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Club Leaders



[Brian Keith Adams](#)
President

[John King](#)
President - Elect



Dave Belton was born in the Philippine Islands during the Vietnam War. As his father was career submarine officer and Dave served in the military for over 20 years, he's lived in 15 places in four different countries.

Dave earned a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Oklahoma in 1986. He then became a Naval Aviator, fighting in the Lebanese Civil War, the Liberian Civil War, the Persian Gulf War, Operation Provide Comfort and the Bosnian conflict. He's flown almost 14,000 hours in 15 different aircraft, and was Instructor of The Year and Chief of Naval Training Master Training Specialist in 1994. He's flown missions for President George H. W. Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle, and Secretary of State James Baker. He was decorated over 20 times, and retired from the United States Air Force Reserves at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. He's currently a Captain for Delta Air Lines where he's responsible for 200 people in an Airbus 320 series jet airplane.

Dave had the privilege of serving on the Morgan County School Board for 8 years. Prior to that, he served as PTO Treasurer and Secretary, and Band Booster President for many years. During his tenure, the amazing teachers of Morgan County won many awards, including Best PTO in the Nation, Best Principal in the Nation, and Best Assistant Principal in Georgia among countless others. More importantly, these teacher professionals earned the top 8% county graduation rate in Georgia twice, as well as the top 5% School District in Georgia, the 10th best system in Georgia, and the best Charter System in Georgia.

When a student died in a texting-while-driving incident, the slain boy's mother asked Dave to campaign for a law to prevent further tragedies. Dave took that challenge, lobbying state legislators for four months. On the day of the vote, Dave enlisted the help of 20 high school students along with local television channels to highlight the need for this law. Due to their combined efforts, **Caleb's Law** was passed in Georgia. Dave and Caleb's family were honored by the Governor for their important work.

Dave became the first Morgan County resident in 30 years to be elected to the General Assembly when he won three House District 112 races in 2014. He passed **Kelsey's Law** his first Session, a measure that protects teenage girls from having their personal information or facial image put on a pornographic website. Since then, he's passed several education bills, one which was honored by the ExcelinEd National Summit.

As Chairman of Military Affairs, Dave inspired the passage of 23 new laws to help our military service members and their families. He also led the formation of the new Georgia Defense Commission to protect our state from a possible BRAC.

Dave is the author of four teen novels based on Greek mythology. The Divine Masquerade Series champions literacy, female empowerment, and Christian values. He talks about mythology at schools upon request. Dave was very fortunate to marry Theresa Johnson Belton from Charleston, South Carolina. They've been married over 27 years and have three children. Daniela graduated with High Honors from UGA and is working for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. Caitlin is a high school teacher. Young David is in high school. Dave plays banjo with the Buckhead Bluegrass Boys. He enjoys water skiing on Lake Oconee and traveling. He sings in musical plays and is very involved in his church. He is also the pilot leader of a group of Delta employees who provide for an 800 children Christian orphanage in Peru. The **Caring Crew** is one of Delta's **Force for Global Good** charities.

Rep. Belton is the Chairman of the Special Rules committee as well as the Chairman for the Education Subcommittee of Academic Innovation.

April & May Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Tuesday, April 30, 2019

April Birthdays

Doss Cain 4/16

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



Salisa Bacon 6 Years 6 Years



[Tracey Clark](#)
Secretary

Patrick Carmichael 9 Years 24 Years



[Cathy Crenshaw Laseter](#)
Treasurer

Brook Collins 15 Years 15 Years

Stuart Hamilton 34 Years 34 Years

Bill McCart 49 Years 49 Years

Brad Stewart 9 Years 9 Years



[Jackie Gutknecht](#)
Public Relations Chair

May Birthdays

Stephen Farrell 5/7



[Douglas E. Bolton](#)
Club Admin Chair

Keith Perry 5/7

Carter Rogers 5/8

Jack Coyle 5/16

Johnny Capes 5/20



[Joseph Davidson](#)
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr

May Anniversaries

Joshua & Amanda Kirkham 5/2



[Tarrence T. Houston](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair

Keith & Olivia Adams 5/10

Jack & Cean Coyle 5/11

Brad & Martha Stewart 5/13



[Ricky Mock](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms

Philip & Scarlett Byrd 5/18

May Membership Anniversaries

Scott Alexander 3 Years

Levi Bailey 2 Years

Jackie Gutknecht 2 Years

Joshua Kirkham 2 Years

Philp Lanier 2 Years

Nathan Pulliam 34 Years



[Salisa Bacon](#)
iPast President



[Margie Ensley](#)
Assistant Governor

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

Birthdays

Stephen Farrell
May 7th
Keith Perry
May 7th
Carter Rogers
May 8th
Jack W Coyle
May 16th

