



# Rotary Gastonia East

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Bingo: Gretchen Oakley

Prayer/Pledge: Michael Lands

Health & Happiness: Steve D'Avria

Sgt.-at-Arms: Kathy Gallman

### Welcome to our January 25, 2016 meeting

### We are glad you are here!



## Dwayne Burks

# GASTON FAITH NETWORK

Collaborating For The Common Good

### Happy Birthday This Week

Kent Huggins      Jan 28

### January Club Anniversaries

Kent Huggins	25
Luke Ellington	21
Joel Long	21
Alan Cloninger	19
Chris Pridnia	19
Gary Foster	17
David Fogarty	9



**NEXT WEEK:**  
Sunny Wang  
Gaston Day  
Chinese



### January is Rotary Awareness Month



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

## Upcoming Events

Monday, Feb 1, 2016	Sunny Wang	Gaston Day Chinese Exchange Student/Musician
Monday, Feb 8, 2016	Melissa Putnam	Diabetic Assistance Dog
Monday, Feb 15, 2016	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>President's Day</b>

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>
January 25	Michael Lands	Gretchen Oakley	Kathy Gallman	Steve D'Avria
February 01	David Deas	Jay Falls	Jerry Roche	Mike Stanford
February 08	Ann Davis	Charles Stribling	John Collier	Mike Stanford

Sign up for Club Service Duties at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ca5a72aa31-rotary> or contact Jennifer Purdee

## FUNCTIONAL LITERACY PROGRAM

It has been estimated that a billion people -- one-fourth of the world's population -- are unable to read. Illiteracy of adults and children is global concern in both highly industrialized nations and in developing countries. The number of adult illiterates in the world is increasing by 25 million each year! In the United States, one quarter of the entire population is considered functionally illiterate.

The tragedy of illiteracy is that those who cannot read lose person independence and become victims of unscrupulous manipulation, poverty and the loss of human feelings which give meaning to life. Illiteracy is demeaning. It is a major obstacle for economic, political, social and person development. Illiteracy is a barrier to international understanding, cooperation and peace in the world.

Literacy education was considered a program priority by Rotary' original Health, Hunger and Humanity Committee in 1978. An early 3-H grant led to the preparation of an excellent source book on the issues of literacy in the world. The Rotary-sponsored publication, The Right to Read, was edited by Rotarian Eve Malmquist, a past district governor from Linkoping, Sweden, and a recognized authority on reading and educational research. The book was the forerunner of a major Rotary program emphasis on literacy promotion.

In 1985 the RI Planning and Research Committee proposed, and the RI board approved, that the Rotary clubs of the world conduct a ten-year emphasis on literacy education. Many Rotary clubs are thoughtfully surveying the needs of their community for literacy training. Some clubs provide basic books for teaching reading. Others establish and support reading and language clinics, provide volunteer tutorial assistance and purchase reading materials. Rotarians can play a vitally important part in their community and in developing countries by promoting projects to open opportunities which come from the ability to read.

