

# Rotary



# IMAGINE ROTARY

## Birthdays

Linda Carnes McConnell  
May 23rd

Philip Lee Hinely  
May 24th

Robin McDonald Loupus  
May 26th

Rainie Locke Bell  
May 26th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Charles E. Lifford Jr.  
May 28th

## Years of Service

Lynn Leslie McLean  
05-28-1998  
25 Years

Ernest Warren Sumner  
05-26-2010  
13 Years

## Club Leaders



Patricia Lane Black  
President



Leslie Gene Davis  
Membership Chair  
President - Elect



Kay Collins Peninger  
Secretary



Patrick Larkin  
Bulletin Editor  
Public Image Chair



Robin McDonald Loupus  
Treasurer



D. Scott Scarborough  
Assistant Treasurer

James Copeland Smith  
Club Director

## President's Message - May 25 2023

Dear Rotary Friends,

Hello to my fellow Rotary Members!

Our Spring Social this year will be a BBQ dinner, 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.

At our meeting this past Thursday (May 18) we welcomed our newest Rotary member, Andrea Stephens. Andrea, we look forward to fellowshiping and serving along side you. We, also, presented Pastor Dwayne Burk a Paul Harris Fellowship. Laurel and Jim Morris awarded him this honor for his service to our community. Congratulations to both of you.

North Carolina Treasurer, Dale Folwell, presented a program on the state of the public purse. He gave us two new meanings to N.C.- Nothing Compares and Nor Crisis. In a world with so much division, his department is focused on the color "green". He pointed out that N.C. is #1 in the U.S. for business outlook and we are one of 13 states with a AAA Bond Rating. Don't forget if you have not already looked, go to [Claiming Your Unclaimed Property | NCCASH](#) to see if you have money waiting for you.

Remember, we won't be meeting on Thursday (May 25) but will be having a social on Saturday (May 27th).

Yours in Rotary Service,

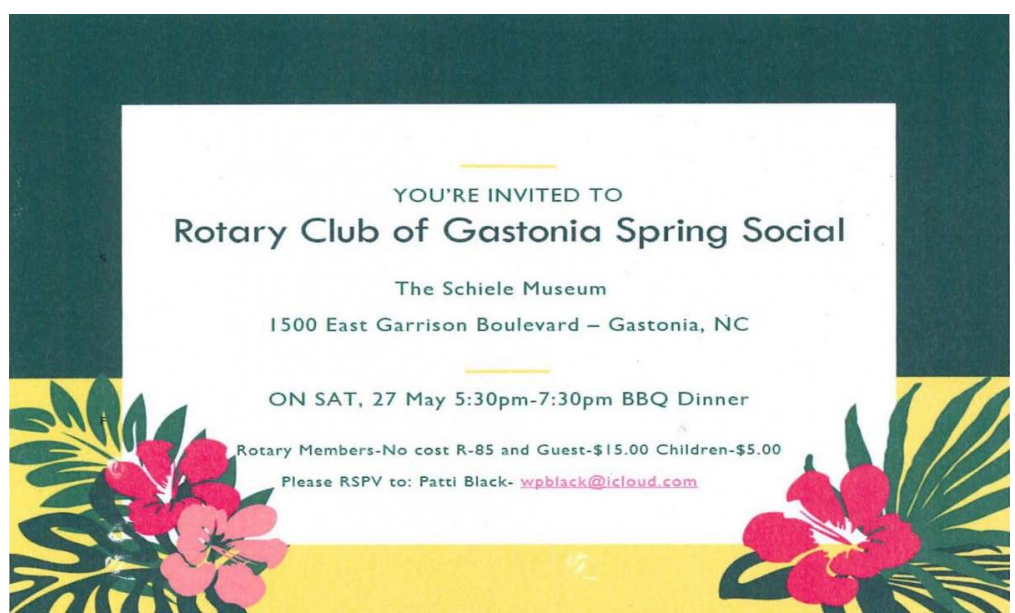
President Patti

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## This Week's Program: May 25 Club Anniversary Celebration - NO PROGRAM

No Program This Week



Kathryn Ellen Styers  
Club Director



Luke Lucas Upchurch  
President - Nominee



Karen Walker  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Laurel Roe Morris  
iPast President  
Webmaster



Sharon Jenkins Padgett  
Club Director



Donald Benton Parrott  
Club Director



Tony Eugene Pasour  
Club Director



Marcia Scheideman  
Club Director



Nancy Anne Kuney  
Club Director



Pamela Peacock  
Overcash  
Club Director



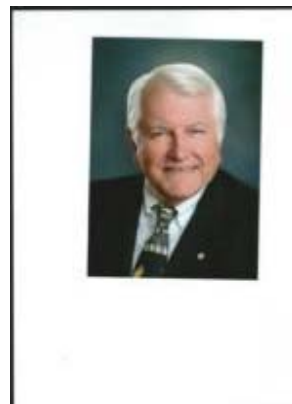
Steven D. Long  
Club Trainer

Laurel Roe Morris

## This Week's Birthdays: May 22 - 28



*Linda McConnell-May 23 Phil Hinely-May 24 Robin Loupus-May 26*



## Next Week's Program: June 1 - Gaston County Rotary Foundation

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Karen Walker, Steve Driscoll



Assistant Governor-  
Gaston County



Steve Driscoll (former Club Foundation Co-chair) and Karen Walker (current Club Foundation Co-Chair) are providing an update on what's in our local Foundation and what does/will the Foundation do with its assets.

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.**

**>>>>>PLEASE NOTE NEW ZOOM INFORMATION<<<<<<**

**You can join the meeting here:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85921621955?pwd=SUJpSGpWUnQyOHp6VTJzcIIBOUYvdz09>**

Meeting ID: 859 2162 1955  
Passcode: 522413

## Paul Harris Fellow

**Pastor Dwayne Burk Recognized With Paul Harris Fellow**



We had the pleasure of honoring Pastor Dwayne Burk at our May 18 meeting, who was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by Laurel and Jim Morris, who presented him with the recognition.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International acknowledges with appreciation individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name of, \$1,000 outright or cumulatively to the

Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, PolioPlus Partners, or the Humanitarian Grants program. Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition is extended at subsequent \$1,000 levels.

For more information about the Paul Harris Fellow recognition, visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition>.

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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.

Sponsor: Laurel Morris

**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  
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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!

## May is Youth Service Month



## Editor's Note

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My apologies for the Bulletin coming out so late. I was traveling back from Denver, CO, where, for the last few days, it had [some of the worst air quality in the world](#) because of the [Canadian wildfires](#).

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## Events

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**

June 15th

**Club Meeting: Polio Progress Through Rotary**