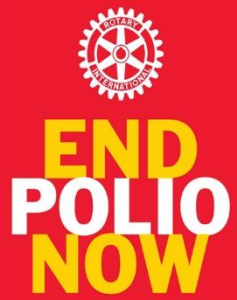


# Rotary Gastonia East

Service Above Self since 1970



Bingo: Don Buckner

Prayer/Pledge: Jennifer Purdee

Health & Happiness Natalie Tindol

Sgt.-at-Arms: Jay Falls

**Welcome to our March 2, 2015 meeting**

**We are glad you are here!**

**Todd Davis, MD**

**CaroMont**

**Patient Safety, Quality  
& Medical Affairs**



**Happy Birthday This Week**

March 2 – John Stanley



**Club Anniversary**

- David Smith- 26 years
- Mike Lands- 25 years
- Patrick Smith- 25 years
- Donald White – 22 years
- Steven Cherry- 19 years
- Ann Davis- 16 years
- Kirk Setzer – 16 years
- Fred Spach 16 years
- Trent Wilson- 15 years
- Jerry Rouche 13 years
- Ash Smith- 11 years
- Steve Easton- 5 years
- Mark Epstein- 4 years
- Morgan Rhoney- 4 years
- Jennifer Thomas- 4 years



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The individuals listed below are responsible for the Prayer/Pledge and calling Bingo on the assigned dates. **If you cannot attend on the date requested, please delegate your responsibility to another club member.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prayer/Pledge</u>	<u>Bingo</u>	<u>Sgt.at Arms</u>	<u>Health &amp; Happiness</u>
Mar 9	Wil Neumann	Craig Lowry	Jonathan Schnibben	Kelly Morris
Mar 16	Julie Allen	Fred Spach	Ralph Dickson	Kelly Morris
Mar 23	John Stanley	Tom Watson	Page Morgan	Kelly Morris

## Events and Happenings

### **Gastonia East Rotary and City of Gastonia Downtown Friday Night Concert Series**

Gastonia East Rotarians mark your calendar to come out and help with the Rockin' with Rotary concert series presented by Gastonia East Rotary Club and City of Gastonia. The concerts will be at the Rotary Pavilion from 7P – 10P. We will need your help to make this project a success. The dates are May 15, May 29, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7, and August 21.

### **RoboGaston 2015 Saturday, March 7 East Gaston High School, 1744 Lane Road, Mount Holly, NC 28120**

Gastonia East Rotary is sponsoring the Gaston County Schools robot competition for 2015. The event will be held at East Gaston High School the first weekend of March.

The Gastonia East Rotary Club is being asked to supply 14 judges the day of the event. Please contact Karl McKinnon ([klmckinnon@gmail.com](mailto:klmckinnon@gmail.com) or 704-214-9093 if you would like to participate as a judge for this event.

### **Gastonia East Rotary Donates to Gaston County Schools ROBOCHALLENGE 2015**

On Monday, February 23, 2015 Carrie Minnich, elementary schools curriculum coordinator for Gaston County Schools, presented an update on the ROBOCHALLENGE 2015. Carrie's report to the club showed the human side of the program that Gastonia East Rotary began supporting last year through funds raised with our involvement with CaroMont Health Community Challenge 2014. Carrie told us of a group of students from Cramerton Middle School called the Chefs that include two team members that have Asperger syndrome. Their involvement with the robot program has helped them immensely in working in social settings and with presentation skills.

Carrie also told us of an all-girl robot challenge team that has gone well above the confines of the contest guidelines by developing fund raising efforts to help students at Holy Angels. The girl power team has also developed a real app for the iPad to help these children. The team plans to continue meeting and raising funds after the program ends for the year.

Gastonia East Rotary provided \$5,000 in funding to support this year's program.

This year's donation came from our Community Foundation Fund as a part of the remaining proceeds from last year's fund raising efforts with the community challenge.

Gastonia East's initial gift in 2014 which was \$15,000 and was raised from the 2014 CaroMont Health Community Challenge proceeds. Those funds were matched by an additional \$15,000 from a Rotary District Matching Grant. That generous gift expanded the program and provided funds that would allow more students to participate.

The proceeds from the 2015 CaroMont Health Community Challenge will go to support this program next school year. Our goal is to raise \$16,000 though the event so that the program can continue to grow and flourish for our students.

Without our help this program may not even be offered to our students. This is a program that Gastonia East Rotarians can point to and say, "I made a difference!"

