

# Rotary



# Club of Gastonia

## Birthdays

Andrea Klug Serra  
August 27th

Dorothy Wray Lodge  
August 27th

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Years of Service

Kenneth Pruitt III  
08-20-2009  
11 Years

Charles Calloway Elliott  
08-20-2015  
5 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 27, 2020

Dear socially distanced members of the Rotary Club of Gastonia,

Last week *John Searby* with the Catawba River Keepers informed us about this important organization and the efforts that it is making in preserving the health of the Catawba River system. We learned that the Catawba River has the distinction of having the title of "The Hardest Working River in the U.S." It has provided and continues to provide electricity for our growing region, generated from eleven hydro-electric dams, two nuclear power plants and coal operated plants.

The Catawba River Keepers are working to improve the water quality of the system and continue the quest for re-establishing 'wild' sections of the river that will further grow recreational development. They are excited about relocating their center of operations to McAdenville and being closer to the river that they serve.

You can find out more about the Catawba River Keepers and the good work that they do by going to their website at [www.catawbariverkeeper.org](http://www.catawbariverkeeper.org), where you can also join their efforts by becoming a member.

We learned of the passing of *Charlie Smith* who was a member of our club from 2004 to 2017. Before joining our club Charlie had been a member of the Rotary Club of San Juan in Puerto Rico. Part of his Rotary service included acting as a translator during our clean water project in Honduras.

This week we will have as our speaker *Cathy Hart*, Director of Gaston County Park & Recreation, who will share with us how the Covid-19 has affected her department and its mission, serving our community.

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 27: Cathy Hart, Gaston Co. Parks & Recreation

Our speaker this week is *Cathy Hart*, the Director of Gaston County's Parks & Recreation Department. Cathy has been employed with Gaston County since 1988, serving in a variety of roles in Parks and Recreation and as Director for the past 15 years. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Recreation Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Cathy has been married to her husband Ron for 26 years. She enjoys spending time with her two dogs, hiking, working in her yard, and traveling. She serves on the Gaston County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Gaston County Healthcare Commission, Gaston County Student Health Advisory Council, and the Gaston-Lincoln MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Cathy is a member of City Church in Gastonia.

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=SHYrRWc2aEFFdINKMEs2Y0ZlVFFsdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 4283 7213  
Passcode: 698591



Stephen Barrett Driscoll  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Matt Gibbons  
Membership Chair



Vincent Cherry  
iPast President



Sharon Heinrich  
Assistant Governor-  
Gaston County



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## This Week's Birthdays: August 24-30

*Andrea Serra: Aug. 27 Dot Lodge: Aug. 27*



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## Next Week's Program: September 3: Rev. Dr. Rodney Freeman and Travis Brittain, GC3

Next week, we will hear from *Rev. Dr. Rodney Freeman* and *Gastonia Police Assistant Chief Travis Brittain* about the Gaston Clergy & Citizens Coalition (GC3) and their Law Enforcement Covenant which was signed by local clergy and law enforcement representatives in March 2016. Hear the backstory of this covenant and how it has not only promoted bridge building within our community but has also led to personal friendships among our clergy and law enforcement officers.

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

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## Events

August 27th [ZOOM Program: Cathy Hart, Gaston Co. Parks & Rec](#)

September 3rd [ZOOM Program: Donna Lockett, GC3](#)

September 10th [First Responder Luncheon](#)

September 17th [ZOOM Program: Scott Fowler, Annual Panthers Update](#)