



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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## Rotary Program 5-13-19 TODAY - Top Ten Banquet - NO Meeting 5-14-19

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 13, 2019

## Newton County Schools 54th Top Ten Banquet TODAY

**Rotary members please be there at 6:15pm**

### The Top Ten is our meeting for this week

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 6:15pm**  
**Porter Auditorium**  
**140 Ram Drive, Covington, GA 30014**

[Click here for map to Porter Auditorium](#)

**We ask Rotary members to arrive at about 6:15 pm** to help and be there before the guests arrive, The event starts at 7:00pm

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

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 13, 2019

### May Birthdays

**Stephen Farrell 5/7**

**Keith Perry 5/7**

**Carter Rogers 5/8**

**Jack Coyle 5/16**

**Johnny Capes 5/20**

### May Anniversaries

**Joshua & Amanda Kirkham 5/2**

**Keith & Olivia Adams 5/10**

**Jack & Cean Coyle 5/11**

**Brad & Martha Stewart 5/13**

**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**

## Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 13, 2019

**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**



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

05-16-2019 - Camp Sunshine for Teens

06-23-2019 - Camp Sunshine for Juniors

## District Conference 2019 Club Awards

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 13, 2019



We were awarded Gold Club Level Award at the 2019 District Conference. It is our third year in a row.

### Birthdays

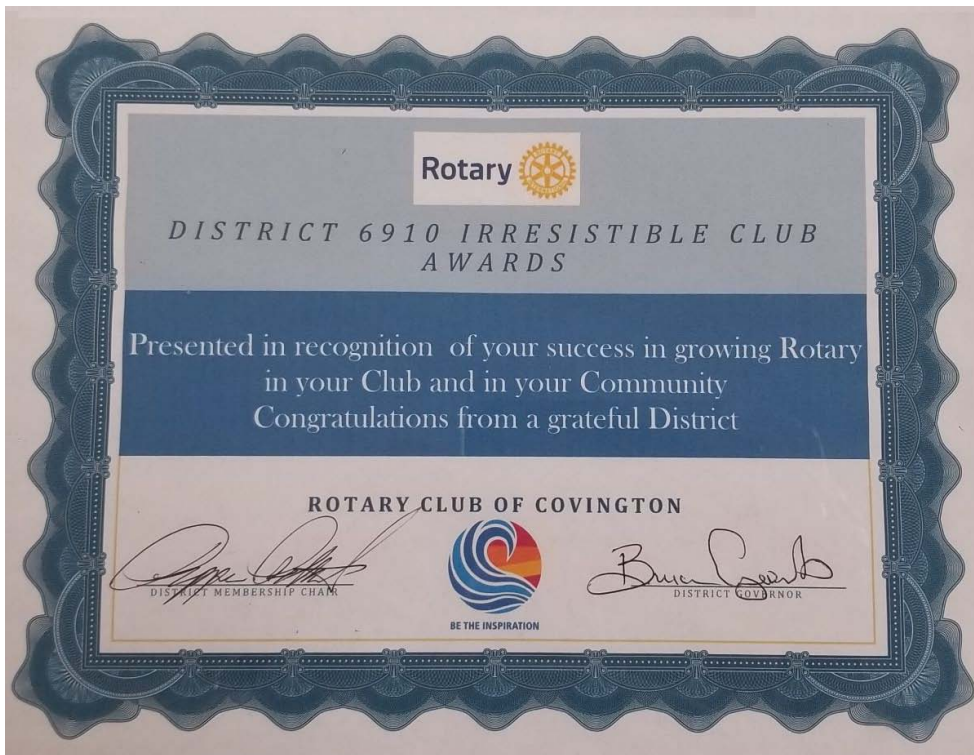
- Keith Perry  
May 7th
- Stephen Farrell  
May 7th
- Carter Rogers  
May 8th
- Jack W Coyle  
May 16th

### Wedding Anniversaries

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

### Club Member Anniversaries

- Nathan Pulliam  
05-01-1985  
34 Years
- Scott Alexander  
05-10-2016  
3 Years
- Jackie Gutknecht  
05-08-2017  
2 Years
- Philip Lanier  
05-09-2017  
2 Years
- Levi Bailey  
05-12-2017  
2 Years
- Joshua Hale Kirkham  
05-23-2017  
2 Years



The Irresistible Club Award is a new award that started in 2019 and we were awarded this year.

Shows what a great job our club does throughout the year to make a difference in the world.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Covington

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By Joseph Davidson on Sunday, March 31, 2019

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

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## 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](http://Rotary6910Conference.org/Agenda).

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

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's 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 1/2 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.

## 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

## Trout are growing large for Rotary's first youth fishing day on May 25

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 13, 2019



As trophy-size rainbow trout break water in the pen at his feet, Rotary Project Manager Tom Stienstra, right, talks to other Rotarians during a tour of the trout pens project. The fish, 16 to 18 inches long, will be release in Lake Syskiyou prior to the youth fishing program planned for May 25.

