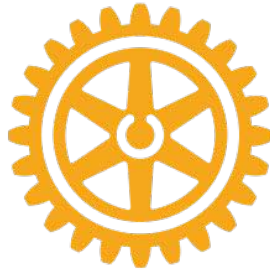


# Rotary



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## Birthdays

Joan Carol Martin  
May 15th

Jesse B. Caldwell III  
May 18th

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

## Club Leaders



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Kathryn Ellen Styers  
Club Director



Luke Lucas Upchurch  
President - Nominee

## President's Message - May 18 2023

Dear Rotary Friends,

Hello to my fellow Rotary Members!

Our Spring Social this year will be a BBQ dinner to be held on Saturday, May 27th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Schiele Museum. Come and bring your families or invite a friend to Rotary. We will be able to visit the Farm and walk through the halls of the museum to see animals that have walked the Earth in years past or now. Let us know you are coming by email/text/call- [wpblack@icloud.com](mailto:wpblack@icloud.com) or 704-678-5839. We will need to know how many will be coming with you. There is no charge for Rotary Members, \$15.00 for a guest, and \$5.00 for children.

I want to thank Roxann Jimison and Angela Bradshaw for bringing information about Dream Center Academy to us. This Academy is for students as early as rising 6th graders who score high academically but are also at risk. The Academy's mission is to empower students to own their education by developing the academic and social skills necessary to succeed in school and beyond. Roxann let us know we can help by "Sponsoring a Scholar" or providing job shadowing or internship opportunities. If you would like more information about either, please visit their website- [Dream Center Academy](http://DreamCenterAcademy.com).

I look forward to seeing each of you on Thursday. Our speaker will be State Treasurer of North Carolina, Dale Fowell.

Yours in Rotary Service,

President Patti

## This Week's Program: May 18 - State of the State Treasury

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**Dale Folwell**



Dale R. Folwell, CPA was elected for his first term as State Treasurer of North Carolina in 2016. He was reelected in 2020 and is currently serving his second term. As the keeper of the public purse, Treasurer Folwell is responsible for the more than \$111 billion state pension fund that provides retirement benefits for more than 950,000 teachers, law enforcement officers and other public workers. Under Folwell's leadership, the pension plan was rated among the top five highest-funded in the country and won accolades for proactive management, efficiency and funding discipline. In 2021, the state's coveted AAA bond rating was reaffirmed by every major rating agency, making North Carolina one of only 13 states in the country to hold that distinction. Treasurer Folwell also oversees



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Rotary Foundation  
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Laurel Roe Morris  
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Club Trainer



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Assistant Governor-  
Gaston County

the State Health Plan, which provides medical and pharmaceutical benefits to more than 750,000 current and retired public employees and is the largest purchaser of health care in North Carolina.

Folwell was first elected to public office as a member of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education. He brought his problem-solving skills to the North Carolina General Assembly in 2004, where he served four terms in the House of Representatives, including one term as Speaker Pro Tempore. In 2013, Folwell was named Assistant Secretary of Commerce and led a successful effort to pay off \$2.7 billion in federal unemployment debt and build a \$1 billion surplus in just 30 months. Treasurer Folwell began his career as a blue collar worker and became a Certified Public Accountant and investment advisor after attending Winston-Salem State University and earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in accounting from UNC-Greensboro. Married for over 30 years, he and his wife Synthia have three children and live in Winston-Salem.

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:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81084873919?pwd=MWhQMmNTRIhzeG9LUkITaXIGempMQT09>**

**Meeting ID: 810 8487 3919**

**Passcode: 333806**

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## This Week's Birthdays: May 15 - 21



*Joan Martin-May 15 Jesse Caldwell-May 18*



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## PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS - Crystal Walls, Laura Fellow, Sandi McCarter

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*Crystal Walls, Laura Fellow, Sandi McCarter*

#### Crystal Walls

My name is Crystal Walls. I am married and have 3 children. My husband is landscaping business in Cherryville, NC. My daughter is a Paralegal and Relator. She lives and works in Belmont. I have 2 boys that are both juniors in college; one attends Appalachian State and the other Wingate University. I have been working in Health Care for 20 plus years. I have worked in the clinical aspect as well as administrative and have enjoyed both. I am currently Executive Director of a non-profit organization called HealthNet Gaston. We are a collaborative care network that provides healthcare to uninsured patients of Gaston County that have Chronic Health Conditions. We are also the lead agency for the Continuum of Care which supports the homeless population and underserved communities in 3

counties. I enjoy my work and am a huge advocate for helping others in need.

Sponsor: Mark Skillestad

**Laura Fellows**

I was a chiropractor in the Lake Norman area for over 20 years. While I am still licensed, I no longer practice chiropract. Five years ago, I transitioned to taking care of clients from a financial standpoint, rather than a physical one. I am also a new empty-nester, so I find I have more time on my hands to pursue "extra curricular" activities.

Sponsor: Laurel Morris

**Sandi McCarter**

I am a native Charlottean currently living in Belmont and working in Gastonia. I managed a manufacturing business for over 25 years with my father, which was one of the best experiences to date. I am excited to have a second career with an excellent firm, Edward Jones, where I serve our community as a Financial Advisor. I am married to my husband, Michael, who is a native Gastonian and we have a daughter and a son. We are excited to add a son-in-law this summer to the family. Our family loves to travel and experience new things together.

