



Rotary Gastonia East

Service Above Self since 1970



Bingo: Luke Ellington

Prayer/Pledge: Nancy Paschall

Health & Happiness: James Burgess

Sgt.-at-Arms: : Janet Sarn

Welcome to our April 13, 2015 meeting

We are glad you are here!



Tony Sigmond
Chief Executive Officer of the
Gaston County Family Y
YMCA Plans

Happy Birthday This Week

April 8- Michael Dickson

April 11- Bernardo Porter

Club Anniversary

John Stanley – 37 years

Jim Funderburk- 21 years

Sonya McGraw- 13 years

Page Morgan- 13 years



Next Week
Richard Rankin-
Gaston Day's
literary magazine
Blutopia



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<http://www.gastoniaeastrotary.org/>

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 & Happiness</u>
Apr 20	Jerry Roche	Jennie Stultz	Phil Jamison	Steve D'Avria
Apr 27	Stephen Hannon	Tim Paschall	Steve Cherry	Steve D'Avria
May 4	Marion Taylor	Patrick Smith	Stephen Campbell	Steve D' Avria

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.

CaroMont Health Community Challenge!

The purpose of our event is to inspire and challenge our community to health.

Regardless of your activity level right now, there is a portion of this event geared to you. Get ready for 2015!

This event will tie in community groups and vendors throughout Gaston and the surrounding counties to highlight the great resources we have to stay healthy in our community. Vendors will be coming from all around to show you the goods, services and exercises you can take advantage of along your wellness path.

There will also be tons of free activities and games for the whole family. Come and spend the morning getting to know your neighbors while learning about healthy living in all aspects.

Gastonia East Rotary is the recipient of these proceeds of these funds which we use to support the Gaston County Schools Robot Program. Thanks to this event Gastonia East Rotary was able to leverage \$15,000 of Rotary Foundation funds to support the expansion of the robot program to include more teams and students.

President Karl and President Elect Bill need our help to make sure we reach our goal of \$16,000 to support the program in 2015-2016. You can support the Community Challenge by purchasing a sponsorship and encouraging your business contacts to purchase a sponsorship. For as little as \$100 you can market your business to a targeted audience with the added benefit of helping support STEM in our schools. Sponsorship forms can be found at <http://www.caromontcommunitychallenge.com/wp-content/uploads/Support-Opportunities1.pdf>.

Why are you a Rotarian?

Clark Bastian of the Wichita, Kansas Rotary Club was asked to share his thoughts on why he was a Rotarian. Here was his response.

What is Rotary and why do I belong? For me, Rotary is a collection of business and community leaders who have discovered the simple pleasures in serving others. Like many, I was drawn to Rotary (quite selfishly) as a means to expand my business contacts at those Monday luncheon meetings. But after becoming a member in 1983, I realized that expanding contacts was not reason enough for me to remain. . .and I pretty much stopped participating. Then it happened! Someone called and asked for my help. The club needed more RIF Readers for its "Reading Is Fundamental" program. Would I commit to reading a book to a class, three times a year, in an inner-city elementary school? "Sure," I said; and loved it. And, that's the moment when I became a Rotarian. Since that day, there have been many simple pleasures to remind me "Why I Belong" – from ringing a Salvation Army bell at a grocery store, to helping build a "Habitat Home," to participating in a Rotary International convention in the UK. I always get back more than I give. Oh, and some twenty years later. . .I'm still reading books at Irving Elementary School three times a year!

The question before you is "Why is Rotary important to you?" The Club is asking for your assistance. The Community Health Challenge can use more sponsors and more volunteers. Have you made a personal commitment to assist this club project? The summer concert series is just around the corner. This is likely to be one of the most important club projects that the East Club has ever endeavored to take on. Have you made a personal commitment to be involved? YOU ARE IMPORTANT as a part of the Gastonia East Rotary Club.

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CaroMont Health
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Proceeds Benefit
Gaston County Schools