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## Rotary Program 5-4-21 - Delegation of our Representatives

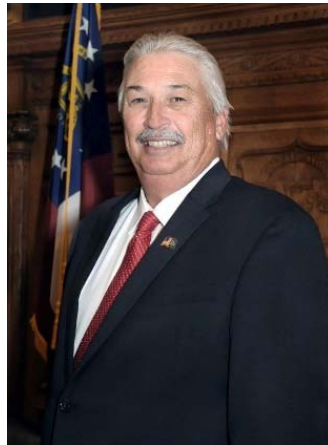
By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 3, 2021



**Senator Brian Strickland** serves as Manager of Smith, Welch, Webb & White. His legal experience includes handling complex business and real estate litigation, legal matters concerning governmental entities including authorities, municipalities and counties, and family and probate litigation matters. Mr. Strickland has represented clients in courtrooms around Metro Atlanta, including conducting jury trials and arguing before the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Mr. Strickland also serves as State Senator for Senate District 17 in the Georgia General Assembly. He most recently served as State Representative for House District 111 in the Georgia House of Representatives from 2012-2017. In addition to his law practice and service in the Georgia Senate, Mr. Strickland has also represented Georgia as one of its four Commissioners on the Uniform Law Commission from 2015 to present.

Mr. Strickland is a native of McDonough, Georgia. After graduating with Honors from Henry County High School in 2002, Mr. Strickland earned a bachelor's degree in Economics from Valdosta State University in 2006 and a Juris Doctorate degree from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2009. Mr. Strickland is married to Lindsay Perdue Strickland and they have a son named Charles Willis. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland are members of McDonough Presbyterian Church and are very active in their local community.



**Sen. Anderson** was first elected to the Georgia State Senate to represent Georgia's 43rd Senate District in 2016. Her district includes parts of DeKalb, Rockdale, and Newton counties.

She began her elected public service as a City Councilmember for the city of Lithonia from 2006-2008, then as Mayor from 2008 to 2011. Sen. Anderson then went on to serve as a State Representative for House District 92.

Sen. Anderson retired in 2012 from the United States Air Force Reserve after more than 21 honorable years of service and continues to volunteer and advocate for veterans' services. In addition, she volunteers in the community through local senior centers, The National Council of Negro Women, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Junior League and United Way VIP as well as several non-profit boards. As a former board member, she continues to serve as a volunteer for the DeKalb County Board of Health through the Live Healthy DeKalb Initiative.

Sen. Anderson is the recipient of numerous awards over the years by many world renowned organizations including the National Disabled American Veterans, Women Veterans' Social Justice, awarded the Woman of Excellence Award by The National Foundation of Women Legislators; and awarded The Who's Who in Black Atlanta award.

During the 2020 legislative session, Sen. Anderson authored and championed a criminal justice reform bill, Senate Bill 288. This bill allows for the restriction and sealing of criminal records of most misdemeanor convictions. Previously in Georgia, any criminal record stays on record for life. SB 288 affects 4.3 million Georgians and will create additional opportunities for employment, housing and education. SB 288 went into effect January 1, 2021.

Sen. Anderson is an ordained minister and is very active in her church. She holds a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management from Alabama State University as well as a Masters of Divinity from Luther Rice University. In April



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2018, she earned a Humanitarian honorary doctorate degree from The Global International Alliance. Currently, she is pursuing another business degree.



**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 has 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 has flown almost 14,000 hours in 15 different aircrafts 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 U.S. Air Force Reserves at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. He is currently an airline pilot, where he is responsible for 200 people in an Airbus 320 series jet airplane.

Dave had the privilege of serving on the Morgan County School Board for eight 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 eight percent county graduation rate in Georgia twice, as well as the top five percent 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 legislative session, which is a measure that protects teenage girls from having their personal information or facial image put on a pornographic website. Since then, he has passed several education bills, one of which was honored by the ExcelinEd National Summit. As chairman of the House Study Committee on 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.



