

Birthdays

Phillip Bryson Welch Jr.
February 17th
Daniel Alexander Poole
February 19th
Rick Arcia
February 22nd

Wedding Anniversaries

Les Davis
February 18th
Howard Fred Caldwell Jr.
February 23rd

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Club Leaders



Luke Upchurch
President



Sharon Jenkins Padgett
President -Elect
Club Service Chair



Patrick Larkin
Secretary



Pamela Peacock
Overcash
Secretary-Elect



Robin McDonald Loupus
Club Director
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Assistant Treasurer



Scott Thomas Attaway
Club Director



Charles Calloway Elliott
Club Director

Sharon Heinrich

This Week's Program - February 20th: Dale Melton - Covenant Village Update

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This Week, Dale Melton, the Chief Executive Officer of Covenant Village, will give us an update about the organization.



COVENANT
VILLAGE

Where Life Is Filled With Promise

The meeting begins at 12:40pm and is 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.

You can join the meeting here:

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This Week's Birthdays: February 17 - February 23



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Alex Poole - February 19
Rick Arcia - February 22*



Public Relations/Image Chair



Nancy Anne Kuney
Club Director
Membership Chair



Andrew Charles Pierce
President - Nominee
Bulletin Editor



Daniel Alexander Poole
Club Director



James Copeland Smith
Club Director



Phillip Bryson Welch Jr.
Club Director



Laura Fellows
Sergeant-at-Arms



Karen Walker
Rotary Foundation Chair



Steven D. Long
Club Learning Facilitator



Donald Benton Parrott
Club Director



Les Davis
iPast President



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This Week's Years of Service Anniversaries: February 17 - February 23

Rotary  Thank you for your Rotary Service!

No Member Anniversaries This Week!

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Next Week's Program - February 27th: Michael Applegate - Tourism and Parks Update

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Next Week, Michael Applegate from Gaston County Tourism and Development and Gaston County Parks & Recreation will give us an update on both organizations, and the profound impact they have on Gaston County and the region.



GASTON COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA



GASTON COUNTY
Parks & Recreation

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Proposed New Members

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Ashley Whitesell, DMV
Sponsor – Stephen Whitesell

Ashley is a graduate of the Veterinary School of North Carolina State University. She is currently an owner and provider at Dickson Animal Clinic on South New Hope Road in Gastonia. She enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter. Additionally, she enjoys reading, exercise, new indoor experiences and travel. Ashley is interested in joining Rotary of Gastonia to help provide services to the community.

Jennifer McVickers
Sponsor – Luke Upchurch

Jennifer graduated in 2003 from the inaugural class of Highland School of Technology. She went straight into the workforce where she found her passion in caring for the seniors in our community. Currently, she is working at Senior TLC as an Intake Case Manager involved in marketing and intake for Gaston and Lincoln counties. She enjoys crafting and thrift shopping in her free time. Jennifer wishes to join Rotary of Gastonia to become more involved with the community and to join a group of like-minded people.

Sabre Ibrahim
Sponsor – Sharon Padgett

Sabre is a graduate of Southeastern Massachusetts University. Prior to moving to Gastonia she worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the Department of Transitional Assistance from 1986 to 2021. Currently she is the Executive Administrative Assistant at Gaston County Family YMCA. In her free time she enjoys shopping, decorating my home, baking, entertaining and spending time at the beach. Sabre wishes to join Rotary of Gastonia to have the chance to work on meaningful service projects, connect with like-minded individuals and continue learning and growing. I'm hardworking, community focused, and enjoy collaborating with others to achieve shared goals.

Proposed Alternate Members - Covenant Village Corporate Membership

Michelle Gibbons
Corporate Member – Matt Gibbons, Covenant Village Chief Operating Officer

Michelle graduated from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and a minor in Psychology with a concentration in Family Development. Currently she is the Assistant Director of Marketing and Admissions at Covenant Village. She enjoys spending time with her family and attending church. Additionally she likes spending time outdoors walking local trails and being on the water on the family boat. Michelle wishes to attend Rotary of Gastonia for friendship, fellowship, personal growth and the opportunity to help others.

Wanda Flowers
Corporate Member – Matt Gibbons, Covenant Village Chief Operating Officer

Wanda has an AAS in Health & Fitness from Gaston College, a Bachelor of Arts in Exercise Science from Concordia University and a Master of Science in Sports Management Administration from Liberty University. Currently, she is the Director of ARISE Wellness at Covenant Village. She enjoys all types of cycling, hiking and vegetable and flower gardening. Wanda wishes to attend Rotary of Gastonia to help in the community and get to know its leaders. Wanda notes - I have heard wonderful things about this organization for years, and I'm excited to have the opportunity to be a part of it. I believe I can offer my expertise as well as learn from the other wonderful members.

Service Project Opportunity - Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry

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The Service Projects Committee is happy to announce a wonderful new service project opportunity! A few years ago, our club had the pleasure of inviting Dr. Rodney B. Freeman to talk about the amazing work that he and his congregation, along with an army of community volunteers, do through the Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry. Anyone in need of a meal can stop by each Thursday, no ID required. Dr. Freeman has built an incredible ministry that serves so many people in Gaston County in need. The Rotary Club of Gastonia is committed to volunteering the fourth Thursday of every other month through the spring to support Dr. Freeman's mission. The dates are:

February 27th
March 27th
April 24th
May 22nd

All volunteers arrive around 7:30 a.m. After a prayer, Dr. Freeman's team will assign volunteer positions. They usually finish around 10:30. a.m. The project takes place at Dr. Freeman's church, Mt. Zion Restoration Church. For parking, it is best to park in the lot at the front of the church, located at:

2310 Crescent Lane
Gastonia, NC 28052

Contact Information: 704-864-8616 or bbfoodpantry@yahoo.com

2025 Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL) Scholarship and Volunteer Information

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To Sign up to Volunteer: Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders will once again be held at **Gardner-Webb University, July 17-20, 2025, (Volunteers arrive on July 16)**. We need a few Volunteers to help with Communications, and Recruiting beforehand, but mostly to be **onsite Mentors**. Mentors need to be energetic (able to keep up with teenagers), enthusiastic, leaders by example, committed to the program and open to the new realities our youth encounter. As a Mentor, you will impact the lives of your Students. Please complete the **2025 SFTL Volunteer Application** at <https://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/App/?ID=166>.

For Interested Students: Send the the flyer below, and send them the link: <https://rotary7680.org/sftl>

Rotary District 7680

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SUMMER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Unlock your potential this summer with the ROTARY 7680 leadership program!

OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

- ✓ For Rising Juniors and Seniors in High School
- ✓ July 17-20, 2025
- ✓ Gardner Webb University
- ✓ Designed by Center for Creative Leadership

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