



Rotary

Gastonia East

Service Above Self since 1970



END POLIO NOW

Bingo: Charles Stribling

Prayer/Pledge: Ann Davis

Health & Happiness: Mike Stanforth

Sgt.-at-Arms: John Collier

Welcome to our March 7, 2016 meeting

We are glad you are here!

Dr. Pat Skinner

President

Gaston College



Happy Birthday This Week

John Sarn	Mar 11
Tom Swilling	Mar 11
Dave Kirlin	Mar 13



March Club Anniversaries

David Smith	27
Mike Lands	26
Patrick Smith	26
Don White	23
Steve Cherry	20
Ann Davis	17
Kirk Setzer	17
TJ Wilson	16
Jerry Roche	14
Ash Smith	12
Steve Eaton	6
Mark Epstein	5
Morgan Rhoney	5

NEXT WEEK:



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Upcoming Events

Monday, March 14		CaroMont Health Community Challenge
Monday, March 21		Club Assembly
Monday, March 28	NO MEETING	Easter Holiday
Monday, April 4	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>
March 14	Dan Boyd	Al Juhl		John Watts
March 21	TJ Solomon	Randy Riley	Kathy Gallman	John Watts
March 28	NO MEETING EASTER HOLIDAY			

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

POLIOPLUS

During a speech to Rotary leaders in February 1985, then Rotary President Dr. Carlos Canseco announced what he considered “the biggest news in Rotary” — the commitment to help control polio worldwide.

Since that day, Rotary’s dedication to the global eradication of polio has remained constant. 2015 marked the 30th anniversary of PolioPlus and three decades of progress and challenges the program has faced.

During his 1985 speech, Canseco reminded Rotary members and the world that “Rotary cannot hope to rid the world of polio all on its own, but if we step up our efforts and add them to those of the World Health Organization’s Expanded Program on Immunization, UNICEF, and other agencies over the next two decades, we can be truly effective in accomplishing this mighty task.”

Since the launch of the World Health Organization’s Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), the global incidence of polio cases has decreased by 99 percent. In March 2014 India, once deemed the most difficult place to end polio, was declared polio-free, making the entire Southeast Region polio-free.

As of February 11, Africa had no new cases of wild poliovirus in six months, though the continent must mark three full years without a new case to be officially declared polio-free by WHO. Until polio is stopped in the remaining endemic areas, all countries must maintain high levels of surveillance and immunization rates to rapidly detect any importation of the poliovirus and minimize its impact. Now that 99 percent of the world’s population lives in regions certified polio-free, the goal of eradication is closer than ever.

Be a part of history and help Rotary achieve a polio-free world. Give today.

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