

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 5, 2016	Community Service Op	Judge RoboGaston 2016
Monday, March 7, 2016	Dr. Pat Skinner	Gaston College
Monday, March 21, 2016		Club Assembly
Monday, March 28, 2016	NO MEETING	Easter Holiday
Monday, April 4, 2016	Bob Morgan	Charlotte Chamber of Commerce

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>
February 29	Charles Saunders	David Smith	Kathy Gallman	Mike Stanforth
March 7	Luke Ellington	Joel Long	Don Buckner	John Watts
March 14	Dan Boyd	Al Juhl		John Watts
March 21	TJ Solomon	Randy Riley	Kathy Gallman	John Watts

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

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S BEGINNING

Some magnificent projects grow from very small seeds. The Rotary Foundation had that sort of modest beginning.

In 1917 RI President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." The response was polite and favorable, but the fund was slow to materialize. A year later the "Rotary Endowment Fund," as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, which was the balance of the Kansas City Convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years it is reported that the endowment fund had only reached \$700. A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In the next four years the Foundation fund grew to \$50,000. In 1937 a \$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II.

In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for the Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time, The Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering "understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations." By 1954 the Foundation received for the first time a half million dollars in contributions in a single year, and in 1965 a million dollars was received.

It is staggering to imagine that from those humble beginnings, The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than \$85 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

ROBOGASTON 2016

On Saturday March 5, 2016 a competition of epic proportions will take place at East Gaston High School. Approximately 300 Gaston County students will put their robot building and programming skills to the test. We need 13 judges ... will you help? Sign up at <http://goo.gl/TKS1C2> or contact Karl McKinnon 704-214-9093.



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