

Rotary



Club of Gastonia

Birthdays

William Barry Smith
September 29th

Martha Adams Burris
September 29th

Matt Gibbons
October 1st

Carl J. Stewart Jr.
October 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Luke Lucas Upchurch
09-20-2018
3 Years

James Harris McConnell
09-20-2018
3 Years

Mark Alan Lamphiear
09-20-2018
3 Years

Club Leaders



Laurel Roe Morris
President



Patricia Lane Black
President - Elect



Leslie Gene Davis
Membership Chair
President - Nominee



Davidson Robert
Hobson
Vice President



Cheryl Black Loggins
Secretary



Scott Scarborough
Treasurer

President's Message - September 30, 2021

Dear Rotary Friends,

Well, we promised a surprise last week, and once again, our own Club members delivered an outstanding program! Thanks so much to new members **Matthew Burton** and **Pam Overcash**, and Past President **Greg Dills** for informing and delighting us with your introductions. They were very enjoyable and I love having the chance to get to know my fellow Club members a little more deeply.

This week, another perennial favorite, Dr. Jeff Booker, will share with us his annual "State of the Schools" message. So much is going on with this school year that I know he will have lots to say and that we will have many questions! Bring a friend and see you Thursday!

Yours in Rotary Service,

President Laurel

This Week's Program: September 30 - Dr. Jeff Booker, Superintendent of Gaston County Schools

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Kay Collins Peninger
Bulletin Editor
Secretary-Elect



Stephen Barrett Driscoll
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Robin McDonald Loupus
Club Director



Brent Messer
iPast President



Sharon Heinrich
Assistant Governor-
Gaston County

As Superintendent of Schools, Booker is responsible for the overall operation of the school system, which includes 56 schools, approximately 29,000 students and more than 3,800 full- and part-time employees. He works directly with the Board of Education to implement Board policies and directives.

A dynamic educational leader with a vision to move Gaston County Schools forward, Booker joined the school system in 2009. As the Deputy Superintendent of Operations, he served in an executive leadership role and was the senior administrator for business/finance, technology, facilities and maintenance, bus transportation, and school nutrition.

During his time as Superintendent of Schools, Booker has focused on ways to improve student achievement, provide more technology for the classroom, support employees through professional development, increase communication with parents and the community, and enhance school safety. In 2018, the district celebrated its 50th anniversary, and voters approved a \$250 million school bond referendum. Further, he has provided excellent leadership for the district during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting will begin at 12:40pm and will be offered in-person and by Zoom. If you are attending in-person, join us at noon for the lunch service.

The Zoom link will open at 12:15pm and you can join the meeting here:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81084873919?pwd=MWhQMmNTRlhzeG9LUkITaXIGempMQT09)

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Meeting ID: 810 8487 3919
Passcode: 333806

This Week's Birthdays: September 27-October 3, 2021

Happy Rotary Birthday, Dear Friends!

Barry Smith-Sept 29 Martha Burris-Sept 29



Matt Gibbons-Oct 1 Carl Stewart, Jr.-Oct 2



PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS - Nicole Burgess and Malissa Gordon

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Nicole Burgess

Nicole Burgess has been proposed for membership by Rotarian Steven Long.
Nicole is the CSR Team Leader at GSM Services.
This serves as a 14-day notice. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Malissa Gordon

Malissa Gordon has been proposed for membership by Rotarian Steve Whitesell.
Malissa is Government & Community Affairs Manager for Piedmont Lithium Inc.
This serves as a 14-day notice. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

**Yours in Rotary Service,
Cheryl Black Loggins
Secretary
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RLI Training Opportunities



Register for ONLINE RLI

YOU SPOKE AND WE LISTENED. With the COVID numbers being what they are district activities including RLI are being offered online rather than in-person at least until the rest of 2021. The following events are currently on the calendar and available for registration.

RLI—Part 1, 2 and Part 3—District 7750
VIRTUAL
October 9, 2021

RLI—Part 1, 2, and 3 —District 7670
VIRTUAL
November 13, 2021

All sessions will have a team of facilitators to ensure the smooth delivery of the program. Register at the RLI website (www.rli33.org) for these events. Register at www.rli33.org. Contact Marcia Scheideman (mscheideman.ms@gmail.com) RLI District Chair 7680.

Next Week's Program: October 7 - Demetri Baches and Urban Planning



Demetri Baches, city planner, urban designer, code writer and lecturer, has dedicated thirty years to the study of successful communities and the implementation of elements that make them so into the plans and ordinances of towns and cities around the world. His professional career has been at the forefront of the revolution in urban design and development that has brought about today's renaissance in how communities of all sizes approach planning, and build places of enduring value.