**Rep. Clint Crowe** is a second-generation realtor, and he has worked in the real estate industry with his parents for many years. Prior to running a real estate business, Rep. Crowe had a decade long career in law enforcement as a patrolman/field training officer and detective with a metro Atlanta police department.

In 2003, Rep. Crowe joined his parents at a local independent real estate company in the Jackson, Georgia area and began selling homes on Jackson Lake, where his family had owned property since 1958. Their lifelong knowledge and love of the lake allowed them to become recognized as leading industry experts in the sale of waterfront properties as permanent residences and vacation homes.

In 2006, Rep. Crowe was brought on as managing broker in a local RE/MAX office, where his parents later joined him. As the real estate market began a downturn during the recession, the company decided to close the Jackson office. As such, Clint and his family ventured out to start their own company.

Together, Rep. Crowe and his family opened Crowe Realty, where Rep. Crowe was the qualifying broker and leader of the company. The business continued to focus primarily on Jackson Lake waterfront sales as the company grew, bringing on more agents to service other parts of the south Metro Atlanta area.

The company has grown to more than 70 agents and serves all parts of the Atlanta and middle Georgia area. Rep. Crowe continues to focus his sales attention in the area he has lived and loved since a child, Jackson Lake. Rep. Crowe has a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration from the Mercer University

## Birthdays

Stephen Farrell  
May 7th  
Carter Rogers  
May 8th

## Wedding Anniversaries

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

## Club Member Anniversaries

Nathan Pulliam  
05-01-1985  
36 Years  
Philip Lanier  
05-09-2017  
4 Years  
Levi Bailey  
05-12-2017  
4 Years  
Joshua Hale Kirkham  
05-23-2017  
4 Years

Stetson School of Business and Economics.

He and his wife, Kristie, live at Jackson Lake and have four kids, a daughter-in-law and a granddaughter. Rep. Crowe's family enjoys boating, skiing and playing on the water.



**State Representative Sharon Henderson** represents House District 113, which includes portions of Newton and Rockdale counties.

Rep. Henderson learned from an early age and humble beginnings the value of hard work, teamwork and perseverance. She entered the ministry more than 30 years ago as the pastor of New Bethel Love Center in Summerville, South Carolina, where she was one of the youngest female pastors in the state. During her years of dedication as pastor, coming up through the ranks, it was afforded her the honor of the office of Bishop in 2005. During her service to the church, she developed academic and administrative leadership abilities, which allowed her the privilege to organize community charity-based assistance programs for those in need.

Simultaneously, Rep. Henderson worked in the banking and finance institution for more than 30 years. She is an expert in banking with an extensive background in business and finance. This includes bank management, budgetary counseling, investments for large corporations and mortgage servicing. During her career, she was awarded the Sustained Superior Performance Award, as well as the Award of Excellence in Banking.

For the last several years, Rep. Henderson spent time as a substitute teacher and Special Needs Paraprofessional in several public schools in House District 113. She has also spent time teaching at the New Bethel Love Center, which provides child care to young, developing children.

She is a graduate of Trident Technical College with an associate degree in business administration and a graduate of Charleston Southern University with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management. She has been a community organizer feeding the homeless, advocating for seniors, special needs community, mental health counseling and escorting young people toward educational advancement.



**State Representative Regina Lewis-Ward** represents the House District 109, which includes portions of Henry, Newton and Rockdale counties.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Rep. Lewis-Ward grew up in public housing and believes that leaders should be a part of their community. She is the first African American elected to District 109 and has worked with several organizations and committees, including the following: Henry County Board of Education-Partner In Education and mentor programs; National Council of Negro Women-Henry-Clayton Section; Henry County NAACP; Clayton County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA); Feed My People, Inc.; Youth Leadership Henry; One Henry Economic Alliance; Henry County Democratic Committee and Federation of Democratic Women; Southern Crescent American Business Women's Association; Campaign for Grade Level Reading; League of Women Voters of Georgia; Ratify ERA Georgia; National Women in Agriculture Association; Atlanta Regional Commission-Global Panel; Metro South Association of Realtors; and former Governor Sonny Perdue's Graduation Coach Initiative.

