



Birthdays

Worth McLendel
Helms III
December 2nd
Alice F. Ragan
December 3rd
James Houston Barnes
Jr.
December 5th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

No Years Of Service
Found

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
-  **Kay Collins Peninger**
Bulletin Editor
Secretary-Elect
-  **Stephen Barrett Driscoll**
Rotary Foundation Chair
-  **Robin McDonald Leopus**
Club Director
-  **Brent Messer**
iPast President
-  **Sharon Heinrich**
Assistant Governor-Gastonia County

President's Message - November 29, 2021

Dear Rotary Friends,

Just three meetings left until our Rotary Year is half over!! Where did the time go?

This week's meeting is very important and will have an unusual format. Due to a medical issue, our planned speaker, Bill Shillito, will have to reschedule his talk. Instead, we will have another of the popular Membership Moments series. We will have our speakers, Scott Attaway and Harry Petrey, make their presentations first at 12:40. Then our club business, including our ANNUAL MEETING, will begin about 12:55. I promise, no By-laws to vote on this time, but we do need to have our official election of new officers and directors, as well as our annual financial report. Please make every effort to attend in person or by Zoom.

On December 16, we will have our club's annual Holiday Celebration / social gathering. As in recent years, we will be at the Conference Center but will begin at 12 with appetizers and libations. **Ann Tippitt, James Smith**, and the rest of the Social Committee have worked with the Conference Center staff to plan a great meal, holiday music, and fun activities, including door prizes! You are welcome to bring spouses, significant others, or guests for \$25 each. Rotary members who have not prepaid for meals will be charged \$15.

Please be ready to sign up this week or next so we have an accurate count for the meals. Happy Holidays!

See you Thursday to learn more about our fellow Club members!

Yours in Rotary Service,

President Laurel

This Week's Program: December 2: Part I - Membership Moments

Membership Moments

This meeting will be another special program where members - new and experienced - tell us about themselves and we get to know them!



Scott Attaway Harry Petrey

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/81084873919?pwd=MWhQMmNTRlhzeG9LUkITaXIGempMQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 8487 3919

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This Week's Program: December 2 - Part II - Annual Meeting

This week's program will feature Membership Moments and our Annual Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING

At our Annual Meeting, President Laurel will present an update and the business of the club, including the elections of officers and directors, along with a financial report by Scott Scarborough, our Treasurer.

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CLUB SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Salvation Army Bell Ringers needed

Salvation Army Bell Ringers needed for December 11 and December 15!

It is time again for us to help the homeless by ringing with the Salvation Army red kettle campaign. Last year, we were the top fundraiser, so here is your chance to be part of a much-needed event that directly benefits our local community.



Our dates to ring are Saturday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 15, both at Sam's Club. There are five time-slots available each day in two hour shifts: 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM.

This is a popular event so contact Les Davis soon (704-618-0612); ldavis260@gmail.com to get your preferred time.






Holiday Celebration December 16

Be sure to sign up this week or next and mark your calendar for December 16!



You're Invited...



The Rotary Club of Gastonia's
Annual Holiday Celebration
Thursday, December 16, 2021
12:00 – 1:30 pm

Active members: Included in dues; R-85 members: \$15.00; Guests of Rotarians: \$25.00

Next Week's Program: December 9 - Steve Eaton and State of Gaston County Health

Steve Eaton, Public Health Director for the Gaston County Health Department of Health & Human Services on the State of Gaston County Health



Steve Eaton is Public Health Director for the Gaston County Department of Health & Human Services. Steve is from Hickory, NC and holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from East Carolina University, a graduate certificate in Public Health Leadership from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and certificate in Non-Profit Management from Duke University. He joined the former Gaston County Health Department in 2011 as Assistant Health Director. Earlier in his career, Steve was the executive director for two North Carolina Smart Start Agencies and for the Early Head Start Program in Alexander County. He has experience in public health policy, population health outcomes, and community engagement. He serves on the UNCC School of Public Health Advisory Board, the Lenoir Rhyne University Master of Public Health Advisory Board, the Gaston County School Health Advisory Council, and as the regional chairman for the NC Association of Local Health Directors.

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.

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ANNOUNCING SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF GASTONIA, 2022-2023:

Vice-President: Luke Upchurch
Treasurer: Robin Loupus
Assistant Treasurer: Scott Scarborough
Secretary: Kay Peninger
Assistant Secretary: Patrick Larkin

Directors, Class of 2023:
Gus Anthony
Joan Martin
Donald Parrott

Events

December 2nd
Club Meeting: Bill Shillito C.A.R.T.
December 9th
Club Meeting: Dr. Steve Eaton: State of Gaston County Health
December 16th
Club Holiday Social