Demetri has participated alongside the world's top planners, architects, and developers on projects ranging from the 2000 National Home Builder's & Urban Land Institute's Millennium Show Home project for three Live-work units in downtown Atlanta, GA, to the master plan for Malaysia's new Administrative Capitol City of Putrajaya. These and the many other projects he has been involved in throughout his career have provided Demetri the skills and tools necessary to show municipalities and developers how to recognize and unlock the untapped potential of their neighborhoods, downtowns and land holdings; a journey of learning that began with his first job as planner for the City of Belmont, NC in 1992.

Since then Demetri has worked in over 150 communities in the US and abroad, first as a director of the internationally renowned planning and architecture firm of DPZ & Company in Miami, FL, then as Founding Partner of DPZ Pacific based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and currently as Owner of Metrocology based in Savannah, GA. Demetri continues to help select communities and developers revise ordinances and master plan projects large and small to support resilient growth and value adding practices. His work has been recognized with numerous awards from the American Planning Association, the Congress for New Urbanism and the Urban Land Institute.

The meeting will begin at 12:40pm and will be offered in-person and by Zoom. If you are attending in-person, join us at noon for the lunch service.

The Zoom link will open at 12:15pm and you can join the meeting here:

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CLUB SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Crowd Out Polio event

Second Annual Crowd Out Polio Event

We'd really love for this effort to be successful and its a great way to meet people so please review and add your name to one of the committees and help us brainstorm potential sponsors!



Your help is needed in several areas! Put our club motto - Service to Change Lives - into action by volunteering for this event and helping secure sponsorships.

Learn more or participate by joining the weekly Crowd Out Polio planning meeting every Monday evening at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87334575663?pwd=Wit5a01pNEIFL1FIT0NxckhXUhc2Zz09>

Help us secure partners for the event by entering your ideas for where we can either solicit groups/teams to participate that members have connections with, and/or local companies you think would be great to reach out for sponsorship or publicity opportunities!

[Crowd Out Polio Sponsorship](#)

Please use this Google Sheet to learn about the event committees and to sign up to volunteer.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BdpcMAefFHFarG4OVDpcXHv7hYe9y2bstn9DyhpPZ9O/edit?usp=sharing>

You have been invited to be a part of our club's effort to help Rotary International make history by eradicating Polio.

Last year was the first year of the event.

Money was raised by having people register on the Crowd Out Polio website to walk, hike, or climb any trail in Crowders Mountain State Park.

Participants are asked to take a selfie on their trail showing the C.O.P. bracelet that they received with their registration and post it to our Facebook page and then become eligible to win a prize.

We also will raise funds by asking for sponsorships and the sale of hats and t-shirts.

Participants are asked to take their 'walk, hike, or climb' during the week prior to the celebration event that takes place on the closest Saturday to Oct 24 which is Rotary International's Polio Plus day.

This year that Saturday will be October 23 with the 'walk-hike-climb' portion taking place starting Saturday, October 16 and ending on October 23.

Right now we need to find leaders and members for sub-committees for the following areas

- Overall Planning
- Publicity & Marketing
- Traveling Speakers to get the word out to other clubs.
- Sponsorship Team
- Prize Team
- Celebration Team

Think about the tools in your tool box and how you could best help with this fun and fulfilling effort.

You can go to a Google Sheet that has been created to obtain more information about the sub-committees and to sign up.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BdpcMAefFHFarG4OVDPCXHv7hYe9y2bstn9DyhpPZ9O/edit?usp=sharing>

I hope that you can also join us Monday. A zoom meeting has been scheduled for each Monday at 7:30pm using the same zoom link (below) until no longer needed.

Topic: Crowd Out Polio -2021
Time: 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Every week on Mon, until Oct 25, 2021, 11 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87334575663?pwd=Wit5a01pNEIFL1FIT0NxcckhXUHc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 873 3457 5663

Passcode: 269308

One tap mobile

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Crowd Out Polio - Check out the new website

Crowd Out Polio Event

<https://www.crowdoutpolio.com/>

Join us for this fun, family-friendly event! All participants are welcome - family, friends, neighbors - everyone can make a difference in helping end polio!

Or become a sponsor for the event!



<https://www.crowdoutpolio.com/>

September 30th

Club Meeting: Dr. Jeff Booker: Gaston County Schools Update

October 7th

Club Meeting: Demetri Baches: Urban Planning

October 14th

Club Meeting: Jonathan Wilson: Cybersecurity Awareness

October 21st

Club Meeting: TBA