



Bingo: Steve D'Avria

Prayer/Pledge: Mike Lands

Health & Happiness: Pet Sumner

Sgt.-at-Arms: Ed Jackson

Welcome to our January 22nd meeting
We are glad you are here!



Club Assembly

January Birthdays

Alan Cloninger- 19
Kent Huggins- 28
Craig Kluttz- 16
Ash Smith- 18



January Club Anniversaries (Years)

Alan Cloninger	21
Luke Ellington	23
David Fogarty	11
Kent Huggins	27
Joel Long	23



Gastonia East Board Members

Morgan Rhoney, President	Jennifer Purdee, Sargent-at-Arms	Lindsay Nelson, Membership
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Sonya McGraw, Immediate Past President		

Upcoming Events

January 29th	Foundation Meeting (11:30 AM)	John Trump, Author of Still & Barrel
February 5th	Meeting	
February 12th	Love Our Community Day	
February 13th	Boys & Girls Club Dinner	

With polio on the brink of eradication, nations from around the world and key donors pledged more than \$1 billion to energize the global fight to end the paralyzing disease.

The historic pledges of new funds at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, will go toward drastically shrinking the [\\$1.5 billion](#) gap in the funding that the partners of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) say is needed to reduce polio cases to zero worldwide.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said ending polio would be one of the world's greatest achievements.

"Polio is the thing I spend the most time on. Everyday I look at my email to see if we have a new case," Gates said. "I'm very inspired to be part of this. I'm also very humbled."

Rotary International President John F. Germ announced that Rotary would increase its commitment and raise \$50 million per year over the next three years. Rotary has raised more than \$1.7 billion to fight the disease since 1985.

"Right now, every time a new case is identified, it really could be the last one the world ever sees," Germ said.

Gates told the crowd of nearly 24,000 that, starting 1 July, his [foundation](#) will extend its 2-to-1 match to cover up to \$50 million in donations to Rotary for each of the next three years. The match and donations to Rotary would add up to \$150 million per year over the next three years, which will add up to \$450 million to the fight.

Twenty-seven countries, organizations, companies, and individuals pledged \$1.2 billion at the Rotary International Convention in June. The United Kingdom pushed the total to \$1.3 billion with a \$130 million pledge in August.

The new funding will go toward polio eradication efforts such as disease surveillance, responses to any outbreaks, and the vaccination of more than 400 million children annually.

To see the list of pledges, visit Rotary.org.



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