Touring the trout pens that were erected at the end of last year, Rotary Club members got a closeup look at the success of their project seeing triploid rainbow trout that have gained three pounds and are now up to 16 to 18 inches long.

The Mount Shasta Rotary club is making a dream come true with their trophy-size trout program at Lake Siskiyou.

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Rotary Project Manager Tom Stienstra said that this came about as an idea at a party.

◆We will be releasing the fish during the beginning of May for a youth fishing day on May 25. This is a world chance experience without going to Alaska to catch three to five-pound wild rainbow trout. If we can do this here, we can do this throughout California.◆

And Emmy award winning writer, Stienstra will be donating 100 copies of his latest book, ◆Moon West Coast RV Camping◆ through the Boys & Girls Club for the Youth Fishing Day, when they will be busing in children for this special event.

There are three pens, each 10 feet deep and 12 feet long providing a large quality volume for optimal fish growth. Each pen is equipped with battery-powered feeders that automatically feed the fish three to five times a day.

Because these trout are ◆triploids,◆ they cannot breed, and in turn, grow faster ◆ about an inch per month and will take on the characteristics of wild fish.

According to Stienstra, the mortality rate has been less than 1 percent. The pens, designed and fabricated by Greg Juell, are predator proof.

◆Next year we will fine tune the pens. We want fishing to be great again for big fish at Lake Siskiyou and we know how to make that happen,◆ Stienstra said. ◆We will provide a pamphlet and booklet for anyone who wants to replicate this program.◆

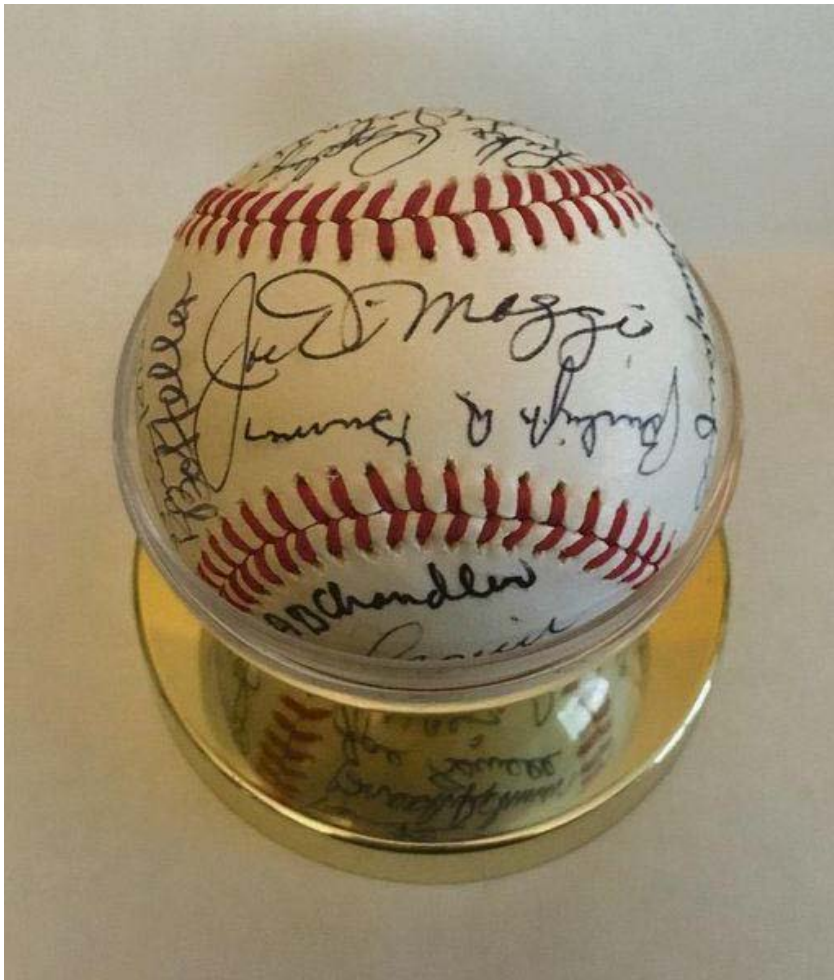
More than 40 groups, businesses and individuals are partnering with Rotarian volunteers for the project, including the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors, Sousa Ready Mix, Campbell Global, Lake Siskiyou Marina, Kokanee Power, and Gary Bechtel with Foothill Foundation.

The project was structured to be sustainable and received no negative filings from CEQA. There was no profit involved and no fish were taken away from local programs. These fish were trucked in from the Crystal Hatchery at Baum Lake.

◆This is another example of Rotary being involved with other things in the community that people don't realize,◆ said Rotarian Doug Carter.

## Cooperstown Rotary to raffle Hall ball featuring DiMaggio autograph

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 13, 2019



ContributedThe baseball to be raffled by the Cooperstown Rotary Foundation is from the National Baseball Hall of Fame◆s 1983 induction dinner. It is signed by 24 inductees, but only four of them are still alive.

