



Rotary Gastonia East

Service Above Self since 1970



Bingo: Kent Huggins

Prayer/Pledge: Michael Lands

Health & Happiness: Steven Cherry

Sgt.-at-Arms: Ed Jackson

Welcome to our June 6, 2016 meeting

We are glad you are here!



Michael Applegate
Gaston County
Tourism & Travel

Happy Birthday This Month

Gary Foster	05 June
Tom Watson	09 June
Don Buckner	15 June
Tim Paschall	16 June
Natalie Tindol	26 June
Jeffrey Howe	30 June



June Club Anniversaries

Kellum Morris	37
Gene Maloney	34
Phil Jamison	20
Tom Swilling	1



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Upcoming Events

Friday, June 10	Summer Concert Series	Rotary Pavilion 6 PM
Monday, June 13	Michael Applegate	Gaston Travel and Tourism Director
Monday, June 20	Cathis Hall	WSGE Radio
Friday, June 24	Summer Concert Series	Rotary Pavilion 6 PM
Monday, June 27	Officer Induction	Thank you President Bill!

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>
June 20	Mark Epstein	Rick Houser	Kent Huggins	Wil Neumann
June 27	Charles Stribling	Chuck Long	Craig Lowry	Wil Neumann

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES JUNE 24

Join [Planet Fitness](#) and [Gastonia East Rotary Club](#) at the Rotary Pavilion in Uptown Gastonia for a rockin' good time with Gary Lowder and Smokin Hot. Gary Lowder & SMOKIN' HOT are known as a Soul, R&B party band based out of North Myrtle Beach, SC. Their musical repertoire covers decades of hits from your favorite artists and genres of music including soul, rhythm & blues, funk, reggae, jazz standards, country, 50, 60's and Carolina Beach Music. In addition of performing some the most current hits that are topping the charts today, the group has had many successful chart topping hits on local radio and internet stations across North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Florida. Gary Lowder & SMOKIN' HOT are comprised of multi-talented musicians who have come together to produce incredible performances each and every time they take the stage. Come sit and listen or dance the night away.

In addition to great music there will be a Classic Car Cruise In with beautiful old cars and some beautiful new Roush Mustangs from Tindol Ford Roush Performance. There will be food vendors and a number of other folks showing off their wares.

Of course there is plenty to eat within easy walking distance from the Rotary Pavilion in uptown Gastonia (Freemans Pub, Tequillas Mexican Grill & Taqueria, Lilly's Italian Bistro, Webb's Custom Kitchen, Life of Pie, Ghenchies, Zoe's Coffee House) so come early and stay late.

Gastonia East Rotary thanks the City of Gastonia and the Downtown Merchants for their partnership and support in making this Rockin' With Rotary Summer Concert Series possible.

End Polio Now Update

RI President K.R. Ravindran closed the convention in Korea on Wednesday, 1 June, with a poignant story about his mother's fight to survive polio at age 30. When Ravindran was 11 years old in his native Sri Lanka, his mother awoke one day feeling weak and short of breath. Sitting down to rest, she found herself unable to move. The polio virus had quickly invaded her nervous system, resulting in paralysis. Ravindran's grandfather, a Rotary member, hosted a club committee meeting in his living room the evening after his daughter was rushed to the hospital. Rather than simply offer consolation, his fellow members went to work, using their business acumen and professional connections to find a ventilator. One of the members was a bank manager who called a government minister to facilitate a quick international transfer of funds. Another member, a manager at SwissAir, arranged to have a ventilator flown in. The next day, it arrived at the hospital. "There was so much red tape at the time in Sri Lanka, but somehow, those Rotarians made it all fall away," Ravindran said. Ravindran's mother spent a year-and-a-half in a hospital bed, but her condition gradually improved. She eventually left the hospital walking -- with a walker, but upright, on her own two feet. "Fifty-three years ago, my mother's life was perhaps one of the very first to be saved from polio by Rotarians," Ravindran said. "We have saved millions of lives since then. "Tonight, I stand before you as her son, and your president, to say that soon -- perhaps not in years but in months -- Rotary will give a gift that will endure forever: a world without polio."



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