

Birthdays

Martha Adams Burris
September 29th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries
Found

Years of Service

Cathy Mabry Cloninger
09-27-2007

17 Years

William T Stetzer

09-29-2022

2 Years

Alison Cookson

09-26-2023

1 Year

Christia Chappell

09-26-2023

1 Year

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President's Message - September 23, 2024

Monday, September 23, 2024



Greetings Gastonia Rotary Club,

Last Friday, I attended a screening of the film *Join or Die*. Although the title gave me pause, the film is based on the book *Bowling Alone*. For those who may not be familiar, this 2000 work examines the decline of social capital, highlighting the drop in club memberships and community associations. Over the past 50 years, we've witnessed a significant decrease in in-person social interactions, especially within traditional civic organizations like churches and Rotary clubs.

A few weeks ago, I spoke with a long-time member to see how he felt about our club. He shared that Thursday meetings provide him with a valuable opportunity to step away from work and enjoy lunch with fellow members. In our tech-driven world, I encourage all of you to take that time each Thursday to unplug from the office and connect with one another.

YIRS,
Luke

This Week's Program - September 26: Gaston County Boy Scout Anniversary

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Our own Mark Skillestad will discuss a big anniversary for Boy Scouts in Gaston County.



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://us06web.zoom.us/j/85921621955?pwd=SUJpSGpWUHQyOHp6VTJzcUJBOUYvdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 2162 1955
Passcode: 522413



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This Week's Birthdays: September 23 - September 29



Martha Burris - September 29



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This Week's Years of Service Anniversaries: September 23 - September 29



Cathy Cloninger - September 27 (17 Years)

Bill Stetzer - September 29 (2 Years)

Christia Chappell - September 26 (1 Year)

Allison Cookson - September 26 (1 Year)



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Next Week's Program - October 3: Roo George-Warren - Catawba Nation Kings Mountain Casino

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Local member of the Executive Committee for the Catawba Nation, Roo George-Warren will discuss the efforts by the Catawba Nation to promote Catawba culture, language, and traditional lands.



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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! Last year, 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 first Thursday of every other month through the spring to support Dr. Freeman's mission. The dates are:

September 26th
October 24th
November 21st
December 26th

To sign up visit the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080944A8A923A0F58-50552545-bountiful#/>

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

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!

September 24th
September 26th
October 29th
October 31st

2024 District 7680 Rotary Foundation Celebration

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This year, the Conference Center is hosting the Annual District 7680 Rotary Foundation Celebration! This is a huge honor for the Gastonia Rotary Clubs, and an even bigger honor considering that we will be hosting Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick! See the three graphics below for the formal invitation, the link to register (also you can click [HERE](#)), and the form for those interested in sponsoring the event.



2024 District 7680 Foundation Celebration

Featuring Rotary International President

STEPHANIE URCHICK



November 8, 2024 --- 6:00- 9:00 pm

Gastonia Conference Center

245 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Gastonia, NC

Join us for an exciting evening celebrating The Rotary Foundation and its work in our District and the world. Featured guest speaker is 2024-25 Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick! Register now as seating is limited. **DEADLINE 10/21/2024**

Tickets are \$75.00 / Sponsorships are available.

Free parking

Attire: Cocktail / Dressy

Chicken, Beef, or Vegetarian/Gluten Free entrees



Rotary District 7680 Foundation Celebration

Friday November 08, 2024

***Scan me to register
for this Event**

FOR THIS EVENT



Alternative method - Enter this address in your mobile browser:

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77781204&NoCaptcha>



DISTRICT 7680
2024 FOUNDATION CELEBRATION
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Celebrate the work of The Rotary Foundation and the Rotarians who generously donate.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
GASTONIA CONFERENCE CENTER, 145 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WAY, GASTONIA, NC



We are excited to welcome Rotary International President, Stephanie Urchick as keynote speaker.

A packed house of 300 Rotarians and their guests is expected.
Event tickets: \$75 each. Tables of 8.

● **Bronze - \$250**

- Recognition in the 2024 Foundation Celebration event program
- Recognition on the event screen
- Includes **TWO** event tickets
- Recognition in the District Newsletter

● **Silver - \$500**

- Larger recognition in the 2024 Foundation Celebration event program
- Recognition on the event screen
- Recognition in the District Newsletter
- Includes **FOUR** event tickets
- Mention from the stage

● **Gold - \$1,000**

- Prominent recognition in the 2024 Foundation Celebration event program
- Recognition on the event screen
- Recognition in the District Newsletter
- Includes **EIGHT** event tickets
- Mention from the stage

● **Platinum - \$1,500**

- Highest recognition in the 2024 Foundation Celebration event program
- Recognition on the event screen as the event begins
- Recognition in the District Newsletter
- Includes **EIGHT** event tickets
- Mention from the stage, signage at the main event
- **Table** in main reception lobby **PLUS:** Swag bag product placement opportunities

Contact Foundation Celebration Sponsorship Chair, PDG Mike Walker at mwalker@stephens.com or 704-589-2754 for more information on sponsoring this important event. If you are unable to attend, please let us know and we will be happy to donate your tickets on your behalf.

Suggestions on making the most of your sponsorship welcomed!



Rotary District 7680 Catawba River Sweep Initiative

Rotary District 7680: Catawba River Sweep Initiative

On Saturday, October 5th, our district is participating in the Catawba River Sweep Initiative. This cleanup effort will take place at several locations. If you are interested in helping, follow the link below, and please select the site you would like to volunteer. Also, please feel free to bring family members, 12 years and older, as well!

[Sign Up Link!](#)



The closest location is

Kevin Loftin Riverfront Park
1400 E Catawba St.
Belmont, NC 28012

Events

No Events found