



Bingo: Julia Allen

Prayer/Pledge: Wil Neumann

Health & Happiness: Steve D'Avria

Sgt.-at-Arms: Kent Huggins

Welcome to our August 7 meeting

We are glad you are here!



A word cloud on a blue background with the word "entrepreneur" in large yellow letters. A hand is pointing at the word. Other words include: innovation, venture, team, money, management, leadership, business, owner, initiative, manager, action, risk, solutions, responsibility, motivation, capital, successful, and enterprise.

Noah Empson

Junior Entrepreneur

August Birthdays

- Steve Campbell – 3
- John Pea – 3
- Vincent Wong – 7
- John Judson – 8
- Al Juhl – 8
- Fred Spach – 9
- Leigh Spach – 9
- Wil Neumann – 14
- Ralph Dickson – 16
- Barry Wright - 28



August Club Anniversaries (Years)

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| Al Juhl | 12 |
| Craig Lowry | 10 |
| Rachael Wruble | 7 |
| John Pea | 20 |
| Leigh Spach | 1 |
| Marian Tayler | 3 |



Gastonia East Board Members

Morgan Rhoney, President	Jennifer Purdee, Sargent-at-Arms
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Steve D'Avria, Treasurer	Julia Allen, Community Service Chair

The individuals listed below are responsible for Rotary Meeting service 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>
August 14	Wil Neumann	Julia Allen	Kathy Gallman	Steve D'Avria
August 21	Wil Neumann	Julia Allen	Kathy Gallman	Steve D'Avria
August 28	Wil Neumann	Julia Allen	Kathy Gallman	Steve D'Avria

Upcoming Events

August 14	Candace, Karl, & The Great Eclipse of 2017	Schiele Museum
August 17	Chairman of the Board	Concert Series
August 21	100 Years of Choice	Jay Falls & Friends
August 28	District Governor Program	

Rotary Convention keynote speaker spotlights historic fight, remaining challenges to reaching zero polio cases

Bill Gates, speaking on 12 June at the Rotary International Convention, highlighted the extraordinary progress that's been made toward a polio-free world, along with challenges ahead.

Speaking at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, Gates reminded the audience of more than 22,000 attendees, who were given LED bracelets to wear, that the effort must continue and be strengthened before polio cases can be reduced to zero.

Calling the Global Polio Eradication Initiative ([GPEI](#)) the "single most ambitious public health effort the world has ever undertaken," Gates, co-chair of the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), reviewed the historic milestones of the fight.

At each achievement, including regions of the world being declared polio-free, sections of the arena were lit up by the LED bracelets, making the attendees a part of the presentation.

Gates thanked Rotary for being the catalyst and visionary partner for ending the paralyzing disease worldwide.

"Rotary laid the foundation with its unwavering sense of purpose and its belief that anything is possible if you put your mind and body to it," he said.

Since the GPEI effort began, polio cases have dropped a staggering 99.9 percent, from nearly 350,000 cases a year to only five cases reported this year, a record low. The virus has been eliminated in all but three countries:

Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Gates noted that more than 16 million people who would otherwise have been paralyzed by polio are walking today.

"The scale of this effort is phenomenal," he added.

"Polio is the thing I spend the most time on. Every day I look at my email to see if we have a new case," Gates said.

"I'm very inspired to be a part of this. I'm also very humbled."

"It is this talent for generating new ideas, learning lessons, and adapting them to new circumstances that makes me optimistic we will get to zero," Bill Gates said at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.

John Cena, WWE Superstar, actor, and Rotary polio ambassador, emceed the pledging moment at the general session and applauded Rotary for its determination. "You were the trailblazers who wanted to prove to the world that this insurmountable task could be done," Cena said.



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