In 2019, Rep. Lewis-Ward started a non-profit organization, A Place Matters, Inc., to build communities of lifelong learners through a combination of literacy and arts education.

Rep. Lewis-Ward is a former councilwoman with the City of Stockbridge. During her tenure she led an initiative to upgrade two public parks with playground equipment for children with disabilities and developed the first Stockbridge Citizens Academy. Additionally, Rep. Lewis-Ward worked with Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovative Institute and Advance Technology Development Center to assess the feasibility of a tech incubator in Henry County. She also served as a member of the Professional Services Committee, which helped shape an incentive framework for county and local municipalities to use as a guide to attract and sustain new business.

In 2015, Lewis-Ward presented Social Engagement and Civic Responsibility at the 7th Annual Diversity Conference held at Clayton State University, as well as the 2017 Doing Democracy: Asset Based Engagement and Cultural Change Conference held at Loyola University by the Midwest Region Campus Compact.

Rep. Lewis-Ward has Bachelor of Business Administration in computer systems from Bernard M. Baruch College and a Master of Arts in political science from Clayton State University. Her Thesis, ♦The United States Federal Government and Lags in Protecting Personally Identifiable Information, ♦ had been published in the World Cat Library.  
Rep. Lewis-Ward is an adjunct instructor, loves Sweet Tart candy and hosting dinner parties. In her spare time, she has written two children♦s books.

## Topic: Tuesday Rotary Meeting: Delegation of our Representatives

Time: May 4, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, May 1, 2021

### May Birthdays

Stephen Farrell 5/7  
Carter Rogers 5/8  
Johnny Capes 5/20

### May Anniversaries

Joshua & Amanda Kirkham 5/2  
Keith & Olivia Adams 5/10  
Brad & Martha Stewart 5/13  
Philip & Scarlett Byrd 5/18

### May Membership Anniversaries

Levi Bailey 4 Years  
Joshua Kirkham 4 Years  
Philp Lanier 4 Years  
Nathan Pulliam 36 Years

## Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 3, 2021

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

05-04-2021 - Delegation of our Representatives

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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## The Vidalia Onions are Coming!

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, April 12, 2021



### 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.

Time to get commitments for Onion purchases.

**Deadline to order is May 5th.**

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

If you do not place an order with Tommy or there will be no onions for you. If you only want the minimum 12, or less , you must confirm quantity.



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

Please contact Tommy Davis to place your order by email or phone.

Tommy Davis  
404-304-9607  
[tommy@harwellfuneralhome.com](mailto:tommy@harwellfuneralhome.com)

## Onion Pick up day will be Tuesday May 11th

**Pick up Location:**  
**Li-Way Transfer & Storage**  
**55 Chamisa Rd, Covington, GA 30016**  
[Click here for Map](#)

You can have customers pay for their onions on a credit card or PayPal at [www.RotaryCovington.org](http://www.RotaryCovington.org)

On our home page at [www.rotarycovington.org](http://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 placing an order or paying on the website.

## Rotary Club plans final bike sale May 8

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 3, 2021



Rotary Club of Arlington Heights volunteer Diane Crawford displays some of the bikes for sale on May 8 at Village Bank, 311 S. Arlington Heights, Arlington Heights

The Rotary Club of Arlington Heights is planning a final sale of bikes collected from community donations.

For more than 10 years, the group has been collecting used bikes, refurbishing them and then donating them back into the community.

"Our idea started out as only a holiday program so that low-income families could have bikes for their children," said bike program chairman Ron Crawford. "But then we realized that the need for bikes existed all year. We have been fortunate to have John Amling, who has owned bike shops for 20 years, as an important source of technical assistance."

The Rotary Club has collected and redistributed more than 1,600 bikes back into the community and has worked with a number of local nonprofit organizations. These include the village of Arlington Heights, Cross and Crown Church, Viator House, Partners for Our Communities, Our Lady of Angels Church, Mission San Juan Diego, Faith Community Homes, Wheeling Township, and Elk Grove Township.

