

# Rotary



## Gastonia East

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### Gastonia East Rotary Member Bulletin

By Monte M. Monteleone on Tuesday, September 19, 2023

### Join Us for Lunch Mondays at the Gastonia Conference Center



Some of the nearly 500 first responders who attended our First Responders' Luncheon

### Upcoming Programs

**September 25, 2023:** Bit of Hope Ranch and pinning ceremony.

Board members and staff will be sharing the story of Bit of Hope Ranch. The story started 17+ years ago when the ranch opened its doors to serve the hurting and wounded in Gaston County. The mission of Bit of Hope Ranch is to Reach, Rescue and Restore hurting children, families and horses through offering nature-based and complete equine assisted therapy, wellness and educational programs.



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### Member Spotlight: Brad Best

**October 2, 2023: Board Meeting-11:00** District Governor Visit.

**October 9, 2023:** Program TBD

### Member Spotlight: Simon Roe

**October 16, 2023:** Victory Farms- Dory Pell

### Member Spotlight: Tony Marder

## Boys and Girls Club Dinner

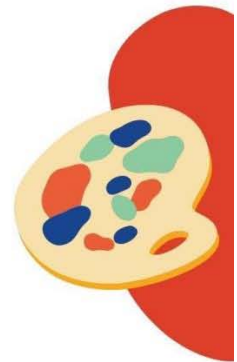
We will be serving dinner to the Boys and Girls Club on Tuesday October 10th at 3:30. If you would like to help please use the link below to sign up. If you would like to help provide needed food items but aren't available to help that day, those items can be brought to the meeting on the 9th.

[Gastonia East Boys and Girls Club 2023-2024 - Google Sheets](#)

## Creating Hope with Art



# CREATING HOPE *with* ART



GRAND PRIZE	2ND PRIZE	3RD PRIZE	4TH PRIZE
\$2,500*	\$1,500*	\$1,000*	\$500*

- ☀ Rotary Art Competition open to High School Students (Grades 9-12) in the following NC Counties served by Rotary D7680: Mecklenburg, Union, Stanly, Anson, Richmond, Cabarrus, Gaston, Cleveland, Rowan, Iredell, Alleghany, Wilkes, Alex, and Ashe Counties.
- ✳ Create an **original 2-dimensional artwork** with the theme 'Creating Hope with Art' using any media **except** digital, electronic or photography
- ☀ Online digital submission deadline is October 31 along with a required 60-word or less description of how your art demonstrates creating hope in the world
- ✳ Finalists will be chosen by a panel of art professionals and announced on **November 9**
- ☀ Original artwork from finalists must be collected by Rotary leaders by **November 15**
- ✳ Finalists and parents will be invited to the Rotary Foundation Banquet on November 18

**For complete competition details, visit: [rotary7680.org](http://rotary7680.org)**

\*An additional \$500 will be awarded to the art department of each winners' schools.

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## Member Birthdays



[Craig Robert Collins](#)  
September 25th



[John A. Pilkington](#)  
September 26th



[David McDonald](#)  
September 26th



[Kathy M. Gallman](#)  
September 30th

## Member Anniversaries



[Karl L. McKinnon](#)  
15 Years