

Rotary



Club of Gastonia

Birthdays

Cathy Grace Young
October 21st

Patrick Timothy McHenry
October 22nd

Robert Harold Collis
October 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

Charles Calloway Elliott
October 19th

D. Scott Scarborough
October 20th

Years of Service

Thomas Jason Austell
10-12-2011
9 Years

Club Leaders



Brent Messer
President



Laurel Roe Morris
President - Elect



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Vice President



Davidson Robert Hobson
President - Nominee



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Secretary



Richard Lee Farrell
Treasurer



Kay Collins Peninger
Club Director

D. Scott Scarborough
Club Director

President's Message - October 22, 2020

Dear Hybrid Members of the Rotary Club of Gastonia,

Last week our very own **Locke Bell** gave us some buzz about bees. Locke, a long time bee keeper, shared some interesting insights about bees, most notably how the female bees really rule the roost or hive in the case of bees. The female bees as it turns out, do pretty much all the work, from creating the queen, caring for the queen and collecting the honey to feed the hive.

According to Locke, the male bees or drones, after doing their one job of mating with the queen just lay around the house watching the female worker bees buzz about, making sure the hive functions. Life is good for the drone until the day of reckoning when the female or worker bees decide in late summer that the food supply is getting short and they really don't need the drones, so they start killing them and throwing their bodies out the front door. As a guy I think I'm a little more motivated to help out around the house now.

Locke pointed out that honey bees, which make delicious honey and are integral to our food supply chain, are highly susceptible to being harmed or killed by pesticides used by farmers and homeowners. We should be very judicious in using such poisonous chemicals. If you are ever interested in starting a hive or your own, I'm sure Locke would guide you to the right resources.

This week we will be venturing into new territory by having a hybrid meeting as we resume our in-person meetings, while also zooming the in-person meetings to our Zoom participants. This will be uncharted territory for us as we continue to learn how to navigate in our new reality. We will be taking as many safety precautions as we can, but do realize you take a calculated risk when gathering in any group.

Omer Shedd will be our speaker, discussing a Global Grant initiative that he has been working on for a hospital in Pignon, Haiti. Omer has a passion for Haiti and will explain the importance of the project. This will be our first Global Grant project since our water project in Honduras.

Seating will be limited to 50 people at the Conference Center with 45 spots for members and 5 spots reserved for the speaker and guests. Go to the link below to register in advance.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1C29DcbTxMvR9rizejJ2-W_1YcN1Jqz8mQxvBEaGa1K8/edit?usp=sharing

Crowd Out Polio: Our PolioPlus event has started and is going on now during a beautiful week of weather. Go online to register for the event at www.CrowdOutPolio.com. After your online payment a receipt will automatically be emailed to you. A CrowdOutPolio logo will be sent to you in a separate email and a CrowdOutPolio bracelet will be mailed or delivered to you. Either or both can be worn on your journey, walking, hiking or climbing the trails of Crowders Mountain State Park sometime during this week of October 17 to 24.

Take a selfie with the logo and/or bracelet and post it to our Facebook page contest for a chance to win a 1/10 oz gold coin and other prizes. A celebration hot dog lunch will be held at the Boulders Access area on World Polio Day, October 24 from noon to 4:00. Even if you don't register in advance you can come out that day, register in-person and join in the fun, while helping to eradicate Polio. If you don't want to be a sponsor or register for the event you can go to endpolio.org/donate to make a donation directly to PolioPlus

Operation Starfish update: To date we have received **\$8,500**. That puts us past our goal of at least matching our District Grant of \$7,500. We will present a check to Crisis Assistance Ministry for Rent Assistance the first of November, so there is still time for you to make a donation to help our community in its time of need. **You can make your check out and mail it to The Rotary Foundation of Gaston County, P.O. Box 339, Gastonia, NC 28053. Note on the check, Operation Starfish.**

Highway Clean-up: Past-president Vinnie, Harry Petrey, Kathryn Styers, and Doug Reid met at the Rotary Community Garden this past Saturday to clean up the stretch of Franklin Blvd., between Tony's Ice Cream and Broad St. The highway clean-up is something that our club does on the third Saturday every other month.