"We are especially proud of our relationship with Cross and Crown Church, which has provided bikes to dozens of homeless people who have no other means of transportation," Crawford said.

All funds raised will be used to support Rotary projects in the community.

The group is planning its final bike sale from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8, in the Village Bank parking lot, 311 S. Arlington Heights Road, in Arlington Heights.

## Rotary club gifts Zeeland with outdoor hand sanitizing stations

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 3, 2021



Hand sanitizing stations in Zeeland gifted by the city's rotary club in April 2021.

ZEELAND, Mich. (WOOD) ♦ The city of Zeeland has been gifted with outdoor hand sanitizing stations by the rotary club, leaders announced.

The Rotary Club of Zeeland donated two custom designed hand sanitizing stations to show support as the community continues to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The city adds that the stations will be valuable for several years.

The rotary club and Zeeland's Shopping Area Redevelopment Board teamed up to design and find locations for the stations, which can be found along Main Avenue between Elm and Church streets. The city says the stations are portable and can be moved to accommodate for special needs like events.

In addition to the stations, the rotary club provided initial supply of hand sanitizer. The city will continue to main them and supply refills.

♦ It is a privilege when local service organizations, such as Rotary approach the City with partnership ideas. Together we can accomplish so much more. These sanitizing stations will be a great addition to downtown Zeeland and the timing couldn't be more perfect as more and more people are returning to their regular routines and visiting downtown ♦ City Marketing Director Abby deRoo said in a statement.

## Long Beach Rotary Refills Student Pantries At LBCC, CSULB

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 3, 2021



Feeding the Future chairs Leslie Wiberg, left, and Wendy Leggett deliver bags earlier this month.

In mid-April, Long Beach Rotary Club members distributed 1,500 bags filled with food for 4,500 meals to the student food pantries at Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach.

The distribution is part of the club's ongoing Feeding the Future program aimed specifically at food-insecure college students. These Grab & Go bags are in addition to 8,420 pounds of non-perishable food collected last fall.

Drive co-chairs Wendy Leggett and Leslie Wiberg worked with LBCC and CSULB representatives to identify things students need most. That resulted in hygiene items and vegetarian meals becoming part of the bags. ♦A couple of years ago, Rotarians became aware that one in four college students were food-insecure, so we began our ♦Feeding the Future♦ program to help local college students," club president Matt Kinley said in a release. "Covid-19 has since caused the number of students in need to skyrocket."

After the distribution, a note to Long Beach Rotary was forwarded by Cal State's Christina Limon:

♦...as a single mother and student dealing with the sacrifices of attending grad school, this gift of food has been a blessing. ♦

To donate directly, contact [jmendez@lbcc](mailto:jmendez@lbcc) for the LBCC Viking Vault and [Christina.Limon@csulb.edu](mailto:Christina.Limon@csulb.edu) for the CSULB Beach Pantry.

## RI President's May Message

By Joseph Davidson on Saturday, May 1, 2021



**Holger Knaack**

**President 2020-21**

**May 2021**

For years, Susanne and I hosted many Rotary Youth Exchange students in our home. This program was an entry point to Rotary for me, and my heart is truly in it. When Rotary's exchange programs were suspended because of COVID-19 to keep students and families safe, we felt sorry, especially for the participants, because those years cannot be repeated.

Because of the many uncertainties of the pandemic, the Rotary Board has decided to suspend in-person exchanges through June 2022. As we look ahead with hope, we thank Youth Exchange officers, host families, and volunteers for their contributions in years past, and we encourage districts to offer virtual exchanges as a way of connecting students around the world with each other and with our communities.

For those who are not able to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary offers other opportunities. New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) is a Rotary program that deserves wider recognition: It is an excellent opportunity for young people ages 18 to



30 to participate in community service as individuals or in a group and to gain internship experience. Simukai Matshalaga, a Rotaractor from Zimbabwe, stayed with us in Ratzeburg during her NGSE experience three years ago.