By Joseph Davidson on Tuesday, April 30, 2019

04-30-2019 - Rep. Dave Belton

May - Vidalia Onions pickup days to be announced

05-01-2019 - Vidalia Onion ORDER DEADLINE 4:00pm

05-02-2019 - District Conference Greenville, SC

05-07-2019 - Matthew - 4-H presentation

05-13-2019 - Newton County Schools Top Ten Banquet

05-14-2019 - Meeting Canceled for Newton County Schools Top Ten Banquet

05-18-2019 - Rotary Club Social and Membership Drive

05-21-2019 - Hosanna Fletcher - Georgia State Universtiy

05-16-2019 - Camp Sunshine for Teens

06-23-2019 - Camp Sunshine for Juniors

Wedding Anniversaries

Joshua Hale Kirkham
May 2nd
Brian Keith Adams
May 10th
Jack W Coyle
May 11th
Bradley Stewart
May 13th
Philip Byrd
May 18th

New Members inducted to the Rotary Club of Covington

By Joseph Davidson on Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Club Member Anniversaries

William McCart
04-01-1970
50 Years
Stuart E. Hamilton
04-01-1985
35 Years
Brook Collins
04-15-2004
16 Years

Bradley Stewart
 04-01-2010
 10 Years
 Salisa Bacon
 04-23-2013
 7 Years
 Ternard L Turner
 04-16-2019
 1 Year
 Michael St. Bernard
 04-16-2019
 1 Year
 Eric Adcock
 04-23-2019
 1 Year
 Joshua Aaron
 04-23-2019
 1 Year



New Rotary Members inducted April 16, 2019. From left to right, Sponsor Jack Coyle, Michael St. Bernard and Ternard Turner and Sponsor Rotary President Keith Adams



New Rotary Members inducted April 23, 2019. From left to right, Sponsor Rotary President Keith Adams and Joshua Aaron, Eric Adcock and Sponsor Rotary Past President Stacey Cotton

Newton County Schools 54th Top Ten Banquet

By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, March 31, 2019

Newton County Schools 54th Top Ten Banquet

Our Club will be hosting our 54th Annual Top Ten Banquet for the three Newton County High Schools. The top ten students from each school will be honored along with their favorite teacher. Newton High School, Eastside High School & Alcovy High School

We always like a good Rotary turn out to show our support of this great event.

Monday, May 13, 2018 6:30PM
Porter Auditorium
140 Ram Drive, Covington, GA 30014

We ask Rotary members to arrive at about 6:30 pm to help and be there before the guests arrive, The event starts at 7:00pm

Please see John King to volunteer for preparing and for the evening of the event.

This will replace our normal lunch meeting on Tuesday May 14th

Rolling on the River ~ District Conference 6910 2019

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 3, 2018

2019 Rolling on the River Conference 



For more info, click [HERE](#)

Rolling on the River August '18 Conference Update

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rotary Social and Membership Drive Event

By Joseph Davidson on Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Rotary Social and Membership drive

Rotary members, spouses, children of members and guest are invited.

Maybe some members can bring a dessert of their choice.

Time and Date

Date: May 18, 2019

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Brad's Farm

Address: 3830 Newborn Rd. Mansfield, GA

There will be a Rotary sign with balloons at the gate.

For any questions, Call Brad ☎ cell 404-771-7338

Activities

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Sporting Clays from 2- 4 pm for those that want to show up early and shoot. Every one brings their gun and shells. There will be a loaner gun available with shells @ \$5.00 per box. The clay machines are near the lodge so I don't want anybody to be concerned about firearms being discharged during the event.

At 4:00 pm all shooting ceases. I will have my guy from the farm be in charge of the clays for safety reasons.

4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Activities such as fishing, kayaking, canoes, yard games or just sitting around and fellowshiping.

6:00 pm

Time to Eat



Menu


Hamburgers and hot dogs (I will have a grill to cook enough for everyone.)

Sides such as baked beans, slaw, chips or to be determined by Bradley.