Stephen Barrett Driscoll
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Matt Gibbons
Membership Chair



Vincent Cherry
iPast President



Sharon Heinrich
Assistant Governor-
Gaston County

Resuming in-person meetings: On October 22 we will resume in-person meetings at the Conference Center with a limited capacity of 45 members with 5 additional spots for our speaker and guests. You will need to sign up in advance. A link to a Google sign up sheet will be emailed to you. Masks and social distancing will be required. We will stream the in-person meetings via Zoom for members who cannot or do not want to attend in-person. Things will continue to be different as we continue our journey through the end of 2020.

Next week: To be determined

Thank you for your continued support of Rotary, its ideals and efforts to make a difference in our local and worldwide community, even while facing the challenges of Covid-19. ***Invite a guest and share the good work of Rotary and the opportunities it provides.***

Take care and be safe out there,
YIRS,
Brent

This Week's Program: October 22: Omer Shedd and Haiti hospital project

This week's program: Our speaker this week is our own ***Dr. Omer Shedd*** who will present on a Global Grant initiative to help provide a critical piece of equipment for a hospital in Pignon, Haiti. Omer has a passion for Haiti and has developed many connections with other Rotarians in this Caribbean country that faces many challenges.

Invite a guest and share the good work of Rotary and the opportunities it provides.

***This week's program will be offered in person and by Zoom.
Join the Zoom meeting beginning at 12:30, with the program starting at 12:45.***



**Topic: The Rotary Club of Gastonia - Club Meeting - October 22, 2020
Time: October 22, 2020 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Register for the in-person meeting here:

<https://docs.google.com/>

spreadsheets/d/1C29DcbTxMvR9rizejJ2-W_1YcN1Jqz8mQxvBEaGa1K8/edit?usp=sharing

Join Zoom Meeting here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87542837213?pwd=SHYrRWc2aEFFdINKMEs2Y0ZlVFFsdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 4283 7213
Passcode: 698591

Club History Highlight: October 22, 2020

At our program today, ***Dr. Omer Shedd*** will discuss our current Global Grant initiative. The photo

below was taken in 2009 and is from our last Global Grant. The project brought clean water to the Chorti indigenous people of Honduras and led to a Habitat for Humanity initiative to provide safe housing. The photo on the left is of a Chorti family and Rotary members **Don Warren** and **Tim Grooms**. The second photo shows a Chorti man at a water station.



This Week's Birthdays: October 12-October 18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FRIENDS!

Cathy Young - Oct. 21 Patrick McHenry - Oct. 22 Robert Collis - Oct. 25



Next Week's Program: October 29: To Be Announced

Next week's program: The original program was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. Your program committee is hard at work on the October 29 program.

Stay tuned!

Invite a guest and share the good work of Rotary and the opportunities it provides.

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

Topic: The Rotary Club of Gastonia - Club Meeting - October 29, 2020
Time: October 29, 2020 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87542837213?pwd=SHYrRWc2aEFFdINKMEs2Y0ZlVFFsdz09>

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CrowdOutPolio Event: October 17-24, 2020



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Join your Rotary family at our club's inaugural *CrowdOutPolio* event at Crowders Mountain State Park starting October 17 with walking, hiking or climbing while social distancing and ending in a celebration October 24 from noon until 4:00pm at the Boulders Access Area. Go to CrowdOutPolio.com to register to climb, hike or walk October 17-24.

Join us for a hot dog lunch on October 24 from noon to 4:00pm. RSVP to info@CrowdOutPolio.com

CLUB SERVICE THANK YOU: Rotary Highway Clean-Up Workday

THANK YOU to members *Harry Petrey, Vinnie Cherry, Kathryn Styers, and Doug Reid* for their great work during the Highway Clean-up Workday held on Saturday, October 17.



Events

October 22nd

[What's happening in Pignon, Haiti](#)

October 29th

[TBA](#)

November 5th

[Local Club Day](#)

November 12th

[Domtar, North America's largest paper company](#)