

Rotary



Club of Gastonia

Birthdays

Martin Clay McLean
August 17th

Charles Calloway Elliott
August 17th

Sharon Jenkins Padgett
August 20th

Wedding Anniversaries

Mark T. Skillestad
August 20th

Laurel Roe Morris
August 22nd

Ralph S. Robinson Jr.
August 22nd

Joan Carol Martin
August 23rd

Years of Service

Ralph S. Robinson Jr.
08-16-1962
58 Years

Harry Graham Petrey
08-13-1981
39 Years

Howard Fred Caldwell Jr.
08-15-1986
34 Years

Robert W. Buckles
08-15-1996
24 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 - August 20, 2020

Dear awesome members of The Rotary Club of Gastonia,

Last week the program didn't go quite the way that I intended. I had planned to use the Breakout Room feature of Zoom to get some feedback from members regarding meeting in person and other matters regarding the club. Due to technical difficulties, (i.e. me not clicking the right button before the meeting started) we were not able to have that particular zoom experience. After an audible was called we were able to have some heartfelt discussion and get some good feedback.

Here are some takeaways from the discussion.

- We all crave meeting in person again. We really do miss the physical presence of each other.
- Attendance is much lower with remote/zoom meetings.
- Meet in person but only if it is done safely following the guidelines and spirit of the rules.
- Have outside meetings to increase safety.
- Even after we start in-person meetings, continue streaming the meeting through Zoom.
- Continue having good speakers and programs.
- Share information regarding the District and Rotary International.
- Focus more on community needs, such as effects of lost income, child care, teacher support and children.
- Reach out to older members and the widows and widowers of former members.
- Increase and improve communication.

We will meet again in-person and we will do it in safe and responsible way. In the meantime reach out to members that you have not seen at the Zoom meetings. Think way back, before you even heard of Covid -19, social distancing, wore facemasks and think of your Rotary buddies around the lunch table. Give them a call and check on them. I'm sure that many of you are doing that.

We will be starting an initiative soon to help families stay in their homes. Be thinking of other individuals and business connections that you have that may want to help. The goal is to not just raise much needed funds from Rotarians, but through Rotarians.

This week we will have *John Searby* with the Catawba River Keepers.

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

Be safe out there!

YIRS,
Brent

This Week's Program: August 20: John Searby, Catawba River Keepers

This week, we will hear from the Executive Director of the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation, *John Searby*, who will tell us all about their efforts to preserve and protect our major waterway, as well as to educate people of all ages about the importance of the river ecology to our lives. Sure to be a great program, be sure to invite a guest!

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

Topic: The Rotary Club of Gastonia - Club Meeting - Aug. 20, 2020

Time: Aug. 20, 2020 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87542837213?pwd=SHYrRWc2aEFFdINKMEs2YOZlVFFsdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 4283 7213

Passcode: 698591



Kay Collins Peninger
Club Director



Richard Lee Farrell
Treasurer



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: August 17 - 23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK!!!

Clay McLean: Aug. 17 Chuck Elliott: Aug. 17 Sharon Padgett: Aug. 20



Next Week's Program: August 27: Cathy Hart, Gaston Co. Parks & Recreation

Next week, we will hear from *Cathy Hart*, Director of Parks and Recreation for Gaston County Government. Cathy will update us on updated park facilities, the status of our favorite events, and how the Pandemic has affected community use of our parks.

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



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Events

August 20th

ZOOM Program: John Searby, Catawba River Keepers

August 27th

ZOOM Program: Cathy Hart, Gaston Co. Parks & Rec

September 3rd

ZOOM Program: Donna Lockett, GC3

September 10th

First Responder Luncheon