark for District 6910





Kreuser completes running challenge for Newark Rotary

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, April 18, 2021



Ryan Kreuser ran four miles every four hours during a 48-hour period to benefit the Rotary Foundation.

NEWARK ♦ Ryan Kreuser, son of Marc and Holly Kreuser, has been a part of Newark Rotary since he was about 10 years old. Over the years, Kreuser has helped with the Newark Rotary's annual pancake breakfast and other functions. He later joined Newark Interact and after high school, completed a one-year exchange to the Netherlands through Rotary Youth Exchange.

Now, as a graduate student at Nazareth College, Ryan is a member of District 7120 Rotaract. Looking to give back to Rotary, he looked for an opportunity and ♦ran♦ with it.

On the weekend of March 5-7, Kreuser competed in a 4x4x48 run challenge to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation. Running four miles every four hours for 48 hours was a test of strength, endurance and athleticism, and reflected Kreuser's commitment.

Newark Rotarians, district Rotarians, Rotaract members and many friends donated more than \$1,200 to the Rotary Foundation in support of Kreuser.

Support Calistoga Rotary's fundraiser with BBQ and bingo April 23

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, April 18, 2021



Calistoga Rotary Club's annual fund-raiser, the Harvest Hoedown, seen here in 2019, was canceled this year because of the pandemic. But food and fun will still be available at home for those who sign up for the Drive Thru BBQ & Bingo Night April 23.

Calistogans will have an opportunity to enjoy downhome food and an evening of entertainment, plus a chance to help the community, when Calistoga Rotary Club holds its Drive Thru BBQ & Bingo Night on Friday, April 23.

The global pandemic has not diminished Rotary's commitment to community service. Rotary grants more than \$25,000 a year in scholarships to Calistoga High School seniors. It funds numerous community programs, such as animal encyclopedias for Calistoga Elementary 3rd graders, pre-school tuition assistance, Youth Leadership Training, Calistoga Youth Safety, Calistoga High School Interact Club, the Safe and Sober Grad Night party and the Every 15 Minutes alcohol prevention program. Community organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, Calistoga's Boy Scout troop, Upvalley Family Center and the Calistoga Food Bank also receive subsidies from Rotary.

Cost of the meal is \$50 and bingo cards are \$15 each, or 4 for \$50 and 10 for \$100. Both meals and bingo cards may be purchased at calistogarotary.org. Meals must be purchased by midnight April 18, but bingo cards may be bought until midnight April 22.

Bingo prizes will include wine and certificates for goods and services from local retailers.

For those who can't join the fun but still want to help Rotary help Calistoga, the club is seeking donations of any amount. An anonymous donor has offered to match contributions up to the first \$5,000, so many donations will be doubled. Donations also may be made by visiting the Calistoga Rotary web site at calistogarotary.org.

Dinner pickup on Friday, April 23 will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Bingo begins online, via Zoom, at 7 p.m.

Further information is available by calling Kevin Eisenberg at 707-266-4967, or emailing kjeisenberg@gmail.com.

All of this is funded by the club's annual fund-raiser, the Harvest Hoedown, which was canceled this year because of the pandemic. But food and fun will still be available at home for those who sign up for the Drive Thru BBQ & Bingo Night.

The event will feature barbecued chicken and ribs, Southwestern salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, corn bread and cookies from Johnny's restaurant. For every two meals purchased, Kaiser Family Winery will provide a bottle of wine. After dinner, the fun begins with virtual bingo.

Rotary delivers on promise of fresh produce

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, April 18, 2021



GREEN SCENE ♦Rotary Club of Moorpark members, from left, Kelly Best, John Newton, Clark Neel and Mayor Janice Parvin load a cart with fruits and vegetables for the Moorpark Pantry Plus April 8 in Moorpark. Rotary is giving the pantry vegetables donated by Underwood Family Farms and fruit purchased by the club. The goods are then distributed to families in need.

Despite being surrounded by some of the richest farmland in the region, fresh fruits and veggies often remain out of reach for Moorpark ♦s food pantry.

But thanks to the efforts of the Moorpark Rotary Club, local produce is now making its way into the bags and boxes that Moorpark Pantry Plus sends out five days a week to families struggling from the economic fallout caused by the pandemic.

The service club members have, for the past month, been supplying the food pantry with a variety of fruits and vegetables so it can, in turn, provide residents with a healthy mix of options along with staples like rice and canned food.

