

# Rotary



# Club of Gastonia

## Birthdays

Lisa Ann Marisiddaiah  
August 12th

John Douglas Bridgeman  
August 13th

Donald Scott Rhoades  
August 15th

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Years of Service

Jerry Lamar Kellar Sr.  
08-03-1972  
48 Years

Robert Harold Collis  
08-07-1997  
23 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  
Club Director

D. Scott Scarborough  
Club Director

## President's Message - August 6, 2020

Last week *Kim Wheeler* with Crisis Assistance Ministry of Christians and Jews of Greater Gastonia, (CAM) gave us an update on how CAM is coping and serving the residents of Gastonia who have been hard hit by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Kim shared that thanks in part to our Rotary Club's Drive Thru & Drop Off food drive in partnership with Redeemer Lutheran Church, CAM was able to keep their shelves stocked at a critical time. CAM now is primarily focused on providing utility and rent assistance, working to keep families and individuals in their homes. Kim informed us how CAM has a vetting process in distributing such funds so that they are truly providing a bridge that will prevent a family's spiral into homelessness.

Our club will be using this year's District Grant request along with a Fund Drive that will utilize the powerful resources of the members of our club to help provide funds to CAM, that will enable them to continue to offer rent assistance to residents of Gastonia who are in need due to the Covid - 19 crisis.

What are our resources? More powerful than any monetary contributions that we may give as individual members, are the connections that we have with other businesses and individuals who may be led to help with the effort. Be thinking of who you may approach, asking them for their help in helping our community. This effort will start toward the end of this month.

This week's meeting will be a new Zoom experience for some of us. Instead of a program this week, we will split up those attending into small groups so that you can reconnect face to face (sort of) with your fellow members. Our plan is to have a Board Member in each of the small groups along with some topics for discussion.

Hope to see you Thursday, and bring a guest. It's easier than ever with zoom!

Be safe out there!

YIRS,  
Brent

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## This Week's Program: August 13: CLUB CONNECTION

Join us via Zoom this week for a new **CLUB CONNECTION** experience! We will break into small groups for better face-to-face (or face-to-voice) interaction. Let's catch up with each other and discuss what's going on in the Club and in our world!

Topic: The Rotary Club of Gastonia - Club Meeting - Aug. 13, 2020  
Time: Aug. 13, 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

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## This Week's Birthdays: August 10 - 16

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK!!!

*Lisa Marisiddaiah*: Aug. 12 *John Bridgeman*: Aug. 13 *Don Rhoades*: Aug. 15



Stephen Barrett Driscoll  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Matt Gibbons  
Membership Chair



Vincent Cherry  
iPast President



Sharon Heinrich  
Assistant Governor-  
Gaston County





## CLUB SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Adopt-A-Highway

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP DAY  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020  
Meet at the Rotary Community Garden, Franklin Blvd.  
9:00 am ◆ 10:00 am



## DISTRICT ZOOM CELEBRATION



**Rotary**   **ROTARY  
CONNECTS  
THE WORLD**

**Rotary District 7680**  
ZOOM - Virtual Celebration  
*Recognizing 2019 – 2020 Recipients:*  
Distinguished Rotarians  
Rotary Citation Clubs  
Governor's & Markanda Trophy Awards  
District Service Awards  
**Saturday, August 22, 2020, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
Join your fellow Rotarians and Friends  
Registration is Now Open and Free

Let's join in honoring our Distinguished Rotarian, *JIM MACOMSON*, and other honorees from across the District!



The registration information was sent out in a PMail from Past District Governor *Beth Trotter*, is on the District calendar in DACdb, or use this link to register:  
<https://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77496212&NoCaptcha>

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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

August 13th [ZOOM Program: TBA](#)

August 20th [ZOOM Program: TBA](#)

August 27th [ZOOM Program: TBA](#)