

Rotary



IMAGINE ROTARY

Birthdays

Charles E. Lifford Jr.
October 31st
Lynn Leslie McLean
November 4th
Eva Ann Orr McLean-Kendrick
November 4th
Brent Nathaniel DeLong
November 6th
Howard Fred Caldwell Jr.
November 6th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Thomas M. Graham
11-01-1971
51 Years
Carl Ellis Fisher
11-01-1978
44 Years
Darrell C. Current
11-01-1986
36 Years
John Douglas Bridgeman
11-01-1987
35 Years
Jesse B. Caldwell III
11-01-1988
34 Years
Carl J. Stewart Jr.
11-01-1990
32 Years
James Houston Barnes Jr.
11-05-2015
7 Years
Joseph Dewayne Ramey
11-05-2015
7 Years
Ronald Edward Worley
11-03-2016
6 Years
Jennifer Ann Church
11-04-2021
1 Year
Jason Elliott Luker
11-04-2021
1 Year

Club Leaders

Patricia Lane Black
President

President's Message - November 3, 2022

Dear Rotary Friends,

Greetings to my fellow Rotarians! I hope everyone has had a great week and that you have taken the time to look around you to see the colorful and beautiful leaves on the trees.

I want to apologize for the inability of many of you to hear our speaker this past week. Andrew Pierce and I will be working with the Gastonia Conference Center staff to find a solution for our microphone.

This past week we heard from Donny Hicks speaking about the work for the Economic Development Center. He is responsible for taking our product, Gaston County, out into the marketplace and selling its benefits. If you look around at the growth of industry, homes, and supporting business, I would say they are doing a pretty good job. From the 20 million square feet of new warehousing space, full corporate centers, and new international businesses coming to our area, Gaston County is set for a bright future.

At our next meeting, we will hear from club member Phil Welch, Fire Chief at Gastonia Fire Department.

Yours in Rotary Service,

President Patti

This Week's Program - November 3: Gastonia Fire Department / Sept 11th

Next Week's Program
November 3
Gastonia Fire Department / Sept 11th



Join club member Fire Chief Phil Welch as he discusses the Gastonia Fire Department and the events of September 11.

Phillip Bryson Welch Jr. is the 18th Fire Chief to serve the City of Gastonia Fire Department since it began in 1901.

Chief Welch is a 2004 Executive Fire Officer Graduate of the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland. He has received the Chief Fire Officer Designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence. He has earned a Master's Degree in Executive Fire Service Leadership, a BS Degree in Fire and Safety Engineering, an AAS in Fire Science, an AAS in Emergency Preparedness Technology and an AAS in Business Administration. He is Past-President of the North Carolina State Firemen's



Leslie Gene Davis
Membership Chair
President - Elect



Luke Lucas Upchurch
Vice President



Kay Collins Peninger
Secretary



Davidson Robert Hobson
President - Nominee



Robin McDonald Loupus
Treasurer



Scott Scarborough
Assistant Treasurer



Karen Walker
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Laurel Roe Morris
iPast President



Sharon Jenkins Padgett
Club Director



Donald Benton Parrott
Club Director



Tony Eugene Pasour
Club Director



Marcia Scheideman
Club Director



William Augustus Anthony III
Club Director



Nancy Anne Kuney
Club Director



Pamela Peacock

Association and a Board Member on the North Carolina Fire / Rescue Commission. Chief Welch has increasingly contributed personal and organizational leadership within the community, the state, and the nation.

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=MWhQMmNTRlhzeG9LUkITaXIGempMQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 8487 3919

Passcode: 333806

This Week's Birthdays: Oct 31 - Nov 6



*Chuck Lifford-Oct. 31 Les McLean-Nov. 4
Eva Ann McLean-Kendrick-Nov. 4 Brent DeLong-Nov. 6
Fred Caldwell-Nov. 6*





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Club Director



Patrick Larkin
Public Image Chair



Steven D. Long
Club Trainer



Brent Messer
Past President



Rotary Community Garden Update

ROTARY COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE



On Saturday, October 29, Robert Buckles, Harry Petrey, Margaret Smith (Harry's daughter), and Les Davis prepared their beds in the Rotary Garden for the winter.