*When I applied for the New Generations Service Exchange program, I did not realize that I was signing up for a life-changing experience. This program gave me that opportunity and much more. It taught me about the importance of failing fast, learning quicker, and being myself.*

*Some of my greatest experiences happened at the dinner table. The warmth and kindness of every home I lived in still resonate with me today. It took me weeks to understand how a stranger could care for me as deeply as these members of the Rotary family did. I am inspired by the lessons of humility I learned from all the amazing people I met. I came to understand a new culture and realized that the only things that separate us as people are our experiences and, at times, our false assumptions.*

*Professionally, it gave me confidence in my own abilities as an engineer. Seeing how other organizations handled problems made me aware that the best person to solve the challenges in my country was me. Returning home from northern Germany, I declined a promotion, quit my job, and began building a family business ♦ a decision that previously I would have never made, out of fear.*

*I am indebted to the Rotary family. I am not sure whether the friends, mentors, and families I left behind knew that they changed my life permanently. I hope they now do.*

New Generations Service Exchange changed Simukai ♦'s life. It can change yours, too. All Rotary members can experience something similar at any time: I encourage everyone to take a virtual journey this month and visit meetings of other clubs online. You will see how different Rotary is around the world as you meet great people and make new friends.

Let us build upon these connections forged online ♦ and later, when the time is right, enjoy in-person exchanges through Rotary Friendship Exchange, another excellent program for Rotary members of all ages.

Our ability to meet in person is limited now, but we know that *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, always. Now is the time to get ready, so that when the pandemic is behind us, Rotary ♦'s exchange programs will come back stronger than before, serving a world that is yearning to reconnect.

### *Infinite Possibilities*

Click the logo above if you would like to go back and revisit any of the "Infinite Possibilities" webinars presented during the past year from Zone 33-34, including Series 1: Women In Rotary and Series 2: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

## May 2021

### Lights, Camera, Action!

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Saturday, May 1, 2021

WOW ♦ that is the first word that stands out in my mind when I think about last weekend ♦'s virtual District Conference.

There are no other ways to express this awesome event. If I tried to list all of thank yous that need to be listed, I would miss someone. However, I must give a HUGE thank you to Dianne Cammarata and our entire District conference team. Phil Ciccone and the technology team brought an event that was as close to being in person as possible.

We celebrated our clubs and our members. Congratulations to Doug Bolton, Rotarian of the Year; Pete McDonald, Assistant Governor of the Year; and Dianne Cammarata, who received Rotary ♦'s highest award, Service Above Self. These are just a few of the highlights from conference. Read all about the wonderful awards in the Awards & Honors article.



Jennifer Hendrickson and Mark Willis, both from the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County, performed superbly as this year's district conference emcees.

in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students! ♦

Our District ♦'s Interact and EarlyAct clubs have been active this year, even in the middle of a pandemic. Check out their most recent video here. [Video Link](#).

Lastly, there are four reminders for our clubs:

1. Register for District Assembly ♦ it is FREE, but you must register in DACdb.
2. Please update your 2020-2021 Officers and Directors in DACdb. The District Directory is being prepared and we want your most current information in this Directory. Please contact your assistant Governor if you are not sure how to update your information.
3. Sign up for RYLA.
4. District grant final reports are due May 10.

Have a great month!



DG Tina prepares to present the "Service Above Self Award."

May is here!  
We have a lot going on in the

District, and Clubs are busy with their fundraisers and finishing up their service projects. Everyone is making the push to finish out this Rotary year strong and train the new leaders to do more than we did this year.

Rotary's theme for May is Youth Service Month, Rotary's annual celebration of all the ways in which we support young people to fully explore and develop who they are and what they have to offer this world. Young people are our future and the future of Rotary. Rotary International President Holger says, ♦ Rotary youth exchange ♦ one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month ♦ was my path into true engagement





Phil Ciccone, a member of the the Rotary Club of Towne Lake and the genius director behind all the video and editing for district conference, tries to figure out if this camera is working!?!