Directions:

[Click here for Map](#)

From The Hub (intersection of Hwy. 278 & Hwy. 11):

East on Hwy. 278 for 2/10 of a mile to Hwy. 229. Turn right and go for 5.2 miles to Elliott Road. Turn left and go 9/10 of a mile to Newborn Road. Turn right and the farm is  mile on the left.

From Hwy. 142 and Newborn Road (at the flashing light in Newborn)

Go north on Newborn Road for 2.4 miles. Farm is on the right.

From I-20 East:

At Exit 105 (Rutledge/Newborn), go south for 4.3 miles. Farm is on the left.

The Vidalia Onions are coming! The Vidalia Onions are coming!

By Joseph Davidson on Wednesday, April 10, 2019

The Vidalia Onions are coming! The Vidalia Onions are coming!

This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the Empty Stocking Fund. We need to sell all the onions we can. Everybody loves Vidalia's. They are easy to sell and make a great promo give away too for customers.

Deadline to order Wednesday May 1st 4:00pm.

Onion Pick up day will be determined.

Location:

**LI-Way Transfer & Storage
55 Chamisa Rd, Covington, GA 30016**

[Click here for Map](#)

25lb Bags \$20.00 per bag with a 12 bag minimum

Any member that doesn't order the 12 bag minimum will be assessed the profit per bag of the unsold quantity.

You can have customers pay for their onions on a credit card or PayPal on our website.

On our home page at www.rotarycovington.org there is a link "add to cart" Just enter the quantity and choose the credit card or the paypal option.

Feel free to contact me if you need assistance.

Please contact Tommy Davis to place your order.

Tommy Davis
404-304-9607

Newtoncountycoroner@gmail.com

Watch for more details



Camp Sunshine June 16th and 23rd

By Joseph Davidson on Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Camp Sunshine June 16th and 23rd

Camp Sunshine is for children with cancer. The 16th will be for the teens, ages 13-18 and the 23rd will be the juniors ages 7-12

We will be greeting campers and passing out drinks for Camp Sunshine at Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge. We will need a couple volunteers or so to help setup in the morning. We can use as many as possible to greet campers. Times will be announced as we get closer.



[Map to Camp Twin Lakes](#)

Camp Twin Lakes - Rutledge
1391 Keencheefoonee Road
Rutledge, GA 30663
Phone: 706-557-9070

Rotary club gifts 100 bikes to SF elementary schoolers in Mission, Potrero Hill neighborhoods

By Joseph Davidson on Tuesday, April 30, 2019



Over 40 volunteers began uncrating and assembling the bikes at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning at Bryant Elementary School for the San Francisco Rotary Club's eleventh annual bike build. Photo: Elissa Harrington, KTVU

SAN FRANCISCO (BCN) - Four elementary schools in the Mission District and Potrero Hill will received 100 new bicycles Saturday during the San Francisco Rotary Club's eleventh annual bike build.

Over 40 volunteers began uncrating and assembling the bikes at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning at Bryant Elementary School, 1641 25th St.

The shiny new wheels were donated to third-, fourth- and fifth-graders at Bryant, Leonard Flynn, Marshall and Daniel Webster elementary schools. "We are very grateful to the Rotary Club of San Francisco for providing our students with bicycles, which offer them a fun mode of transportation as well as a healthy form of exercise," Desirae Feria, San Francisco Unified School District supervisor of physical education, said in a news release.

Many elementary schoolers in the city have been learning how to ride bikes as a partnership between SFUSD and the city's Municipal Transportation Agency.

Students were gifted bikes, helmets and locks Saturday morning before police officers taught them how to ride the bikes safely on a special test course.

Butterfly Garden created at Rotary Park in Gainey Ranch

By Joseph Davidson on Tuesday, April 30, 2019



Rotarians stand ready to capture the butterfly release by Butterfly Wonderland's Adriane Grimaldi.

Adriane Grimaldi, Butterfly Wonderland's director of education, released several butterflies at the new Butterfly Garden within Scottsdale Rotary Park during the Rotary Club of Scottsdale's spring picnic held recently at the park. Scottsdale Rotary Park is an eight-acre oasis in the heart of Gainey Ranch, at 7959 E. Doubletree Ranch Road.

The park was originally built by members of the Rotary Club of Scottsdale and then donated to the City of Scottsdale. The park features lighted walking paths, a children's playground, a greenbelt, picnic/BBQ ramada, picnic tables, Rotary bicycle rack, a restroom facility and the world's first plaza designed in the shape of the Rotary symbol.

