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Rotary Program 4-27-21 - David Kent

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 26, 2021



David Kent, who most recently served as senior vice president of business development for Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) Health, has been named CEO of Piedmont Newton Hospital.

Kent has almost 18 years of healthcare experience at CTCA, having served as a top executive for more than 10 years. Among his other roles, Kent served as president and CEO of its Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Newnan. He grew the hospital's employee base from 178 to more than 900 full-time employees and 200 physicians and earned the 2015 Atlanta Journal Constitution Best Places to Work designation.

David has distinguished himself during his career as a successful healthcare executive and we are excited for him to join Piedmont, said Kevin Brown, President and CEO of Piedmont Healthcare. Piedmont exists to serve its local communities and we were impressed with his desire to live in and serve Newton County and the surrounding communities.

Piedmont Newton joined the 11-hospital Piedmont Healthcare system in 2015 and is part of the system's eastern hub comprised of Piedmont Athens Regional, Piedmont Newton, Piedmont Rockdale, and Piedmont Walton Hospitals. The hospital was named the 2018 Small Hospital of the Year by the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals, was certified a Great Place to Work in 2019, and has achieved Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade A's in the last three reporting periods. In May 2019, Piedmont Newton completed a \$10 million expansion and renovation of its Emergency Department which doubled the department's capacity from 16 beds to 32 beds, created an additional nurses station, and a room for higher acuity trauma cases.

David's experience makes him an excellent choice to lead Piedmont Newton, said, Michael Burnett, Chief Executive Officer for Piedmont Athens Regional, the system's eastern hub. Just as he did in his previous role as a hospital CEO, we expect him to be able to grow Piedmont Newton's services and its ability to serve the community.

I'm excited to join Piedmont Newton and become a part of an organization that shares my values of providing high-quality, patient-centered care, Kent said. I have long been familiar with the Piedmont system and am looking forward to becoming part of such a strong community. I look forward to continuing the hospital's record of high performance and achievement.

Kent is a graduate of Wabash College and earned his Master of Business Administration from the Georgia State University J. Mack Robinson College of Business. He started at Piedmont Newton on April 13.

Topic: Tuesday Rotary Meeting: David Kent

Time: Apr 27, 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



[E. Wayne Pugh](#)
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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
Brad Stewart 11 Years 11 Years
Ternard Turner 2 Years 2 Years

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, April 25, 2021

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

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

May - Newton County Schools Top Ten Banquet

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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

Rotary District 6910 Virtual Conference

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 26, 2021



2021 Rotary District 6910 virtual Conference

The general sessions had lots of good information and were entertaining. Plus in between there were other activities that you could join online like the Beach towel competition, it's 5:00 Somewhere!, Beach Bash & House of Friendship Scavenger Hunt, Hospitality suites available to join for different clubs to socialize with other Rotary members from other clubs and more. I spent some time with the Gwinnett club and found other Rotary members I knew from visiting our club, other district conferences, etc. that was really nice to see and talk to members that we don't see often. It wasn't the same as being there. But it was the next best thing.



Doug was recognized for the District Rotarian of the Year Award. Doug gave a great speech (prerecorded) about the Farmers to Families program during one of the General Assemblies. this was worth attending on it's own.



Doug was recognized for Rotary International Avenues of Service awards. Doug received all five, Club Service, International Service, Youth Service, Vocation Service and Community Service.

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

Middleburg Heights partners with Strongsville Rotary to donate fire gear to

Honduras

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 26, 2021



Obsolete firefighting gear from Middleburg Heights will be sent to Honduras in partnership with the Strongsville Rotary Club. Middleburg Heights resident and Rotarian Pat Greco, shown in Honduras in 2019 with a similar donation from the Strongsville Fire Department, is helping to coordinate the effort

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, Ohio -- Obsolete firefighting gear no longer used by the Middleburg Heights Fire Department will be going to Central America, after [Strongsville Rotary Club](#) members indicated that it could be useful for fire departments in Honduras.

January through May is the Honduran dry season, when wildfires are common throughout the mountainous region. Nearly 70 percent of the country's population lives in poverty.

Middleburg Heights resident Pat Greco and Middleburg Heights Councilman Dan Sage, both Strongsville Rotarians, worked with Fire Chief Briant Galgas to coordinate efforts to reuse 30 sets of turnout gear, including pants and coats.

The items are 20 years old and well past the 10-year National Fire Protection Association recommended lifespan.

[Greco, a retired Strongsville firefighter, led a similar effort in 2019](#) with the Strongsville Fire Department, where 50 sets of turnout gear were donated to firefighters in Honduras.

◆I understand these items can no longer be used in the United States because they don't meet the standards here,◆ Middleburg Heights [Law Director Santo Incorvaia](#) told [City Council](#) at its March 9 meeting.

◆But they are an improvement in some of the other countries. They are not something we would typically sell, because they don't meet our standards.

◆The donation through the Rotary Club to another fire department in another country makes sense,◆ he added.

City Council passed a resolution authorizing the donation, with Sage abstaining.

