

Rotary



Club of Gastonia

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Kenneth Pruitt III
September 20th

Years of Service

Minor Revere Adams III
09-13-1973
48 Years

Richard Kennedy Craig
09-15-1988
33 Years

Donna Colvin Lockett
09-17-2009
12 Years

Patricia Lane Black
09-17-2009
12 Years

Dallas Paddon Butler
09-19-2013
8 Years

Club Leaders



Laurel Roe Morris
President



Patricia Lane Black
President - Elect



Leslie Gene Davis
Membership Chair
President - Nominee



Davidson Robert Hobson
Vice President



Cheryl Black Loggins
Secretary



Scott Scarborough
Treasurer

President's Message - September 20, 2021

Dear Rotary Friends,

Wow, what a busy time we had last week! We had a great turnout and a fun time at the **Honey Hunters** game on Tuesday, approved two new potential members at our Board meeting, and enjoyed a great program with perennial favorite **Scott Fowler** on Thursday! It was great to have **SIX** guests, (at least two are interested in joining the club!) in attendance, as well as several members who haven't been able to attend for awhile! Welcome back!

On top of this wonderful week, we also got the news this weekend that our two District Grant proposals have been **approved!!** So we can now move forward with the Highland Cultivators and Dictionary projects! Look for more information on how YOU can be involved very soon!

We were sorry that **Todd Breyfogle**, a previous Zoom meeting speaker who was scheduled to visit us in person this week, had to cancel his trip due to work commitments. But in typical Rotary fashion, our members have stepped in to fill the gap, and we will enjoy a session of Membership Moments for our program this week! Come in person or Zoom in to be introduced to new members **Matthew Burton** and **Katie Blackmon**, and be re-introduced to Past President **Greg Dills**! See you Thursday!

Yours in Rotary Service,

President Laurel

This Week's Program: September 23 - Membership Moments!

Join us this Thursday to be introduced to two of our Club's newest members and one who's been here awhile!

Our Membership Moments will include presentations by **Matthew Burton**, **Katie Blackmon**, and **Greg Dills**.



The meeting will begin at 12:40pm and will be offered in-person and by Zoom. If you are attending in-person, join us at noon for the lunch service.

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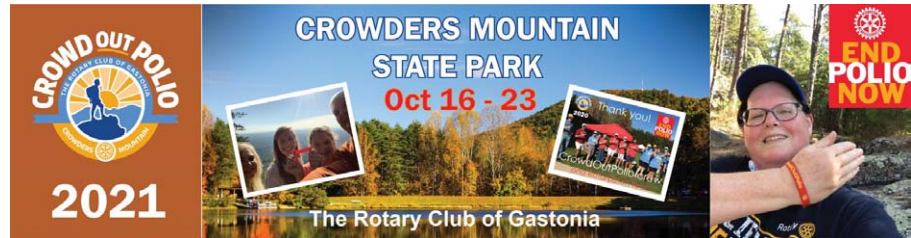
Crowd Out Polio - Check out the new website

Crowd Out Polio Event

<https://www.crowdoutpolio.com/>

Join us for this fun, family-friendly event! All participants are welcome - family, friends, neighbors - everyone can make a difference in helping end polio!

Or become a sponsor for the event!



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CLUB SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Crowd Out Polio event

Second Annual Crowd Out Polio Event

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Be Part of History!
Help in one of the following areas:
Planning, Publicity & Marketing,
Sponsorship Team, Prize Team,
Celebration Event Team.

Your help is needed in several areas! Put our club motto - Service to Change Lives - into action by volunteering for this event and helping secure sponsorships.

Learn more or participate by joining the weekly Crowd Out Polio planning meeting every Monday evening at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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[Crowd Out Polio Sponsorship](#)

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Nicole Burgess has been proposed for membership by Rotarian Steven Long.
Nicole is the CSR Team Leader at GSM Services.
This serves as a 14-day notice. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Malissa Gordon

Malissa Gordon has been proposed for membership by Rotarian Steve Whitesell.
Malissa is Government & Community Affairs Manager for Piedmont Lithium Inc.
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Yours in Rotary Service,

Congratulations to Jason Austell!

Our own Jason Austell won the dance portion of Saturday's "Dancing for Future Stars" fundraiser for the West Gastonia Boys and Girls Club. Jason's partner was professional dancer Tatiana Kazakova.



ROTARY NIGHT AT HONEY HUNTERS GAME!





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HONEY HUNTERS

**Next Week's Program: September 30 - Dr. Jeff Booker,
Superintendent of Gaston County Schools**

Dr. Jeff Booker, Superintendent of Gaston County Schools



As Superintendent of Schools, Booker is responsible for the overall operation of the school system, which includes 56 schools, approximately 29,000 students and more than 3,800 full- and part-time employees. He works directly with the Board of Education to implement Board policies and directives.

A dynamic educational leader with a vision to move Gaston County Schools forward, Booker joined the school system in 2009. As the Deputy Superintendent of Operations, he served in an executive

leadership role and was the senior administrator for business/finance, technology, facilities and maintenance, bus transportation, and school nutrition.

During his time as Superintendent of Schools, Booker has focused on ways to improve student achievement, provide more technology for the classroom, support employees through professional development, increase communication with parents and the community, and enhance school safety. In 2018, the district celebrated its 50th anniversary, and voters approved a \$250 million school bond referendum. Further, he has provided excellent leadership for the district during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Events

September 23rd

Club Meeting: Membership Moments

September 30th

Club Meeting: Dr. Jeff Booker: Gaston County Schools Update

October 7th

Club Meeting: Dmitri Batches: Urban Planning

October 14th

Club Meeting: Jonathan Wilson: Cybersecurity Awareness