## Fun In the Sun District Conference Award Winners and Honors

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021



A crowd favorite of our annual District Conference is the unveiling of the year's award-winning clubs and individual award winners that were standouts for their work across the District and beyond. This year was no exception. In case you missed it, here's a quick recap of our 2020-2021 distinguished award winners, along with their spotlight videos. Congratulations to everyone for your time, commitment, and dedication to Rotary! [Read More](#)

The Rotary International "Service Above Self Award" was presented to Dianne Cammarata!

## Memorial to Our Fellow Rotarians

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021

Each and every member of our Rotary family is cherished, and when our fellow Rotarians pass on, we all grieve. We want to give everyone in the District the opportunity to share in the Memorial Service held at District Conference to honor and remember those we lost this year and celebrate the life of service they lead.

[Watch the Video Here.](#)



PDG Alan Smith led a wonderful prayer and tribute to all D6910 Rotarians that we lost over the course of the last year.

## District Conference Replays

Friday, April 30, 2021



Did you miss a portion of this year's Fun in the Sun District Conference? Or, do you just want to see something again? Some of those award presentations were awesome, weren't they?

Well, no problem! You can still go back and watch the portions or segments that you either missed or want to see again. Simply click the "click here" icon to the left and it will take you to a YouTube page featuring all the different segments. From the "It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere" segment to the "Beach Bash," you can relive it all over

again.

And the most popular video of all is the bloopers segment (click on the image below and it will take you right to the bloopers) and is as funny as can be. If you haven't seen it, you will enjoy it.



## May is Youth Services Month

By Sallie Boyles on Thursday, April 29, 2021

In the Rotary world, May is Youth Services Month, during which time members of Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs ♦celebrate the opportunities Rotary provides to connect, grow through service, develop leadership skills, mentor or be mentored, and have fun,♦ according to Rotary International.

Although activities were limited over the past academic year, District 6910 has added new EarlyAct, Rotaract, and Interact clubs. Also, between 15 to 20 Rotaract and Interact clubs have continued to make an impact by participating in one, two, or three, district-wide challenges: the Fall Food Drive in November, Letters Against Isolation (a letter-writing campaign to seniors) in January through March, and Earth Day Challenge (trash collection and recycling) in March and April.

[Read More](#)



## District Assembly--May 15


By Michael L. Berg on Thursday, April 29, 2021

The annual District Assembly will be virtual this year. The general session will take place on Saturday, May 15th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. All other presentations will be taped for viewing after May 15th. This process will allow Rotarians to view presentations on their own time schedule.

DACdb will be the registration point for the Saturday event. There will be no charge for registration. All other presentations can be viewed on the District 6910 website shortly thereafter. There will be something for everyone interested in many different aspects of District 6910 Rotary. Further learning opportunities can be found by viewing the Rotary Learning Center on the RI website or our own Rotary District 6910 website.

**To register now for District Assembly, click the image below.**






A Virtual Event

# District Assembly

On Zoom May 15



**Rotary**  
District 6910

Main  
**General Session**  
May 15  
9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Zoom

Join PDG Mike Berg  
and his leadership team  
as they plot out a course for  
the new Rotary year.

**WHAT IS IT?**

**TRAINING & EDUCATION** for ALL Rotarians who want to learn and hear new ideas, especially Club leaders, board members and committee chairs who are looking to strengthen their skill set and Rotary knowledge.

**INFORMATION** about retaining and growing membership, improving your club's public image, developing impactful service projects, doing more good through The Rotary Foundation, using DACdb to better manage your club, and more!

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REGISTRATION FEE: None

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**To Register for  
the May 15 event & get  
the Zoom Link visit  
[DACdb.com](http://DACdb.com)**

After the General Session, all other training presentations will be recorded for viewing after May 15. This process will allow Rotarians to view presentations on their own time schedule.

## District Grant Reminders

By Clarence (Pete) McDonald Jr. on Friday, April 23, 2021

Here's just a quick reminder that the deadline for District Grant applications for 2021-2022--DG Mike Berg's year--is May 31, 2021. Also, DG Mike has asked the clubs to consider an environmental grant project.

