

Rotary



Club of Gastonia

Birthdays

Ronald Edward Worley
September 14th

Robert R. King
September 14th

Edward Munn
September 15th

Greg Dills
September 18th

Wedding Anniversaries

Kenneth Pruitt III
September 20th

Years of Service

Minor Revere Adams III
09-13-1973
47 Years

Jace Franklin Stowe
09-12-2013
7 Years

Gavin Dawson
09-10-2019
1 Year

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

President's Message - September 17, 2020

Dear caring members of the Rotary Club of Gastonia,

Last week instead of our 'regular' zoom club meeting members from our club joined with members from *The Gastonia East Rotary Club* to honor and say 'Thank you!' to the First Responders of Gaston County. Men and women of our local law enforcement, our fire fighters and EMTs were shown some love by having a BBQ lunch provided to them.

Thank you to the 26 members from our club who participated and to the members of Gastonia East who also volunteered and coordinated this annual event. The **400 meals** that were provided were very much appreciated. It was fantastic to see Rotarians in-person, enjoying each others company, while participating in such a worthwhile event.

A special shout out to *Joe Carpenter* who joined the BBQ fun by zooming into the event. It was great to see Joe and to see that the technology will work when we go to hybrid in-person/zoom meetings.

Also last week cards went out to our membership asking you to contribute financially to our *Operation Starfish*, which will help to keep families affected economically by the pandemic by providing rent assistance through Crisis Assistance Ministry. If you can't find the card, you can make your check out and send to: *The Rotary Foundation of Gaston County, PO Box 339, Gastonia, NC 28053*. Any contribution that you can give, can help make the difference in a family's life, one at a time.

We will be using our approved *District Grant of \$7,500 toward this much needed cause*. Thank you to all of our members who gave to the *Rotary Foundation* three years ago and to members who gave last year that helped us achieve the \$100 per member giving grant requirement. Don't forget to contribute through your Paul Harris Giving Group and/or make someone a Paul Harris Fellow by contributing \$1,000 to the Foundation in their name.

Kudos to *Les Davis, Don Rhoades and Barbara Voorhees* who joined Community Garden Board director *Rod Smallwood* to put the first coat of paint on the new building at the Rotary Community Garden. Also a big thank you to *Greg Dills* for installing the electrical and lighting on and in the new building along with a nice added touch of a ceiling fan.

Rotary International has been stressing in their marketing that Rotarians are "*People of Action*." That is so true! Rotarians see a need and come together to find a way to help, even when facing adversity like a Global Pandemic and a climate of social and political stress. We lean into the wind together and keep moving forward, trying to make a positive difference in our community, nation and world.

This week will will have *Scott Fowler* back to give us his view of the 'all new' Carolina Panthers and what he thinks we can expect from a NFL season like no other. *This is a perfect 'opportunity' to invite a guest to a meeting. Simply send them the zoom link. It's that easy!*

Take care and be safe out there,
YIRS,
Brent

This Week's Zoom Program: September 17: Scott Fowler: Annual Panthers Update

This week, one of our Club's favorites, *Scott Fowler*, will return with his annual Panthers Update! There have been so many changes on the roster and in the management team this year, that there are sure to be many questions answered! Zoom on in and invite a friend to hear Scott's annual predictions and prognostications! GO PANTHERS!

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



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



Topic: The Rotary Club of Gastonia - Club Meeting - Sept. 17, 2020
Time: Sept. 17, 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

This Week's Birthdays: September 14-20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK!!!

Robert King: Sept. 14 Ronnie Worley: Sept. 14



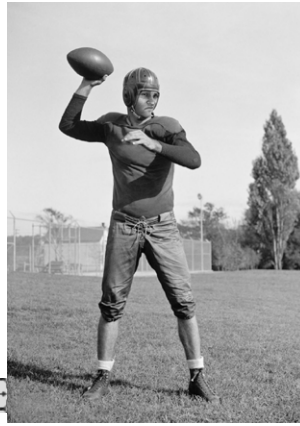
Ed Munn: Sept. 15 Greg Dills: Sept. 18



Club History Highlight: September 14



Here's our Rotary Club 96 years ago... And the kind of football they would have watched!



Rotary Community Garden Shed Update

New Garden Shed Painting Day

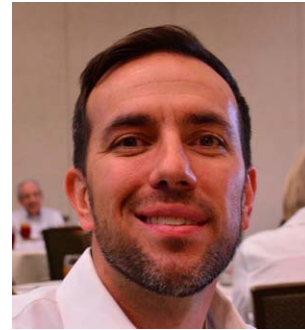
Thanks to *Barbara Voorhees, Les Davis, Don Rhoades, and Rod Smallwood* for putting the first coat of paint on our new Garden Shed! Want to help with the second coat?? Contact Les!



Next Week's Zoom Program: September 24: New Member Talks

Next week will be another club first: New Member Talks via Zoom! *Robin Loupus* and *Jonathan Wilson* will introduce themselves and share their journeys that have brought them to the Rotary Club of Gastonia! Let's be sure to give them a great welcome!

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



Topic: The Rotary Club of Gastonia - Club Meeting - Sept. 24, 2020
Time: Sept. 24, 2020 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Events

September 17th

ZOOM Program: Scott Fowler, Annual Panthers Update

September 24th

ZOOM Program: NEW MEMBER TALKS: Robin Loupus, Jonathan Wilson

October 1st

ZOOM Program: Past District Governor Tom Smith: Polio Plus

October 8th

Program: District Governor Mike Walker