With the National Baseball Hall of Fame beginning the "Yankee years" with the 2019 induction of Mariano Rivera, this year's Cooperstown Rotary Foundation's Amazing Autographed Baseball Raffle has an appropriate headline signature: New York Yankee legend Joe DiMaggio.

"What's interesting is there are 10 or 11 baseballs and they are all from different years," said Jeff Katz, the former mayor of Cooperstown and a longtime Rotary Club of Cooperstown member who helps run the baseball raffle every year. "We thought we'd start with the Ted Williams ball (which was auctioned last year), and with this year being Mariano Rivera, we thought we'd go with DiMaggio."

The cache of signed baseballs was donated by Rotary member Tom Heitz, who worked for more than a decade at the Hall, and had a signed ball from induction events from 1983 to 1992.

This year's baseball is from the 1983 induction of Brooks Robinson, Juan Marichal, Walter Alston and George Kell. Alston did not sign the ball for

some unknown reason, but it does feature signatures from DiMaggio, Robinson, Kell and Marichal, as well as 21 other Hall of Famers: Burleigh Grimes, Johnny Mize, Buck Leonard, Monte Irvin, Robin Roberts, Bob Feller, Warren Spahn, Billy Herman, Bill Dickey, Sandy Koufax, Luke Appling, Judy Johnson, Al Kaline, Al Lopez, Charlie Gehringer, Cool Papa Bell, Joe Cronin, Duke Snider, Joe Sewell and Ralph Kiner.

Only four of the players who signed the ball, Robinson, Marichal, Koufax and Kaline, are still alive.

Katz said he is always fascinated to look at the signature baseballs and imagine the Hall of Fame banquets where they were signed.

"I think it gives it a lot of character," he said. "It gives a glimpse of them as a group. It is like a little slice of baseball history."

Only 100 tickets will be sold. Tickets cost \$50 each. The money goes to the CRF, the 501(c)3 division of the Rotary Club, and helps fund the group's scholarships and other charitable activities.

"Raffles are fun, and if you win, you win," Katz said. "It is a gift to the foundation, because you can always buy an autographed baseball somewhere. But with the DiMaggio signature on it, we think this year's ball is special."

The drawing will take place Tuesday, July 30. Tickets will be available at the Rotary Spring Fling, which will be Saturday, May 18 at The Clark Sports Center in the town of Middlefield. Sales will continue until all 100 tickets are sold or until the July 30 drawing.

Email [cooperstownrotaryfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:cooperstownrotaryfoundation@gmail.com) for more information.

## RI President's May Message

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, December 1, 2017



**Barry Rassin**

**President 2018-19**

**May 2019**

The people who know me best ♦ my family ♦ know that my passion for Rotary is boundless. They also know that I don't expect them to get involved in Rotary the way I have. It's a choice that's up to them. But I must admit, I can't help smiling when I see them making the right choice.

At the end of the Toronto convention last year, my 12-year-old granddaughter turned to me and said, "I'm inspired to do something. What can I do?" Naturally, I did what any other Rotarian grandfather worth his salt would do: I asked her if there was an Interact club in her school. When she discovered there wasn't, she attempted to set one up. Unfortunately, her principal had other ideas, but we should not be deterred from helping Rotary youth programs whenever we can, because their value is beyond question.

Take Rotary Youth Leadership Awards as one example. It transforms young people into more confident, focused individuals with a better understanding of the world around them ♦ changes I was pleased to see in my 16-year-old grandson after he participated.

My family is just the beginning. Everywhere I go, I meet people of all ages whose lives have been changed by our youth programs. They tell me how, five or 15 or 25 years ago, Rotary Youth Exchange taught them a new language or introduced them to a new culture. Their eyes light up when they talk about how New Generations Service Exchange helped them advance in their career, or about how membership in Rotaract first ignited their passion for giving back to the community.

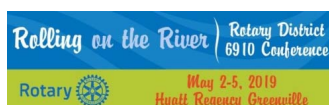
Rotary's programs for young leaders extend our ideals of service, friendship, and leadership development beyond the doors of our clubs to hundreds of thousands of young people each year. And when we serve with and for those young people ♦ as sponsors, project partners, and mentors ♦ it brings out the best in us, and it brings out the best in Rotary.

May is Youth Service Month, and there are many ways your Rotary club can celebrate. Sponsor an Interact club or Rotaract club, and your Rotary club will give young people in your community the tools they need to take action, become leaders, and gain a global perspective. Team up with your local Rotaract club for a service project. Get to know the participants in Rotary's programs for young leaders and share their stories with your community. You'll find more ideas in this year's Rotary Citation brochure, located under the Awards section of the Member Center at [my.rotary.org](http://my.rotary.org).

This month, let's *Be the Inspiration* to the young leaders in our communities by mentoring them, engaging them, and working side by side with them on meaningful projects. It's an investment in their future and in the world they will live in after we're gone. And it's work that will forever enrich their lives, and our own.

## Rolling on the River Conference PHOTOS

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Wednesday, May 8, 2019



Be sure to check out some of the photos taken at the District 6910 "Rolling on the River" Conference!