Next Week's Program - November 10: Kurt Geske-Veterans Services

Next Week's Program
November 10
Gaston County Department of Veterans Services



Kurt Geske has served as the director for the Gaston County Department of Veterans Services since March 2012. Prior to that, he practiced law in California after serving in the US Army as an Infantry Officer, Trial Defense Counsel, and an Administrative Law Attorney.

Geske has a bachelor's degree in History and a law degree from Santa Clara University. He also holds a master's degree in History from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Geske moved to North Carolina in 2007 after retiring from practicing law. He currently lives in Mount Holly with his wife, Holly, with whom he has two children.

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ROTARY 101

7680 ROTARY101

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.

Wednesday August 24 was the kickoff for ROTARY 101, an online program designed for new and potential members of Rotary. There are the events scheduled in the next two months.

- Wednesday, November 2 at 6:00pm
- Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00pm



Here's the link:
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81801636156?pwd=d2sraXFqdWRISTVtL2ltO0dIT1dPZz09>

Meeting ID: 818 0163 6156
Passcode: 539445

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

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



RLI NEWS

FIND YOUR PASSION IN ROTARY

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) can strengthen your club and strengthen your life. Knowledge is the power that can help change the world. Begin your RLI journey with one of these events.

Join us as you begin to discover the wonder of Rotary. Five (5) sessions will be led by trained Rotarians and include exploring Rotary's Roots, Creating Service Projects, The Foundation, How Best to Engage Members in your Club, and What Lies Beyond Your Club.



"It Was Worth Every Minute!" That was the sentiment shared by all the participants of the RLI Part 1 event held on Saturday October 15th at the Performance Learning Center. Hosted by Harrison Conyers, a Rotary Member; Facilitated by Lorena Prince, Paddy Rooney and Marcia Scheideman, all Rotary Members and attended by Rotary Members in District 7680. If you missed it, there's more coming up on the calendar. The next one is:

IN-PERSON EVENT: Parts 1 & 2

January 7, 2023 – 8:15am to 3:15pm

Location:

Rowan Cabarrus Community College
NCRC* 115 for General Assembly
399 Biotechnology Lane
Kannapolis, NC 28081

Register at www.rli33.org

Fee - \$95 (includes materials and lunch)

UPCOMING VIRTUAL OFFERINGS: Part 1 (offered at two different times)

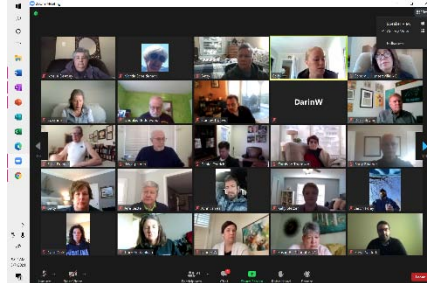
1. November 4, 2022: 1:00pm – 4:00pm & November 5, 2022: 8:30 – 11:30am (Friday/Saturday)

OR

1. November 7, 2022 & November 9, 2022: 5:00pm – 8:00pm (Monday/Wednesday)

Register at www.rli33.org

Fee - \$35



Upcoming Foundation Celebration



SPEAKER
Dean Rohrs, former RI Vice President and Director and a current member of the Board of Trustees for the Rotary Foundation



SERVICE
Following Rotary's Motto, Service Above Self, We will be doing a touching service project with Samaritan's Purse



SPLASH FUN
Bring your children, Ride the slides, Enjoy Fellowship, and Celebrate one of the best Foundations in the World



CELEBRATE ROTARY
7680 Foundation Celebration
NOV 18
Great Wolf Lodge **Concord**
6:00 - 9:00



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helping the world with your commitment to the Rotary Foundation

Rotary 
District 7680



Register

<https://tinyurl.com/7680foundationcelebration>

Editor's Note-HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



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Halloween!

Events

November 3rd

Club Meeting: Gastonia Fire Department/ September 11

November 10th

Club Meeting: Gaston County Veterans Administration

November 17th

Club Meeting: Glenn Foundation 50th Anniversary

November 24th

Club Meeting: Happy Thanksgiving! - no meeting