We feel like there is a need in our community. So many people have lost jobs, and so much of our community here in Moorpark are essential workers like farm workers, ♦ said Kelly Best, Moorpark Rotary Club president. ♦Rotary not only focuses on things that are global, but also on things that are local here as well. ♦

When Best learned the food pantry needed produce, she got to work and contacted Underwood Family Farms to see if the Moorpark company would be willing to partner with the Rotary for donations. The club president was overjoyed when the farm agreed to give the organization a price break to purchase locally grown vegetables.

♦We order four boxes of food each week, ♦ Best said. ♦We are mainly getting lettuces, spinach, onions, cauliflower, broccoli. We purchase a box of fruit as well at the mart. ♦

The group then takes the boxes to Moorpark Pantry Plus on Thursdays so the fruits and veggies can be distributed to the community.

Best said the experience is a win-win because the club is able to give back locally and support a Moorpark business. The weekly deliveries are also a special way for members to gather briefly in person and continue their mission based work.

Before the pandemic, the organization took part in a similar event called The Lord ♦s Table, a weekly program that provided hot dinners to low-income Moorpark residents. Social distancing guidelines, though, put the weekly gatherings on hold.

♦Maybe after the pandemic, we ♦ll be able to get back to The Lord ♦s Table, ♦ Best said. ♦(But) the donations give us a way to move our club forward and make a difference in the community. ♦

RI President's April Message

By Joseph Davidson on Thursday, April 1, 2021



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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.

Are You Getting Excited?

Fun in the Sun is almost here!

You still have time to join in on a wonderful Rotary celebration! We encourage you to sign up today so that you do not miss out for this amazing event! Registration is open through DACdb!

[Click here now to register!](#)

COST: \$25.00 per Rotarian, \$15.00 for Guests | Rotaractors | Interactors

Each registrant will receive virtual registration gift(s) and a chance to win excellent door prizes. One lucky person will win a grand door prize valued at \$1200!

Prizes Include:

- \$700.00 Gift Certificate Barnsley Gardens
- \$700.00 Gift Certificate Chateau Elan
- \$500.00 Best Buy Gift Card
- \$200.00 Home Depot Gift Card
- \$200.00 Target Gift Card
- \$100.00 Target Gift Card
- \$100.00 Starbucks Gift Card
- \$100.00 Amazon Gift Card

GRAND PRIZE:

\$1,200.00 Gift Certificate for The Westin Jekyll Island--3 night stay includes dinner.

Additional Opportunities for Door Prizes: Special drawings and gifts will be presented during General Session 3--TRF Major Donor Recognition.

**Only those who register for the conference are entered into the drawings. Must be present to win.*

The two-day virtual conference will be packed with Rotary fellowship, fun activities with in-person options, excellent speakers, and a Pack-A-Backpack Service Project.

AGENDA:

Friday, April 23, 2021

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

General Session 1
It's 5:00 Somewhere
HOF Scavenger Hunt
Club Hospitality Suites
General Session 2

Saturday, April 24, 2021

10:00 am - 11:30 am
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:15 pm
6:15 pm - 7:00 pm
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

General Session 3
Wine Tasting/Education
Beach Bash
Club Hospitality Suites
General Session 4

**DOOR
PRIZES!**

It's 5 O'CLOCK Somewhere

It's 5 O'CLOCK Somewhere

with **Freddy Ramirez—Mixologist**



**Freddy Ramirez, mixologist
National Tavern**

It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere Cocktails

Fun in the Sun
Skinny Margarita on the Rocks
Grapefruit Martini
Blueberry a La Fred

Shopping List

Vodka	Limes
Tequila	Grapefruit
Ginger Beer - Tree	Lemons
Sprite - Glass Bottle	Mint
Pint of Blueberries	Agave

Friday April 23rd 5:00pm

Fun in the Sun
VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

It's always 5 o'clock somewhere, and on **Friday April 24, from 5 pm - 5:30 pm**, you can join us at your favorite dive bar or in the comfort of your home as we learn from one of the best "Mixologists," Freddy Ramirez from Reynolds, Lake Oconee. Get ready for some great cocktails and plan to have some fun at our virtual happy hour! Drink recipes will be emailed to you after you register.