◆It's a great example of us helping others.◆ Councilman Mike Ference said. ◆If we can help folks in a lot of need with materials like this, I think that's what we ought to do. I thank all those involved.◆

Rotary, Elks saves the day after vehicle crash

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 26, 2021



After a vehicle hit a power pole, the Dollar General quickly needed to donate frozen food before it had to be discarded.

LACIDA ♦ Fast-thinking Rotary member Brad Ault has been around long enough to know how to turn an unusual frozen-food emergency into a community-wide donation.

Ault recently received a call from a manager at the Dollar General store, 410 N. Indiana Ave., who explained that someone drove through the traffic light, hit the electrical unit and knocked out power in the store.

♦We knew the manager at the Placida store because our Rotary Club of Englewood has been collaborating through donations for the troops, ♦ said Deborah Hegedus, club president. ♦The manager asked Brad if we could help them with all their refrigerated and frozen food that was going to go bad.

♦Brad went to work and called on fellow Rotarians to secure freezer space and determine where to donate it, ♦ Hegedus said. ♦He then called Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotarian Eric Fogo, who suggested the Englewood Elks might be able to assist with refrigeration. ♦

Rotarians Buzz Wescott and Ault helped load about 4,000 pounds of food including eggs, frozen pizzas, bacon, hot dogs, milk, cheese, ice cream, breakfast sandwiches and more that would have been thrown away. They brought it to the Elks Club within 90 minutes of receiving the emergency call.

♦We then distributed the food to Englewood Helping Hand and to Meals on Wheels and get it into the hands of our local residents in need, ♦ Hegedus said. ♦The donation was substantial. We are so proud of Rotarians Brad Ault and Buzz Wescott for stepping up to get this taken care of as it was true service above self. ♦

Ault said it was a pleasure to help.

♦They called and we responded, ♦ he said.

Rotary, Elks members help Be Kind group ♦End Hunger

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 26, 2021



Rotary Club volunteers Charlie Parkerson, left to right, Christine Secrist of the Trenton Rotary, and Derik Whittaker of the Robbinsville Hamilton Rotary participate in the End Hunger event on March 20

Community volunteers gathered in small groups at the Hightstown Elks Lodge in East Windsor on March 20 to help package 17,928 meals to fight local food insecurity.

The 83 cases of food packed during the End Hunger event are being distributed to area families in need through RISE Food Pantry in Hightstown, Shine and Inspire in Lawrenceville, Ginny's Pantry and Clara's Heart LLC in Hamilton, and the Mt. Carmel Guild and The Salvation Army Trenton Citadel Corps in Trenton.

The Hightstown Elks Lodge 1955 on Hickory Corner Road has been serving the community for over 50 years.

Be Kind is a Robbinsville based non-profit formed by friends and fellow Rotary Club members in July 2020 as an emergency response effort during the coronavirus pandemic and their efforts continue today.

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.

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.

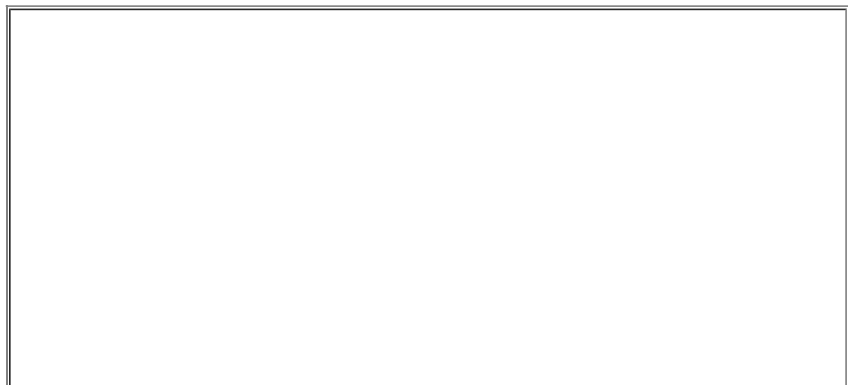
These are just two of the wonderful programs your clubs can contribute to support maternal and child health.

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

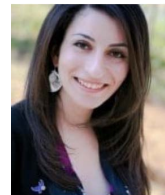
Our amazing virtual ***Fun in the Sun*** District Conference is just 3 weeks away, and we're excited to bring the beach to you! More than 200 of you have registered to date, and the names keep pouring in. If you haven't already, [register here!](#)

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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Rotary International
President
2022-2023



Reem Ghunaim
Executive Director,
Rotary Action Group
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](#)

'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.
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

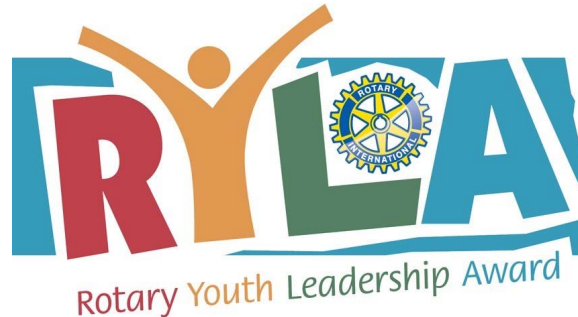
to realize the scope and reach of these projects and multiply them across the district and around the world, it becomes exciting to see the dramatic impact of Rotary! It truly is astonishing and makes you proud to be a Rotarian.

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.

[Read More](#)



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