

Rotary



Club of Gastonia

Birthdays

Stephen W. Whitesell
August 3rd

Jerry Lamar Kellar Sr.
August 5th

Tony Eugene Pasour
August 8th

Donna L. Elliott
August 9th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Susan Lisle
08-01-1981
39 Years

Ring Stafford
08-01-1992
28 Years

Candace M. Thomas
07-31-2003
17 Years

Clifford Burgess Carver
07-28-2011
9 Years

Andrea Klug Serra
08-01-2013
7 Years

Michael Eugene Linker
07-31-2014
6 Years

Laurel Roe Morris
07-31-2014
6 Years

Joan Carol Martin
07-27-2017
3Years

Club Leaders



Brent Messer
President



Laurel Roe Morris
President - Elect



Patricia Lane Black
Vice President

President's Message - August 6, 2020

Last week our own **Michael Peoples** shared the exciting developments in and around the FUSE district. Much progress has been made and we hope that the completion will coincide with us returning to some normalcy and getting the pandemic and social distancing behind us. Having a hotdog, a cold beer, watching a fun ballgame, with friends in a crowd of people without fear of getting sick or giving sickness sounds really good to me about now.

We were shown renderings of how the facility will look and how it will host a variety of sports, while also being an entertainment venue, as well as being a catalyst for the surrounding area. The possibilities for entertainment, job growth, increase in downtown residents, and general improvement of that area of our city is exciting.

Michael introduced us to **Brandon Bellamy**, president of Velocity Companies, who is the majority owner of the Gastonia franchise of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball. Brandon and Gastonia (baseball team name to be determined) manager, **David Martin** spoke to us about bringing professional baseball back to Gastonia. David intends to make it a fun experience and says there will be a contest to determine the Gastonia franchise name. How about a name from our Rotary Club and local history, the 'Gastonia Spinners?'

We look forward to the continued progress, completion and the first ballgame. Hmmm! I'm thinking Rotary Night at the Ballpark. We can do our thing, and sing in the 7th inning stretch.

This week, **Kim Wheeler** will be giving us an update on how Crisis Assistance Ministries has been managing and helping our community during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Hope to see you in the Zoom box Thursday!

Be safe out there.

YIRS,
Brent

This Week's Program: August 6: Kim Wheeler, CAM

This week, we will hear from **Kim Wheeler**, Executive Director of Gastonia's Crisis Assistance Ministry. Kim will share with us the current state of CAM, the contributions Rotary has made, and how they are addressing the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Join the Zoom meeting beginning at 12:30, with the program starting at 12:45. Topic: The Rotary Club of Gastonia - Club Meeting - Aug. 6, 2020 Time: Aug. 6, 2020 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87542837213?pwd=SHYrRWc2aEFFdINKMEs2Y0ZlVFFsdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 4283 7213

Passcode: 698591





Davidson Robert
Hobson
President -Nominee



Cheryl Black Loggins
Secretary



Richard Lee Farrell
Treasurer



Kay Collins Peninger
Club Director



D. Scott Scarborough
Club Director



Stephen Barrett Driscoll
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Matt Gibbons
Membership Chair



Vincent Cherry
iPast President



Sharon Heinrich
Assistant Governor-
Gaston County

ROTARY RESTROOMS UPDATE - August 6, 2020

Check out our Club's new YouTube channel to see the Restroom Dedication video!



Club History Highlight August 6

Faces from the Past!



Also...Check out President Brent's awesome Club History video on YouTube!



This Week's Birthdays: August 3 - 9

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK!!!

Steve Whitesell: Aug. 3 *Lamar Kellar*: Aug. 5



Tony Pasour: Aug. 8 Donna Elliott: Aug. 9



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Events

August 6th

Zoom Program: TBA

August 13th

ZOOM Program: TBA

August 20th

ZOOM Program: TBA

August 27th

ZOOM Program: TBA