

# Rotary



## Club of Gastonia

### Birthdays

Marc Thomas Stout  
September 12th  
Ronald Edward Worley  
September 14th  
Robert R. King  
September 14th  
Edward Munn  
September 15th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Thomas Jason Austell  
September 10th  
Robert W. Buckles  
September 10th

### Years of Service

Frederick S. Cloninger  
09-02-1965  
55 Years

### Club Leaders



Vincent Cherry  
President



Brent Messer  
President-Elect



Davidson Robert Hobson  
Club Programs Chair  
Vice President



Laurel Roe Morris  
Bulletin Editor  
President-Nominee



Richard Lee Farrell  
Treasurer



Cheryl Black Loggins  
Secretary



Patricia Lane Black  
Club Director

D. Scott Scarborough

## President's Message - September 12, 2019

Last week **Will MacDonald** gave us a peek into how he became a career newspaper writer and why he loves it so much. From interesting people and their stories to huge events that happen in our region, Will has covered it all. He says that the reason he has stuck around our area for the better part of three decades is the tremendous sense of community that Gaston County provides. Will loves that, just like we all do and Rotary is a huge part of this community!

**Scott Fowler** brings us an update on Charlotte area sports this week, specifically the Carolina Panthers. Be sure to bring him all your Panthers thoughts and questions for this season. Mine will be, "How do you get a delay of game penalty coming out of a timeout?"

Great news! Our club has committed to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program in Gastonia. We're adopting Franklin Blvd. between Tony's Ice Cream and the United Way office. This stretch of road could use a little tidying up so our first work day is going to be Saturday October 19th from 10am-12pm. We'll even have a celebratory cookout at the Rotary Community Garden afterward for those who help with the project. Please RSVP to me if you, your family or friends of the club can make it out and help. It's going to be a lot of fun!

See you Thursday,  
Vinnie

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## This Week's Program: September 12: Scott Fowler's Panther Predictions

This week, Charlotte Observer columnist and author **Scott Fowler** will give us his projection of the Carolina Panthers' upcoming season. Always a popular program, bring your favorite sports fan to hear Scott's thoughts on our hometown favorites and their fortunes this season! Scott Fowler has written for The Charlotte Observer since 1994 and recently celebrated his 25th anniversary at the newspaper. Scott has also written eight books and was the host of the popular true crime podcast "Carruth," which was honored as Sports Illustrated's "Podcast of the Year" in 2018. Scott and his wife Elise have four children and live in Denver, NC. His oldest two children are now in college -- one at UNC and one at Appalachian State.





Club Director



Matt Gibbons  
Membership Chair



Stephen Barrett Driscoll  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Cheryl Jean Rhoades  
iPast President



Sharon Heinrich  
Assistant Governor-  
Gaston County

## SAVE THE DATE!! Chili Cookoff



## Coming Next Week: September 19: Michael Peoples, Part Deux

Coming next week, Gastonia City Manager *Michael Peoples* will return to finish his update on our City.

Michael Peoples has over 18 years of experience in local government management and has served the City of Gastonia as Director of Enterprise Services and Assistant City Manager of Operations since January 2015. Michael previously served as Town Manager for the Town of Cramerton from 2005 to 2015 and as Town Administrator in Grifton, NC from 2000 to 2005. Michael graduated from Western Carolina University in 1998 with a B.S. in History and a B.S. in Political Science and then from Appalachian State University in 2000 with a Masters Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Town, City, and County Management. Michael has also completed the UNC School of Government's Municipal Administration Course, Effective Management Course, the Public Executive Leadership Academy, and the ICMA Gettysburg Leadership Institute.

Michael is from the Iredell/Alexander County area and is married to Jamie, who serves as Principal at Mount Holly Middle School, and they have two children, Bryson and Tucker. They are members of First Baptist Church Cramerton. Michael enjoys coaching youth athletics, playing golf, watching sports, listening to music of all genres, traveling throughout the United States, and spending time with family and friends.



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## Events

September 19th **Program: Michael Peoples**

September 26th **Program: Janet LaBar**

October 3rd **Program: Dr. Ray Hodgson**