

Rotary



Club of Gastonia

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

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Years of Service

Richard Kennedy Craig
09-15-1988
32 Years

Donna Colvin Lockett
09-17-2009
11 Years

Patricia Lane Black
09-17-2009
11 Years

Dallas Paddon Butler
09-19-2013
7 Years

Roy Lucas Upchurch
09-20-2018
2 Years

Mark Alan Lamphiear
09-20-2018
2 Years

Donald Scott Rhoades
09-20-2018
2 Years

James Harris McConnell
09-20-2018
2 Years

Club Leaders



Brent Messer
President



Laurel Roe Morris
President-Elect



Patricia Lane Black
Vice President



Davidson Robert Hobson
President-Nominee

Cheryl Black Loggins
Secretary

President's Message - September 24, 2020

Dear steadfast members of the Rotary Club of Gastonia,

Last week we were treated to some comfort food, having **Scott Fowler** zoom into our club meeting to share with us the going's on with the new and..... well, new Carolina Panthers. It's always a treat to have Scott speak to us about the Panthers, college football and other sports in our region. Scott shared with us how unusual it is covering the Panthers with all of his player interviews taking place remotely, and how odd it was to be at the season opener with 70,000 empty seats in the stadium. One of the best parts of Scott's visit is the Q & A session. He graciously remained on the Zoom call after the meeting for about 15 minutes answering questions.

Speaking of meeting through Zoom, our numbers have increased some with us having between 40 to 45 members tuning in to our Zoom meetings. Over the last seven weeks we've had 65 members attend at least one zoom meeting. When we resume our in-person meetings at the Conference Center we will continue to offer a Zoom component to the meetings. I look forward with anticipation that North Carolina will move to Phase 3 in October.

These last several months have been a test for our club and its members. So far members have held steadfast in their support of our club and Rotary International, knowing that this is a temporary challenge. It may be more of a marathon than a sprint, but it had a beginning and it will have an end. Our club has survived and thrived for over 100 years, supporting the broader ideals of Rotary and will continue to do so.

Update on Operation Starfish: So far we have collected \$3,675 that members have generously donated through our club's foundation that will be added to our \$7,500 District Grant to provide rental assistance through Crisis Assistance Ministry. It would be awesome to have each member give a least \$100 to this worthy effort to help our community in this time of need. You can make your check out and mail to The Rotary Foundation of Gaston County, P.O. Box 339, Gastonia, NC 28053. Note on the check, Operation Starfish.

Save the Date: Next week Past District Governor, Tom Smith will speak to us about Polio Plus and Rotary's effort to make history. District Governor **Mike Walker** will visit our club via Zoom on **October 8.**

This week we look forward to our always enjoyable new member talks with **Robin Loupus** and **Jon Wilson** sharing their story with the club.

Remember to promote Rotary to any prospective members in your network and invite them to a meeting or two.

Take care and be safe out there,
YIRS,
Brent

This Week's Zoom Program: September 24: New Member Talks

This week will be another club first: New Member Talks via Zoom! **Robin Loupus** and **Jonathan Wilson** will introduce themselves and share their journeys that have brought them to the Rotary Club of Gastonia! Let's be sure to give them a great welcome!

Join the Zoom meeting beginning at 12:30, with the program starting at 12:45.



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



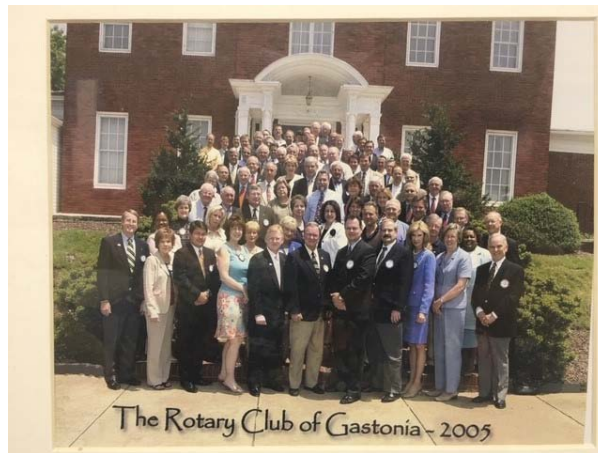
Topic: The Rotary Club of Gastonia - Club Meeting - Sept. 24, 2020
Time: Sept. 24, 2020 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 875 4283 7213
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Club History Highlight: September 24



Rotary Club member photo in front of the City Club. Do you recognize everyone?



Next Week's Zoom Program: October 1: PDG Tom Smith: Polio Plus

Next week, Past District Governor Tom Smith will speak about Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign and the important work that is being done all over the world to eradicate Polio.

Join the Zoom meeting beginning at 12:30, with the program starting at 12:45.



Topic: The Rotary Club of Gastonia - Club Meeting - October 1, 2020
Time: October 1, 2020 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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Events

September 24th

ZOOM Program: NEW MEMBER TALKS: Robin Loupus, Jonathan Wilson

October 1st

ZOOM Program: Past District Governor Tom Smith: Polio Plus

October 8th

Program: District Governor Mike Walker

October 15th

Program: Locke Bell: Bees Are Our Friends