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**This serves as a 14-day notice.**

**Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.**

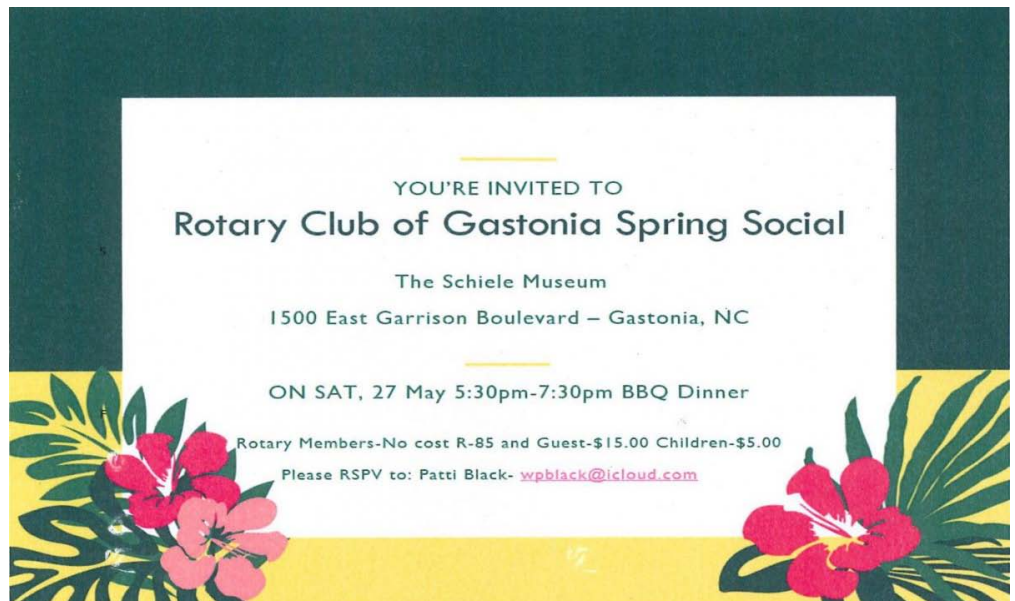
**Yours in Rotary Service,  
Kay Peninger, Secretary**

**kay@habitatgaston.org  
704-968-6174**

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**Next Week's Program: May 25 Club Anniversary Celebration -  
NO PROGRAM**

**No Program Next Week**



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**ROTARY 101**



**New to Rotary or want to know more – This is for you!**

You are part of a group whose impact reaches around the world through local community service by

our 1.4 million members in 200+ countries.

Join us for "Rotary 101" a virtual tour of Rotary and Rotarians that will inspire you to engage even more in the Rotary community. District 7680 has implemented a brand-new initiative specifically for new members. It is a 45-minute virtual event held monthly to help engage new members and encourage them to become involved in their club and district activities.

Wednesday August 24 was the kickoff for ROTARY 101, an online program designed for new and potential members of Rotary.

Upcoming monthly events (new time):

- Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 7:00pm

Register on DACdb or use the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81801636156?pwd=d2sraXFqdWRISTVtL2ltOQ0dIT1dPZz09>

Meeting ID: 818 0163 6156

Passcode: 539445



Questions: Contact Marcia Scheideman ([mscheideman.ms@gmail.com](mailto:mscheideman.ms@gmail.com)) or Lorena Prince ([garzalster@gmail.com](mailto:garzalster@gmail.com)) for any questions you might have. Looking forward to seeing you virtually!

## Editor's Note

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We are halfway through May, and I realized I hadn't called out any celebrations yet! May is the month for many causes, including Lupus and Mental Health Awareness. May is also the month to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage! When we think of AAPI communities, we may think East Asian, like folks from China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam, when, in reality, the AAPI community is large and geographically diverse. AAPI communities include people who are from or have descended from South Asia, East Asia, South East Asia, the Pacific Islands as well as West and South West Asia (known in America as the 'Middle East').

According to Stanford University, AAPI Heritage Month is dedicated to AAPI communities because of the "achievements and contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States. In 1978, Congress passed a joint Congressional Resolution to celebrate Asian American Heritage Week during the first 10 days of May. This date was chosen because two important anniversaries fall during this time: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad by many Chinese laborers on May 10, 1869."

That said, AAPI communities have a lot to give, a lot to love, cherish, and celebrate, so here are three ways you can celebrate.

#### One:

Read up on the history of AAPI communities, both within the States and in their home and/or surrounding countries. The best books are ones that are grounded in real history, folklore and cultural traditions that are true to the community/ies that are being discussed. Books offer insight,



experiences and narratives to various communities that we may not have otherwise been able to witness.

**Two:**

Another way to celebrate AAPI cultures is to make and eat food from various countries. Invite people to come over with their own fillings to make momos or dumplings together. You can steam or fry them and eat them with your favorite sauce, like mint chutney or sambal! If not a potluck, then perhaps try a new dish every week for the month of May, whether you make it or not, but, before or after trying the dish, research about its history.

**Three:**

If feasible, go to events, museums and/or exhibits that are by and/or for AAPI communities.

These are some ways to indulge in the diverse cultures that compose the AAPI communities, but they are not the only ways. Find your unique paths to celebrate AAPI culture and communities, whether through art, culture, history or music, and rejoice in the diversity of our people and the world.

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## May is Youth Service Month



### Events

May 18th

**Club Meeting: State of the State Treasury**

May 25th

**Club Meeting: NO REGULAR MEETING**

May 27th

**Club Social**

June 1st

**Club Meeting: Gaston County Rotary Foundation**

June 8th

**Club Meeting: Cramer Mansion History**