



# Rotary Gastonia East

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**Bingo: Chuck Long**

**Prayer/Pledge: Charles Stribling**

**Health & Happiness: Wil Neumann**

**Sgt.-at-Arms: Kevin DiBella**

### Welcome to our June 27, 2016 meeting

### We are glad you are here!

## Thank You President Bill!



#### 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 24	Summer Concert Series	Rotary Pavilion 6 PM
Monday, June 27	Officer Induction	Thank you President Bill!
<b>July 4</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>Happy Birthday America</b>
July 11	Joel Long	Gaston Outside

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>
June 27	Charles Stribling	Chuck Long	Craig Lowry	Wil Neumann
<b>July 4</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>			
July 11	Luke Ellington	Chuck Long	Monte Monteleone	Joel Long
July 18	Dick Akers	Michael Applegate	William Abernathy	Joel Long
July 25	Dan Boyd	Don Buckner	Skip Bradley	Joel Long

Message from your soon-to-be-Past President Bill: This year has been quite a roller-coaster ride! I can't thank you all enough for your encouragement, support, and involvement in our GREAT Gastonia East Rotary Club. I am both humbled and exhilarated by the massive amount of good that the members of this club do for each other, for our community and for our planet. We still need to get serious about attendance (and make use of our volunteer hours as make-ups). We still need to get busy finding those unique individuals in our business and social circles who would make good Rotarians, and who embody the principles of Rotary, but may not have yet been invited and/or enticed into joining our club. We still need to put more efforts toward committee participation, to "share the love" with our Rotary officers and make the Rotary wheels turn with a minimal burden on any one group of individuals. We could certainly improve on our diversity and our International focus, but we clearly need to stay the amazing course that we have been running for projects and in recruiting such vibrant and talented new members. Serving as a Rotary Club President is quite a job, with considerable responsibility. It also provides immense gratification, palpable rewards, and a real sense of accomplishment when the club rises to the occasion... and this club is *always* up to the task at hand. I challenge each of us to give that same level of support to Sonya (and Morgan and Page), as they continue in their roles as club officers. I have thoroughly enjoyed taking credit for all of your hard work, and gotten to meet so many good people in our club, city, and Rotary District, and to be a part of the many worthwhile projects and causes that help make our community such a wonderful place to live. I thank you for an amazing year and for the honor of serving as your Rotary Club President. Now, let's all pitch in and make this next Rotary year the best and most successful ever!

### Council on Legislation 2016

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history.. Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The Council is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organization and its member clubs. The COL passed a measure to allow clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The council also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.



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