



Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

<http://www.RotaryCovington.org>

Inside This Issue

[Rotary Program 4-6-21 -Duane Ford - Newton Trails](#)
Published on 04/05/2021

[April Birthdays & Anniversaries](#)
Published on 04/01/2021

[Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events](#)
Published on 04/05/2021

[2021 District 6910 Virtual Conference](#)
Published on 03/15/2021

[Green Lake Rotary's Easter egg hunt brightens Deacon Mills](#)
Published on 04/05/2021

[Hurricane Rotary Easter Car Show returns after year absence, shows record number of cars](#)
Published on 04/05/2021

[Casa de Amistad school supplies provided by Del Mar-Solana Beach Rotary](#)
Published on 04/05/2021

[RI President's April Message](#)
Published on 04/01/2021

[We Can Help Prevent the Death of 5.9 Million Children Annually](#)
Published on 04/01/2021

[Are You Ready?](#)
Published on 04/01/2021

[Alliance for Smiles](#)
Published on 04/01/2021

['20-21 Laws of Life Winners Announced](#)
Published on 04/02/2021

[Feed10Million Update](#)
Published on 04/03/2021

['20-21 District Grant Projects](#)
Published on 04/03/2021

[Leadership Spotlight: Becky Carlan](#)
Published on 04/01/2021

[Let's Make Every Day Earth Day](#)
Published on 03/23/2021

Club Leaders



[Thomas Kephart](#)
President



[Bryan Fazio](#)
President-Elect



[Lauren Poynter](#)
Secretary



[Clay Hodges](#)
Treasurer



[Jackie Gutknecht](#)
Public Relations Chair

[Tarrence T. Houston](#)

Rotary Program 4-6-21 -Duane Ford - Newton Trails

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 5, 2021



Duane and his wife moved to Covington in 2016 following his retirement from a career in higher education. He started that career as an assistant professor teaching crop science but eventually served as a college dean and lastly as a technical college president. They have a daughter and son; hobbies include hiking, bicycling, gardening, disc golf, and DIY home improvement projects.

Newton Trails

OUR VISION

We envision a healthy, vibrant, prosperous community connected to one another, to nature, to our history, and to daily life through a system of greenway trails.

OUR MISSION

To promote, develop, and sustain a connected system of trails that supports a vibrant, healthy, and prosperous community.

Newton County Trail - Path Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated in 1998 to promote and develop a county-wide network of multi-use trails for pedestrians and bicyclists in Newton County, Georgia. We partner with local governments by raising private funds for trail planning, construction, and maintenance. We also provide public outreach and education to inform citizens, businesses, and civic groups about the health, economic, and environmental benefits of a county-wide trail system.

The trail network we envision will serve as a recreational opportunity and a viable transportation system that connects neighborhoods, schools, parks, commercial centers, and other local and regional destinations of interest. Whether a trail means to you a place to push a stroller, walk a dog, go for a run, take a walk in the woods, or bike to Alabama, we all have a common interest to see our community build on the plans set in motion over a decade ago to build a better future for Newton County residents.

Newton Trails believes a well-planned trail system will create a higher quality of life, providing economic, environmental, and physical and mental health benefits for our community.

Topic: Tuesday Rotary Meeting: Duane Ford - Newton Trails

Time: Apr 6, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://zoom.us/j/93587555304?pwd=eC9UNUK2MkswOUUpDOFdBWHE4Szb2Zz09>

icsToken=98tyKuCrqzMtH9GQsxmDRowqGYqgKO_wmCvEjbd5mhfaVw13WwWjYUUA7h8AdLE

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93587555304?pwd=eC9UNUK2MkswOUUpDOFdBWHE4Szb2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 935 8755 5304

Passcode: 523404

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,93587555304#,,,,*523404# US (Washington DC)

+13126266799,,93587555304#,,,,*523404# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 935 8755 5304

Passcode: 523404

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/93587555304?pwd=eC9UNUK2MkswOUUpDOFdBWHE4Szb2Zz09>

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



Rotary Foundation Chair



[E. Wayne Pugh](#)
GRSP Chair



[Brad Bettis](#)
Club Director



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



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



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



[John King](#)
iPast President

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
Ternard L. Turner
04-16-2019
2 Years
Eric Adcock
04-23-2019
2 Years
Joshua Aaron
04-23-2019
2 Years

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 5, 2021

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

04-06-2021 - Duane Ford - Newton Trails

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

[Read More](#)

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**

LEARN MORE



\$25 PER ROTARIAN
\$15 FOR ROTARACTORS, INTERACTORS, & GUESTS

Hosted on **Ukova**

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1ST

Follow us rotarydistrict6910.org

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>

Green Lake Rotary's Easter egg hunt brightens Deacon Mills

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 5, 2021



Children race across Deacon Mills Park in search of Easter eggs during the Green Lake Rotary Club's Easter egg hunt.