The Final Reports for 20-21 District Grants are due May 10, 2021.



## C.A.R.T. Update

By Gene H. Windham on Monday, April 19, 2021



The total amount of C.A.R.T. funds raised in this Rotary year, through April 15, has now reached **\$41,880.54**. This represents a big jump from the February 15 report of \$13,997.04. Many thanks to the clubs that got their donations submitted ahead of the April 15 deadline (for citation points)! Top clubs year-to-date are as follows:

Gainesville	\$3,260
The Classic City of Athens	\$2,652
Johns Creek	\$2,582
Gwinnett County	\$2,550
Lanier-Forsyth	\$2,102
Athens	\$2,000

Dawson County	\$1,944
Canton	\$1,355
Covington	\$1,275
Dahlonega Sunrise	\$1,250
Gilmer County	\$1,200

#### THE GOLDEN BUCKET AWARDS

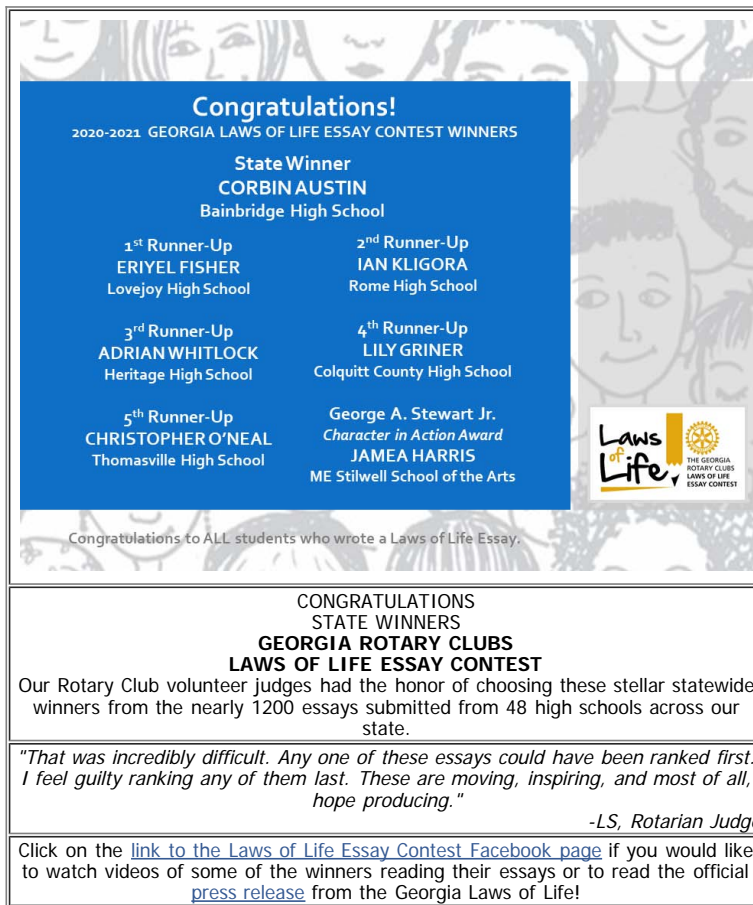
Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Gainesville for winning the Golden Bucket Award for most giving and the Rotary Club of Johns Creek for the highest per capita contributions. This was the second year in a row that Johns Creek has achieved this honor and as a result will get to keep their Golden Bucket permanently. Johns Creek has the two highest per capita giving levels ever in District 6910.

Keep in mind that we are still accepting your contributions, as the Rotary year continues through the end of June. So, we still have a great opportunity to do even better. For more information on C.A.R.T. and on how to submit your club's funds, click on the read more link below.

