

# Rotary



## Club of Gastonia

### Birthdays

William Barry Smith  
September 29th  
Martha Adams Burris  
September 29th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

### Years of Service

Donna Colvin Lockett  
09-17-2009  
11 Years  
Patricia Lane Black  
09-17-2009  
11 Years  
Dallas Paddon Butler  
09-19-2013  
7 Years  
Roy Lucas Upchurch  
09-20-2018  
2 Years  
Mark Alan Lamphiear  
09-20-2018  
2 Years  
James Brett Keeter  
09-20-2018  
2 Years  
James Harris McConnell  
09-20-2018  
2 Years  
Donald Scott Rhoades  
09-20-2018  
2 Years

### Club Leaders



Vincent Cherry  
President



Brent Messer  
President - Elect



Davidson Robert Hobson  
Club Programs Chair  
Vice President

Laurel Roe Morris  
Bulletin Editor  
President - Nominee

## President's Message - September 26th, 2019

What an exciting time to be part of the Gastonia community! Thank you **Michael Peoples** for your follow up presentation on the FUSE Project, Eastridge Mall redevelopment, Highway 321 construction, Linwood golf course, and other projects. I can't wait to see everything take shape in the coming months and years. With all this change, we'll probably need an update in just a few months. It's a good thing you're a member of the BEST Rotary club in the District!

This week we'll hear from a new voice on the Charlotte landscape. **Janet LaBar** is the head of the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance and will provide insight on big stories in the region. We'll get started **a little early** to allow for plenty of question and answer before it's time to go.

See you all on Thursday!  
Vinnie

## This Week's Program: September 26: Janet LaBar

**Janet LaBar** is president and CEO of the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance. A seasoned regional economic development leader with strong communications, strategy and operations skills, LaBar was selected following a four-month national search.

Prior to joining the Alliance team in April 2019, LaBar held the same position at Greater Portland Inc. (GPI), a regional public-private partnership that markets the Greater Portland metropolitan and helps companies expand and relocate to the region. LaBar served on Oregon Governor Brown's Regional Solutions Advisory Committee, and Portland Mayor Wheeler's Council of Economic Advisors. She also served on the boards of United Way of the Columbia Willamette, OMSI, Portland Innovation Quadrant and Portland Business Alliance, and was a member of the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon.

LaBar earned a bachelor's degree in communication arts from the University of West Florida and an MBA in marketing from the University of Phoenix. She and her husband are proud parents to an older daughter and younger daughter/son twins. Janet will tell us about her new role and the outlook for growth in the Charlotte Metro area.



## Coming Next Week: October 3: Dr. Ray Hodgson

**Dr. Ray Hodgson** is a Rotarian and a specialist gynaecologist. He is an Associate Professor in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the University of New South Wales, Australia. Dr. Ray (as he is known) is International Director of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie, NSW. He is also the Director of the Medical School of the University of NSW, and examiner of Obstetrics and Gynaecology specialists for the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG).

Dr. Ray's current focus is to build a Mothers and Babies Hospital in Charikot in eastern Nepal. In this way he and his colleagues will be able to provide a modern, safe facility for mothers and babies with



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Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Cheryl Jean Rhoades  
iPast President



Sharon Heinrich  
Assistant Governor-  
Gaston County

up-to-date operating facilities to treat many more suffering women. The top floor of the hospital will be entirely devoted to teaching local doctors, midwives and nurses.



## COMMUNITY GARDEN FUNDRAISER- October 5, 2019



## WORLD'S GREATEST MEAL TO END POLIO! October 24, 2019



### Events

September 26th  
**Program: Janet LaBar**

October 3rd  
**Program: Dr. Ray Hodgson**

October 10th  
**Program: Smallpox Eradication**

October 17th  
**Program: Molly Grantham**