

Rotary



Club of Gastonia

Birthdays

Dallas Paddon Butler
January 13th

Jonathan Mark Wilson II
January 13th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Thomas Ray Cloninger
01-10-1991
30 Years

Ronald Alex Pantuso
01-10-2003
18 Years

Steve Huffstetler
01-08-2015
6 Years

Lisa Ann Marisiddaiah
01-08-2015
6 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



Richard Lee Farrell
Treasurer

Kay Collins Peninger
Bulletin Editor

President's Message - January 14, 2021

Dear peace building members of the Rotary Club of Gastonia,

Last week was a somber meeting for multiple reasons with the foremost being our having a meeting without our **Rotary brother Joe Carpenter** who passed away January 2. We also had to go back to an all Zoom meeting format as we react to the spike in Covid cases in Gaston County, and try to do our part to slow down and stop its spread. Our meeting also fell on the heels of one of the darker days in our country where for a time, every object of Rotary was absent in our nation's Capitol.

Rotary and all it stands for is more important than ever right now, as Rotarians attempt to cut across religious, cultural and political boundaries. Even though at the moment we as a club are somewhat limited, we as individual Rotarians can work to apply the 4 Way Test through out our daily lives. Remember to reach across boundaries when you can, building small bridges of peace.

During our program time, we remembered **Joe, with guest Donny Hicks and members Donna Lockett, Laurel Morris and Jesse Caldwell** all sharing stories with us about Joe. Joe exemplified how to apply the ideals of Rotary to one's life. Joe was a good fit for Rotary and Rotary was a good fit for Joe. He was a quiet, good-humored, and solid leader in our community for many years. He will be greatly missed, especially in our club.

I forgot to mention during our meeting, a couple of our members that I would like you to be thinking of. **Clay McLean** who is a funeral director, has to be facing the challenge of his personal career as deaths from Covid have increased along with the increase in deaths normally experienced this time of year. He also has the stress of he and his staff remaining safe while they perform their duties.

Also our member and former representative, **Patrick McHenry** was in DC during the mayhem of last week. I can only imagine the stress endured by all of our lawmakers who were there, as they tried to execute their duty to our country and its citizens.

During announcements, **Marcia Scheideman** spoke to us about the Rotary Leadership Institute going to a virtual format which will reduce the cost to \$35 and will make this all important Rotary educational opportunity more affordable and more accessible.

Ideally all members should take at least the first of three courses, especially new members. Board members should strive to take all three at some point.

Vinnie presented our nominees for new board members, **Tony Pasour, Marcia Scheideman, Omer Shedd and Vice- President, Les Davis**. We did not have our needed quorum of 47 members in order to take a vote, so an email request for a vote was emailed out after the meeting. To date we have had 66 out of 66 vote to accept the slate presented.

This week, Luke Upchurch will speak to us about Rotary District Grants and how this very important mechanism of Rotary works.

I'll also share with you some of the accomplishments that I hope we can make over these next five and a half months.

THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON MEETING THIS WEEK OR DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY. WE WILL MEET REMOTELY BY ZOOM.

To attend with Zoom click the link below:

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

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Thank you for your continued support of Rotary, its ideals and efforts to make a difference in our local and worldwide community, even while facing the challenges of Covid-19. **Invite a guest and share the good work of Rotary and the opportunities it provides.**

Take care and be safe out there,



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

YIRS,
Brent

This Week's Program: January 14, 2021

This week's program:

Club President **Brent Messer** will share his vision for the next five and half months of the Rotary year.

Club Director **Luke Upchurch** will present an overview of the global grants program. Luke is the Gaston College Foundation Executive Director. He is also responsible for providing leadership, coordination, writing, and technical assistance for grant development and management throughout the college.



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This Week's Birthdays: January 11-January 17, 2021

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WHAT DO THESE HAVE IN COMMON?



Next Week's Program: January 21, 2021

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Dr. G. Ward Adcock III MD, MHA will provide an update on the COVID-19 vaccine.



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