



Bingo: Jason Ramey

Prayer/Pledge: Jennifer Stultz

Health & Happiness:

Sgt.-at-Arms: Sara Brownlee

**Welcome to our June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**We are glad you are here!**

**Secure Workplace**

**Sgt. Scott Norton & Officer Jackie Quinley**



**June Birthdays**

Don Buckner- 15<sup>th</sup>

Jeffrey Howe- 30<sup>th</sup>

Tim Paschall- 16<sup>th</sup>

Natalie Tindol- 26<sup>th</sup>

Tom Watson- 9<sup>th</sup>

**Member Anniversaries # Years**

Phil Jamison 22

Gene Matthews 36

Kelly Morris 39



## Gastonia East Board Members

Morgan Rhoney, President                      Jennifer Purdee, Sargent-at-Arms                      Lindsay Nelson, Membership  
Page Morgan, President elect                      Julia Allen, Service Chair                      Barry Wright & Mike Stanforth, Rotary Foundation  
Jason Ramey, Secretary                      Chris McCallister, Interact Chair                      Kelly Morris, International Service  
Steve D'Avria, Treasurer                      John Pea, Club Programs Chair                      Sonya McGraw, Immediate Past President

June 21st	Social at Boarderline Farm
June 25th	End of year meeting
July 2nd	No meeting – July 4 <sup>th</sup> Holiday

## How our club attracts and retains alumni as members

*By Mandy Warfield, president, Rotary Club of Dupont Circle, Washington D.C., USA*

The [Rotary Club of Dupont Circle](#) was started six years ago by a group of Rotary alumni, and since then, the club has grown to include many other facets of the community, including individuals who have not had any previous experience with Rotary.

Over the last few years, our club has continued to attract and retain alumni members. Sometimes RI finds the alumni and introduces them to our club, and sometimes the alumni find us. We are lucky to have naturally open and social members, and everyone makes a concerted effort to make any visitor feel welcome. One of our Rotary alumni members, Molly, recounts, “When I started attending meetings, no one treated me like a joke or a second-tier Rotarian because I was so young. Fellow members treated me as an equal who had ideas and skills to contribute to the club.”

Our club meets at a neighborhood bar and we meet in the evening. This rather informal environment also allows us to keep dues at a minimum, which is often a swaying factor for younger members. Because we are a small club, we’ve adopted an “all hands-on deck” approach in order to execute on our club’s goals; new members frequently become active members of our committees, and even volunteer to step up into the committee chair role. Their fresh insights and perspectives have helped our club grow and have shaped our club over time.

Our service opportunities also reflect this “all hands-on deck” approach. Another of Molly’s reasons for joining our club were “the hands-on service opportunities the club offers.” She says, “I like getting to get my hands dirty planting a tree or digging out invasive plant species in a wetlands. Almost all the service events Rotary Club of Dupont Circle does involve that level of activity and commitment.”

What are some tips we have for attracting and retaining [Rotary alumni](#) or other young professionals?

- **Get people involved immediately.** New members are interested in your club because they want to make a difference. Ask your prospective member to help plan a service project or take a leading role on a committee.
- **Explore financing options.** If paying dues is the only thing standing in the way of a member joining your club, it is worth sitting down to have a candid discussion to explore other options. Perhaps another existing member would be willing to support a portion of the dues.
- **Be curious.** Ask them questions about their work life and previous experiences with Rotary. Connect them with someone in the club who might have a similar previous experience.
- **Most importantly– Have fun!**