A bounty of colorful Easter eggs brightened Deacon Mills Park once again as the Green Lake Rotary Club held its Easter Egg Hunt yesterday (Saturday).

The Easter Bunny was on hand to take pictures with children.

A large crowd attended the event, which ended very quickly after children were released to find the eggs hidden in the park. The park was broken up into sections for different age groups.

The event was made possible by the Green Lake Rotary Club.

Green Lake Easter egg hunt brightens Deacon Mills



Hurricane Rotary Easter Car Show returns after year absence, shows record number of cars

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 5, 2021



The 35th Hurricane Rotary Easter Car Show returned to downtown Hurricane after a year absence Saturday, April 3, 2021

HURRICANE ♦ The 35th edition of the Hurricane Rotary Easter Car Show returned over Easter weekend, and a record number of cars greeted huge crowds at the event.

Wil Ducrest, President of the Hurricane Valley Rotary Club, told St. George News on Saturday about the largest fundraising event of the year for the Rotary Club.

♦As far as I know, this was our biggest year ever, ♦ Ducrest said. ♦We had 331 car entries and we actually ended up turning cars away because we ♦re full. We couldn ♦ fit anymore. ♦

All of the money raised gets put directly back into the community or into international projects as well.

Ducrest said they ♦ve seen people from multiple states coming back year after year, drawn by the typically good weather and food and fun. And the cars, of course.

♦Once we have the cars come in, that ♦s when the people show up because we do have an amazing run of the cars out there. ♦

After the show was canceled last year due to the pandemic, many in the community said they were delighted to see some pristine automobiles on a beautiful day.

Putting on the event every year takes countless man-hours for preparation and work from Rotarians, volunteers, vendors and sponsors.



Tom Irvine's rare 1974 Chevy Luv truck at the Hurricane Rotary Easter Car Show Saturday, April 3, 2021

♦We couldn ♦t do it without everybody ♦s help, ♦ Ducrest said. ♦We ♦re stoked to be back. I mean, it ♦s pretty amazing. We ♦re back and better than ever. ♦

Car owners up and down the rows of automobiles were thrilled to be back in Hurricane. Tom Irvine, out of Central, has been coming to the car show for the last seven years.

♦With all the COVID and last year being canceled, everybody ♦s just happy to be out here, ♦ Irvine said. ♦There ♦s families, and kids, that ♦s what it ♦s all about. ♦

The show wasn ♦t just for car lovers, either.

Gary Spencer of Fremont came to the show for the first time to display his 2001 Harley Davidson Road King. He said a few folks stopped by and wondered why he's showing a motorcycle at a car show.

◆That's okay,◆ said Spencer. ◆We've always been a little bit different.◆



ary Spencer's 2001 Harley Davidson Road King at the 31st Hurricane Rotary East Car Show Saturday, April 3, 2021

Hurricane City Council member Darin Larson, wearing another of his hats as a Rotarian on Saturday, praised the event and the community.

◆What a great event for Hurricane,◆ said Larson. ◆I think it's been really exciting. There's lots of people in town and lots of great cars.◆

Larson said the Rotary Club has been putting on the car show for the past 20 years.

◆Every year, it's gotten bigger and bigger,◆ Larson said. ◆This is the biggest one we've ever hosted. And I think people are just excited to be out and doing things, and feel like something's a little bit of normal again.◆



The 35th Hurricane Rotary Easter Car Show displayed a record 331 automobiles on Saturday, April 3, 2021

Casa de Amistad school supplies provided by Del Mar-Solana Beach Rotary

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 5, 2021



Rotarians (l-r)

Parsons, Patricia Case

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. 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

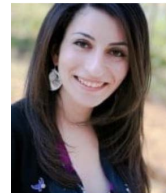
Our amazing virtual *Fun in the Sun* District Conference is just 3 weeks away, and we're excited to bring the beach to you! More than 200 of you have registered to date, and the names keep pouring in. If you haven't already, [register here!](#)

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!](#)



Jennifer Jones
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](#)

Leadership Spotlight: Becky Carlan

By Paige W Havens on Thursday, April 1, 2021



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

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](#)

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.

[Read More](#)