

Birthdays

William Ange Current Jr.
July 19th
Steven D. Long
July 21st

Wedding Anniversaries

Patricia Lane Black
July 17th
Andrea Stephens
July 21st

Years of Service

Barbara Humphries Voorhees
07-21-1994
30 Years
William Barry Smith
07-20-2003
21 Years
Gregory Vincent "Vinnie"
Cherry Jr.
07-18-2013
11 Years
Karen Walker
07-21-2016
8 Years

Club Leaders



Luke Lucas
Upchurch
President



Sharon Jenkins
Padgett
President-Elect
Club Service Chair



Patrick Larkin
Secretary



Pamela Peacock
Overcash
Secretary-Elect



Robin McDonald
Loupus
Club Director
Treasurer



D. Scott
Scarborough
Assistant Treasurer



Scott Thomas
Attaway
Club Director



Martha Adams
Burris
Club Director



Nancy Anne Kuney
Club Director
Membership Chair

Happy New Year!

Monday, July 15, 2024



**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY**

Greetings Gastonia Rotary Club,

I hope this message finds you well. We had an exceptional start to the Rotary Year last week. Last Thursday was a busy day, highlighting our club's dedication to both our members and the community. Prior to our regular meeting, the Board finalized the budget for the upcoming year. During the meeting, we discussed exciting opportunities for service at H.H. Beam Elementary School, and we capped off the day with an pop-up social event at CityCade.

This week, we have the opportunity to assist H.H. Beam with setting up the classroom libraries. As many of you are aware, one of the seven Rotary areas of focus is Basic Education and Literacy. Thank you to everyone that has signed up to assist. All are welcome to participate -- [Click Here](#) to sign up.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting where we will continue our focus on education with a program from Piedmont Community Charter's Associate Degree program for high school students.

YIRS,

Luke



Andrew Charles
Pierce
President-Nominee



James Copeland
Smith
Club Director



Phillip Bryson Welch
Jr.
Club Director



Karen Walker
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Steven D. Long
Club Learning
Facilitator



Donald Benton
Parrott
Club Director



Les Davis
iPast President

This Week's Program - July 18: Jennifer Killen - Piedmont Community Charter School

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Join us this week as we welcome Jennifer Killen, Head of Piedmont Community Charter School to discuss the school, particularly their college preparatory curriculum and Associate's Degree program.



Jennifer Killen, Head of School is committed to serving Piedmont's staff, students and parents daily. She strives to have a servant leadership style. Every student matters every day, so Mrs. Killen is very focused on individual student achievement and growth. It is a strong asset to her leadership to have the perspectives gained from serving Piedmont as a substitute teacher, teacher assistant, teacher, curriculum coordinator, Assistant Managing Director, Elementary Director and Head of School. With 20 years experience at PCCS, a Bachelors in Business Administration from USC-Upstate and a Master's Degree in School Administration from the University of Phoenix, Mrs. Killen has the wisdom needed to lead Piedmont. Our Head of School is an instructional leader who uses data heavily to make informed program planning decisions.

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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pwd=SUJpSGpWUnQyOHp6VTJzdllBOUYvdz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85921621955?pwd=SUJpSGpWUnQyOHp6VTJzdllBOUYvdz09)**

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Passcode: 522413

This Week's Birthdays: July 15 - July 21



*Will Current - July 19
Steven Long - July 21*



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This Week's Years of Service Anniversaries: July 15 - July 21



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Join us next week as we Emily Williams from the new Gastonia Baseball Club to discuss the new team, current season, and owner, the fun naming campaign, and their vision of the team's future in Gastonia.



Per her LinkedIn: "Armed with a degree in American Studies with a focus on communication, I've transitioned seamlessly into Gastonia Baseball as an Account Executive. Here, my role encompasses not just sales but also building enduring relationships and strategizing for diverse audience engagement."

My tenure at the YMCA of Coastal Georgia honed my administration and team management skills, which now fuel my drive for impactful sales initiatives. I thrive in evolving environments, leveraging my problem-solving skills to navigate and excel in the competitive sports industry."

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As mentioned in the announcements at Thursday's meeting, we are seeking volunteers to assist at H.H. Beam by sorting books for their classroom libraries.



There are two time slots for you to assist:

Tuesday, July 16th at 7:00 a.m to 10 a.m.

Thursday, July 18th at 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

If you are willing to help during these times, please [CLICK HERE!](#) to sign up.

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Angela "Angi" Karchmer - Gaston County Director of Social Services

Angi has served as the Gaston County Director of Social Services since 2016. A native of Gaston County, she graduated from North Gaston High School and then attended Appalachian State University where we received her Bachelor of Science in Communication.

Having been with the County for over 30 years, Angi was a Child Support Enforcement Supervisor from 1998 to 2003 and was promoted to Economic Services Coordinator in 2003. She then served as Economic Support Services Administrator before being promoted to her current position.

In 2022 she completed the Public Leadership Academy at UNC-Chapel Hill and is currently enrolled in the Organizational Leadership Certificate Program at Queens University in Charlotte.

Angi currently services on the Dream Center Academy Advisory Board, the Salvation Army of Gaston and Lincoln County Advisory Board, is co-chair for the North Carolina Association of Directors of Social Services - Economic Services Committee, is a JCPC Advisory Council Member, a HealthNet Gaston Advisory Board Member, and was appointed to the Centralina Economic Development District Board in 2023.

In her spare time, she volunteers for the Gaston County Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners Program and services on the Keep Gastonia Beautiful Committee.

Proposed New Corporate Member - Elizabeth "Beth" Crosby - Principal of H.H. Beam Elementary School

Beth is currently the Principal of H.H. Beam Elementary School. Prior to this she was the Assistant Principal at Cramerton Middle School.

Beth received her Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and K-6 Teacher's Certificate from Meredith College in Raleigh, NC. She received her Master's Degree in School Administration and Licensure in Instruction and Curriculum from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Currently, she is pursuing a Doctorate in Education Leadership, with a Concentration in Superintendency at Gardner Webb University.

Community involvement includes South Point Baptist Church, Ronald McDonald House in Charlotte, and Measl on Wheels of Gaston County.

She enjoys cooking, NASCAR races, reading, college football and traveling with her family.

*****This serves as a two-week notice. First week on the table started 7/11/24*****

Hurricane Beryl Zone 33-34 Relief Efforts

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Our new District Governor Kevin Kendrick has asked all clubs in District 7680 to consider helping our friends in our Zone 33/34 in the Caribbean with their recovery efforts in the aftermath of the devastation left by Hurricane Beryl. If you are interested in supporting these efforts, see the link/graphic below:

[Zone 33/34 Hurricane Beryl Relief Donation Link](#)



IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THE
DESTRUCTION CAUSED
BY HURRICANE BERYL.

IT'S NOT HARD TO HELP.

Donate at rizoness33-34.org.

Service Project Opportunity - Rotary Garden Harvesting

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The Rotary Club of Gastonia, as one of the leading sponsors and supporters of the Rotary Garden, is excited to offer a service project opportunity to members of our club! For the following dates listed below, help is needed to harvest the bounty from the Garden. More details about specific times are coming soon!

July 16th
July 18th
September 24th
September 26th
October 29th
October 31st

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This month's graphic is from the Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers in Yonkers, New York! Check out their website here: [Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers](#)



Events

July 18th

[Gastonia Weekly Club Meeting](#)

July 25th

[Gastonia Weekly Club Meeting](#)

August 1st

[Gastonia Weekly Club Meeting](#)

August 8th

[Gastonia Weekly Club Meeting](#)