According to Michelle Holmes, founder and program manager for Scottsdale's Operation Fix It, the pollination butterfly garden with over 125 new plants, 70 new trees, artwork and benches was a recently completed collaborative \$10,000 project between Operation Fix It, Republic Services' 120 volunteers, Neighborhood Advisory Commission and the City of Scottsdale's Parks & Recreation Staff.

Additionally, as part of the project, Republic Services volunteers freshly painted everything in the park.



Rotary Park's new Butterfly Garden.

While at the park, Ms. Grimaldi provided Rotarians with an overview of butterfly pollination and migration; the role of bees in pollination; the difference between daytime butterfly and nighttime moth nectar-seeking pollinators; and pollinator-friendly plant landscaping. She answered questions about the lifecycle, seasonal migration, and decline of monarch butterflies.

She ended her talk by stating: if you plant pollinator friendly plants, a wide variety of pollinators will come.

Members and guests of the Rotary Club of Scottsdale enjoyed the Rotary Day at the Park. Rotarian Carroll Huntress and owner of Scottsdale's Sugar Bowl provided all the food; while Rotarian Ken Brown and friend of club, Rob Adler, barbecued brats and Patti Miller and Sandy Miller handled setup and beverages; Rotarian Gil Gifford arranged sound system.



Jason Brock, donating a Rotary Park tree planting in honor of his mother Linda K. Brock.

A tree donated by Rotarian Jason Brock was planted at the park in honor of his mother, Linda K. Brock. Planting a tree is a long-lasting opportunity to honor someone and improve the quality and beauty of a Scottsdale City Park.

The Scottsdale Rotary Foundation offers naming and/or memorial opportunities (trees, flags, paver bricks and more) at Rotary Park Unity Plaza.

Visit scottsdalerotary.org. Visitors to Club meetings are always welcome call 480-945-6158.

RI President's April Message

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, December 1, 2017



Barry Rassin

President 2018-19

April 2019

Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a woman dies from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. And babies whose mothers die within the first six weeks of their lives are far more likely to die themselves than babies whose mothers survive. As I've traveled around the world as president of Rotary, I've met families for whom these aren't simply tragic statistics. But I've also met people who are devoting themselves to helping mothers and children ♦ and because of them, I'm hopeful. And because many of those people are Rotarians, I'm also proud. April is Maternal and Child Health Month in Rotary, so it's a perfect time to tell you about some things Rotarians are doing that will make you proud too.

Last fall, I paid a visit to a hospital in the town of Jekabpils, in Latvia. It's a modern hospital, and the doctors and nurses there are caring, dedicated, and skilled. But despite all their hard work, the maternal mortality rate at the hospital had remained stubbornly high, due to a factor that was beyond their control: a lack of vital diagnostic equipment and even basic items like incubators.

And that's where Rotary came in. Twenty-one clubs from around the world joined forces for a global grant that provided what the hospital required. And in September, when I walked into the maternity ward there, I saw state-of-the-art equipment, and I met patients who were getting the care that they needed ♦ and that every mother and child in the world deserves to have.

In Brazil, club members worked with fellow Rotarians in Japan on a global grant project that dramatically increased the capacity of an overstretched neonatal intensive care unit. New incubators, monitors, and other equipment have enabled the local hospital to save many more babies' lives each year.

And in Mongolia, a vocational training team from New Zealand organized instruction in emergency response techniques for doctors and midwives, set up a program that taught midwives modern best practices, and researched and wrote a culturally relevant childbirth education manual. Between 2013, when the team first went to Mongolia, and 2017, the neonatal mortality rate in the country fell from 11.2 to 9.1 per 1,000 births, and the maternal mortality rate has decreased as well.

That's what I mean when I talk about transformational service, and it's what Rotarians do best. Because of our networks, which span the globe; our community presence, which allows us to see what's most needed; and our expertise, which encompasses countless skills and professions, we're able to serve in a manner that has no equal. And we're able to *Be the Inspiration* as we help those who need us most.

Rolling on the River Conference Update



[REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE NOW!](#)

[Mar/Apr 2019 Conference Newsletter \(FAQ\)](#)

[Link to Conference Website](#)

[Dress Code for Conference](#) ****NEW****

The primary and secondary hotels are sold out, so to get a room and at the Group Rate at the Springhill Suites (5 minutes walk from the Hyatt)

Brand new hotel - Breakfast is included - call the Sales Department: Megan 864-

720-2962 or Erin 864-720-2967

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