



Prayer/Pledge: Edie Hancock

Prayer/Pledge: Kevin DiBella

Health & Happiness: Alex Mullineaux

Sgt.-at-Arms: Walter Gray

Welcome to our October 23 meeting We are glad you are here!



Lori Voccaro

October Birthdays

Skip Bradley – 8
Steve Eaton – 17
Joel Long – 31
Gene Matthews – 24
Bill Moore – 22
Adam Queler – 25



October Club Anniversaries (Years)

Edie Hancock 8
Jeffrey Howe 17
Bill Moore 17
Alex Mullineaux 5
Lindsay Nelson 1
Randy Riley 11
Beaux Schaffner 1



Gastonia East Board Members

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

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>
October 30	Kevin DiBella	Edie Hancock	Kent Huggins	Alex Mullineaux
November 13	John Pea	Ed Jackson	Mike Stanforth	Jesse Cole
November 27	Richard Akers	Ed Jackson	Mike Stanforth	Jesse Cole

Upcoming Events

October 30	Gastonia East Talks	
November 13	Our Foundation	Mike Stanforth
November 27	Winners of Gastonia East Scholarships	Dr. Pat Skinner
December 4	Annual Wine Raffle & Wine 101	Chris McCallister

In the suburbs of Atlanta, Rotarians are filling a gap in social services to help struggling families get back on their feet.

It's a sunny Friday afternoon in the quiet suburbs of Atlanta. Beatrice is at home with her 10-year-old daughter, who is practicing the trumpet. Her older daughter, age 12, is at her first school dance. It's a rare moment of relaxation for the family amid their usual activities – church, homework, chores.

It's hard to imagine now, but just seven years ago, Beatrice was homeless.

Social service programs, with the support of Rotary, helped her get back on her feet, and today she's a homeowner with a master's degree.

Beatrice's story

In early 2006, Beatrice arrived home to find her husband in a rage. With bills and the mortgage adding up, the family was in danger of losing their house, and he had reached some kind of breaking point. "I'm not going to do this anymore," he told her. "It's all going to end."

Beatrice, who was pregnant with their second daughter, scooped up Maya, who was then 18 months old, to shield her from his anger. She had felt her husband's fury before. Mostly he would yell, but sometimes he would punch a wall. Other times, he had pushed her or thrown something at her.

With her family an ocean away in her native Kenya and a small child to care for, Beatrice felt she had few options. She was in the United States on a student visa, studying accounting. "But that day, I knew something had to give," she says. "When you see that kind of rage in someone's eyes, it's very scary." She had applied for a green card, and although the couple were just a week away from their interview, she couldn't risk staying. "I thought, I may die waiting for that interview."

When he went to bed, she called a friend from church who knew about her situation. She whispered into the phone, "Pat, I'm scared for my life." The women made plans to meet the next day. Beatrice held her daughter and waited for morning to come.

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