

Rotary



Club of Gilmer County

Club Meeting

Rotary Club of Gilmer County meets on the Second and Fourth Mondays at Harrison Hall 180 Dalton Street Ellijay, GA 30540 Time: Noon

Events

September 9th
Gilmer County Club Meeting

September 23rd
Gilmer County Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Pending-Gilmer Kiwanis Club

October 14th
Gilmer County Club Meeting - District Governor Visit

Speaker: District Governor - Bobby Hildreth

Subject: District Governor Visit

October 24th
World Polio Day

October 28th
Gilmer County Club Meeting

Club Leaders



Jason C Payne
President



Marvin Chance
Secretary
Laws of Life Contest Chair



Jerry D Johnson
Past President
Club Executive Secretary
Vice President



Charles Pults
Treasurer



Scott C. Chastain
Membership Chair
Past President



Barry A Lee
GRSP Chair
Past President

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Meeting Agenda - Monday, September 9, 2024, Noon

Call to Order and Welcome	President Jason C Payne
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	Club
Lunch	
Introduction of Guests and Visiting Rotarians	Secretary Marvin Chance
Announcements and Business	
Sergeant-At-Arms	Brian Ridley
Program	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
Dismissal	The Four Way Test

Gilmer Food Pantry Featured



Allen Triebel, Director of the Gilmer Community Food Pantry, spoke at our August 26 meeting. He has been with the Pantry for 14 years, doing everything from loading to buying. Active in Gilmer County since moving here in 2005, Allen also volunteered at Bread-n-Bowl Ministries as a CASA and a mentor for high school and elementary students. The Gilmer Community Food Pantry is a 100% volunteer organization dedicated to helping feed the hungry in Gilmer County. The Food Pantry began in 2001, when the need was recognized by a few good people who were willing to give of their time and energy to help others. Now we have over 65 volunteers. Many dedicated volunteers work every week to pick up food from several locations, bag USDA food, margarine, eggs and other food and coordinate the next week's distribution day.

Allen shared with Rotarians the desperate need for the continued generosity, help and support of all individuals, businesses and churches who can donate food or money to our cause. The need for the Pantry to continue to feed the hungry in our county is going to continue. There are many individuals and families with children that depend on the food they receive from the pantry to help them get through each month.

For more information check out their website at gilmerfoodpantry.org. Or contact them by email at gilmerfoodpantry@etcm.com or on their Facebook page at facebook.com/GilmerCommunityFoodPantry/.



Penelope Oldfield Marshall
Rotary Foundation Chair
Training Officer



Robin E Massaro
Club Service Chair
Family of Rotary



Hal Brian Ridley
Sergeant-at-Arms



Alexander Thomerson
Club Admin Chair



Jared Arrant
Community Service Chair
Past President



Karla Roper
iPast President

Birthdays

Gabriel R Harrison
September 11th

Jared Arrant
September 17th

Scott C. Chastain
September 22nd

Hal Brian Ridley
September 25th

Mary E Priest
October 15th

John B Foust
October 24th

Paul Nealey
October 31st

Wedding Anniversaries

Scott C. Chastain
September 11th

Nathaniel Andrew Ashurst
October 21st

Together to the Finish Line: How Rotarians Can Pioneer the Final Push to Eradicate Polio

By Bill Strickland



It only takes two drops to prevent one of the most devastating diseases in the world: wild poliovirus.

This disease primarily affects children, and we are incredibly close to eradicating it globally. Unlike previous efforts, we are now dealing with new cases that are confined to a very limited geographic area.

Our progress is due in large part to the dedicated work of Past Rotary International President Jennifer Jones and other Rotary leaders. PRIP Jennifer has traveled to Pakistan to work with courageous women who go door-to-door daily, vaccinating children and building vital trust within their communities. These women, many of whom are mothers themselves, have unique access to homes that men do not, due to cultural norms in the Muslim world. Their efforts in Pakistan and Afghanistan are critical to our mission and deserving of our deepest gratitude.

We aim to declare polio eradicated by December 2026, marking only the second time in history that a human virus has been completely eradicated. This would be a monumental achievement!

As we approach the finish line, your support remains essential. Clubs that contribute \$1,500 to the End Polio campaign will receive special recognition from Rotary International. Consider organizing an event or celebration for World Polio Day on October 23. Ideas include hosting a "Pints for Polio" event at a local bar or collaborating with a restaurant to donate a percentage of sales to the cause.

Together, we can make history. Let's end polio once and for all!

For more information, please contact Bill Strickland, D6910 Polio Plus Chair, at westrickland3@gmail.com.

Let's End Polio!

