

# Rotary



# Club of Gastonia

## Birthdays

Steven D. Long  
July 21st  
Thomas Kemp Hooper  
July 22nd  
James Harris McConnell  
July 22nd  
Ernest Warren Sumner  
July 23rd  
Charles F. Tillett Jr.  
July 24th  
Robert Voorhees Sytz Sr.  
July 25th  
Linda Wagner Slade  
July 26th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Robert Harold Collis  
July 23rd  
Darrell C. Current  
July 26th

## Years of Service

Vincent Cherry  
07-18-2013  
8 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

## President's Message - July 23, 2020

Last week I shared some of my vision for the club for this year and how our club has opportunities this year despite being in the middle of a Global Pandemic. Most of us have faced challenges and weathered storms over the years. We have faced the challenges and have found ways to survive and sometimes even thrive despite the adversity.

That is my primary goal for this year. That we will continue to function as the leading Rotary Club in our County and be one of the leading clubs in our district. Our response to the challenge that we face together has already caused us to adapt in ways that can have lasting positive impact. Zoom will forever be a part of our language and meetings even after we are able to meet in person again.

The goals and vision that I shared included:

- A Fund Drive for Crisis Assistance Ministries, helping them to provide rent assistance for individuals and families helping to keep them in their homes.
- The Dedication of our Centennial restroom project when circumstances allow.
- A 911 First Responders Luncheon with Gastonia East Rotary partners.
- The Great Rotary Chili Cookoff of Gastonia, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, again partnering with Gastonia East.
- A Polio Plus Crowder's Mountain Climb that could become our club's signature Polio Plus event.
- Operation Christmas.
- The creation of a club fundraiser based on an awards banquet model, that would honor someone in our community who has had an impact that is far reaching, with our own Pebble Award.
- A continued emphasis on membership, with a focus on engagement, Rotary education and the care of our members with the creation of a Rotary Care Team.
- An examination of our club's financial model that risks disruption due to our club not being able to meet in person and share meals.

Any events and projects that we plan and participate in this year will have a question mark or an asterisk. As Rotarians we will face the uncertainty created by Covid-19 and will do our best to take the opportunities that we do have to support our members, improve our club, help our community and advance the ideals of Rotary.

During the next meeting I will give you a Gastonia Rotary Club Tour around town on a hot Summer Day. Bring your sunscreen and a bottle of water.

YIRS,

Brent

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## This Week's Program: July 23

### Traveling Through Our Club's History

This week, our new President, **Brent Messer**, will take us on a virtual trip around the city to explore our Club's 100-year history. Come share some memories of the places we will visit by computer! PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING TIME!! The Zoom meeting will be open beginning at 12:30, and the program starts at 12:45. Please join us and invite a prospective member to hear all about our Club!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87542837213?pwd=SHYrRWc2aEFFdINKMEs2Y0ZlVFFsz09>

Meeting ID: 875 4283 7213

Passcode: 698591



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



## This Week's Birthdays: July 20 - 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK!!!

**Steve Long:** July 21 **Kemp Hooper:** July 22 **Jamie McConnell:** July 22



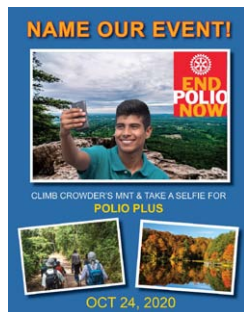
**Ernest Sumner:** July 23 **Charles Tillett:** July 24 **Bob Sytz:** July 25



**Linda Slade:** July 26

## Help us Name our Polio Plus Crowder's Mountain Event!

Ideas needed! Please submit potential event names to **Cheryl Rhoades!**



## Next Week's Program: July 30: Michael Peoples: FUSE update

Next week, club member and Gastonia City Manager *Michael Peoples* will give us a progress update on the FUSE project. With a major announcement expected early next week, his presentation will be very timely. Invite a friend to join the Zoom meeting beginning at 12:30, with the program starting at 12:45.



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### Stay Connected!

Make sure you follow The Rotary Club of Gastonia on our Website and Facebook!

Website: <http://www.rotaryclubofgastonia.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheRotaryClubOfGastonia>

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### Events

July 23rd

**ZOOM Program: Rotary/Club History**

July 30th

**Zoom Program: Michael Peoples: FUSE Update**

August 6th

**Zoom Program: TBA**

August 13th

**ZOOM Program: TBA**

August 20th

**ZOOM Program: TBA**