[Read More](#)

## Laws of Life Final Winners Announced

Monday, April 26, 2021



**Congratulations!**  
2020-2021 GEORGIA LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

**State Winner**  
**CORBIN AUSTIN**  
Bainbridge High School

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up</b> <b>ERIYEL FISHER</b> Lovejoy High School	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up</b> <b>IAN KLIGORA</b> Rome High School
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-Up</b> <b>ADRIAN WHITLOCK</b> Heritage High School	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Runner-Up</b> <b>LILY GRINER</b> Colquitt County High School
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Runner-Up</b> <b>CHRISTOPHER O'NEAL</b> Thomasville High School	<b>George A. Stewart Jr.</b> <i>Character in Action Award</i> <b>JAMEA HARRIS</b> ME Stilwell School of the Arts

Congratulations to ALL students who wrote a Laws of Life Essay.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
STATE WINNERS  
GEORGIA ROTARY CLUBS  
LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST**

Our Rotary Club volunteer judges had the honor of choosing these stellar statewide winners from the nearly 1200 essays submitted from 48 high schools across our state.

*"That was incredibly difficult. Any one of these essays could have been ranked first. I feel guilty ranking any of them last. These are moving, inspiring, and most of all, hope producing."*  
-LS, Rotarian Judge

Click on the [link to the Laws of Life Essay Contest Facebook page](#) if you would like to watch videos of some of the winners reading their essays or to read the official [press release](#) from the Georgia Laws of Life!

## 10Million Meal Challenge Update

By Randy Redner on Thursday, April 29, 2021

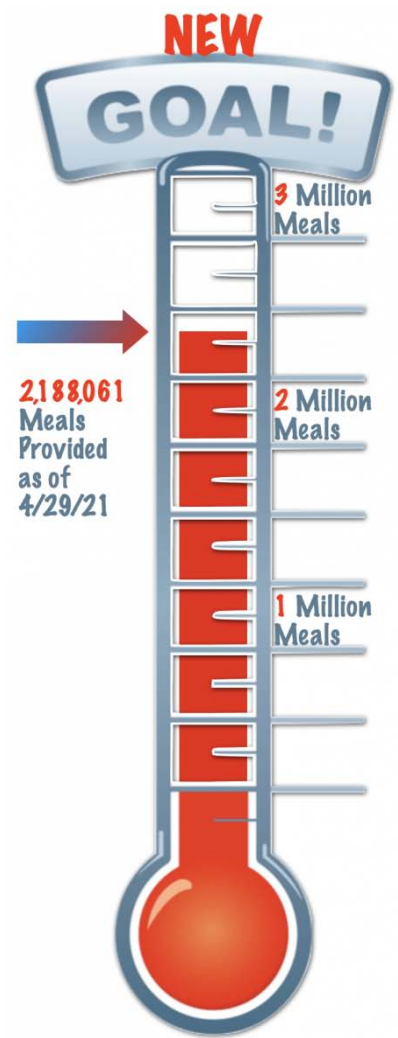
Here is the update on Feed10Million as of April 29

**Feed 10 Million Challenge**

- 2,188,061 meals provided by the Clubs of District 6910
- That is 1,312 TONS OF FOOD
- To date, District 6910 has provided 45% of the meals for the Feed10Million initiative across Rotary Zones 33 and 34--2,000 Rotary Clubs!!
- DG Tina say, "Can we get to 3 million meals?" What the heck--let's give it a try!

Click the [see more](#) link below to find out how your club can help to get District





## D6910 Disaster Relief Team Announces Recent Donations

Tim Ranney and the Disaster Relief Team has been hard at work supporting efforts to identify ways Rotarians in District 6910 can help, not just in our zone, but around the world. In addition to continuing efforts with the Farmers to Families program and providing FREE masks to local communities, the district team recently announced the following outreach initiatives:

2. COVID Relief Efforts In India - D6910 committed \$2,000 in District Designated Funds through a Global Matching grant titled, "Saving Lives through Oxygen." It's focus is COVID-19 Pandemic which has caused a big threat to human lives in India as people in need of oxygen are dying and hospitals are not able to take care of admitted patients. Plans include the development of an oxygen plant (long-term relief) and an oxygen concentrator (immediate relief) to save precious lives.