Wine Tasting Education



Country Wine for the Country Kind

Tune In **Saturday, April 24th 5:00pm**
for wine tasting & education with

Sweet Acre Farms Winery

Grab a bottle beforehand to enjoy a taste of Hall County's only fruit winery. You can order online or find it at several locations in North Georgia. Go to www.sweetacrefarms.com

Sweet Ass Blackberry Wine

Use coupon code **"ROTARY"** to receive 10% off wine ordered from their website. Must place order by **April 17th** to receive by **April 23rd**.
Coupon valid through **June 15th, 2021**

Wine, everywhere there's wine, but where can you get a great Georgia Fruit country wine during the virtual conference? Look no further! On **Saturday, April 24, from 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm**, join some of the ladies of Rotary virtually from Sweet Acre Farms Winery (7584 Bill Wilson Rd. Alto, GA 30510) for some education and wine tasting. Matt Vrahiotes, owner and operator, will share his story about becoming the first winery in Hall County. While revealing what makes his wines so unique, he'll guide us through a tasting as well as give us the grand tour! Grab a bottle so we can taste together. Order online at www.sweetacrefarms.com.

Beach Bash

On **Saturday, April 24, from 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm**, grab your beach towel, sunglasses, favorite Hawaiian shirt, and join us for our virtual Beach Bash. Join Gainesville Rotarian, Chef Mike Giles, and Gary Black, the Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture, in the Georgia Grown Kitchen as they cook a traditional Low Country Boil. We're bringing the outdoor, low country seafood boil experience inside and sizing it for the stove top and a meal for two (or a few more)! Focusing on locally sourced food, this meal is one that that will satisfy your palate while treating you to the captivating history of the dish. You'll also learn about the farmers and fishermen who supply the ingredients.

We will provide an article on the history of this culturally important cooking tradition and a detailed list of ingredients and equipment needed to prepare everything in your home kitchen. You'll be ready to cook along with Chef Mike and Gary when the Beach Bash is broadcast live. The recipe will be emailed to you after you register.

For those who are allergic to shrimp or shellfish, optional ingredients will be suggested that allow you to still enjoy the Low Country Boil experience.

LOW COUNTRY BOIL
SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH 5:30PM

THE RECIPE

- 1 gallon of water
- 4 cloves of garlic, smashed
- 1/2 lemon for boil liquid, more for squeezing on finished dish if desired
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup of Old Bay Seasoning to taste
- 6 small red potatoes
- 1/2 pound of smoked sausage sliced
- 1/2 sweet onion (skin removed and quartered through the root end so that it remains intact)
- 2 ears of corn (cut in half to make four pieces)
- 1 pound of shell-on shrimp

Instructions:

- Combine water, garlic, 1/2 lemon and Old Bay Seasoning and bring to boil.
- Add potatoes and cook at heavy simmer, near boil, for 8 minutes.
- Add the sausage and quartered onions. Continue cooking for 6 minutes.
- Add the corn and cook for 6 minutes.
- Add the shrimp (or fish) and cook until done - 2 minutes for average size shrimp.
- When shrimp or fish are done, quickly add the ice to the main pot and stir.
- Cover the pot and let soak for ten minutes.
- Remove ingredients with a slotted spoon or pour into a colander. Serve immediately.

Fun in the Sun

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1 pound of shell-on shrimp

THE RECIPE

If you plan to cook along with us, please make certain the first four ingredients are in the pot and at a boil when the program begins!

THE RECIPE

If you can't have shrimp, you can substitute a firm white fish like Grouper.

THE RECIPE

This recipe serves two.

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine water, garlic, 1/2 lemon and Old Bay Seasoning and bring to boil.

Add potatoes and cook at heavy simmer, near boil, for 8 minutes.

Add the sausage and quartered onions. Continue cooking for 6 minutes.

Add the corn and cook for 6 minutes.

Add the shrimp (or fish) and cook until done - 2 minutes for average size shrimp.

When shrimp or fish are done, quickly add the ice to the main pot and stir.

Cover the pot and let soak for ten minutes.

Remove ingredients with a slotted spoon or pour into a colander. Serve immediately.

House of Friendship Scavenger Hunt

Plan to spend some time in the virtual House of Friendship this year! The HOF contains rooms of individual clubs. Enter each one to view their posted videos. You'll learn more about other clubs throughout the district and their amazing projects. As you work your way around the HOF booths, you'll also find answers to virtual scavenger hunt clues for a chance to win great prizes!

While in the HOF, don't forget to visit the Beach Towel Competition booth and [vote for your favorite beach towel!](#) The deadline is at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April, 23. Don't wait to vote.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Rotary District 6910



Make plans to register today for our FUN IN THE SUN virtual district conference!



Last Chance to **REGISTER** for **Fun in the Sun!** For any additional questions about this year's conference, please contact Dianne Cammarata at dlcamma@bellsouth.net.

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



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for Peace



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](#)

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.
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.