



ngo: Edie Hancock

Prayer/Pledge: Kevin DiBella

Health & Happiness: Pet Sumner

Sgt.-at-Arms: Kent Huggins

Welcome to our October 30 meeting We are glad you are here!



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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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>
November 13	John Pea	Ed Jackson	Mike Stanforth	Jesse Cole
November 27	Richard Akers	Ed Jackson	Mike Stanforth	Jesse Cole
December 4	Jennifer Purdee	Barry Wright	Monte Monteleone	Kelly Morris

Upcoming Events

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
December 11	Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden	Patrick Larkin, Exec. Director

Cyclists crisscross India to support polio eradication

Two young athletes from Bangalore, India, are cycling 20,000 kilometers (12,430 miles) across India to raise awareness for polio eradication and draw attention to the work Rotary is doing in communities around the world. MJ Pavan and Bhagyashree Sawant, both members of the Rotaract Club of Bangalore Orchards, are riding 20,000 kilometers across India.

MJ Pavan and Bhagyashree Sawant, both members of the Rotaract Club of Bangalore Orchards, plan to begin their six-month journey in early October in the Himalayan city of Leh, and cruise to a triumphant finish in their hometown of Bangalore in March. Along the way, they plan to visit 400 rural and government schools, talking to students about the importance of getting immunized against polio and other diseases and promoting healthy hygiene habits.

With help from Rotary clubs throughout their district, they are promoting the ride as an attempt to set a record for the longest distance traveled by bicycle in a single country, a move designed to attract even greater media exposure in the days leading up to World Polio Day, 24 October, and beyond.

Jeep India, a subsidiary of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, is sponsoring their record attempt by sending a Jeep Compass to follow the cyclists and post frequent social media updates.

"We definitely want to build up Rotary's public image," says Sawant. "Only a little over a third of India's population is aware of Rotary."

Pavan says knowing that India is polio-free, but that the disease could come back at any time, is what motivates him.

"Today, I am standing on my own two legs without disease because of the effort Rotary members have put into eradicating polio," he says. "We have to contribute something back. I was very excited when India was declared polio-free, but I will be even more excited when the disease is eradicated from the world."

Both are no strangers to adventure. Sawant, who holds a master's of psychology from Surana College, is a mountaineer, national cyclist, national rugby player, and international karate fighter. She has twice climbed to 8,000 meters (26,250 feet) on 8,848-meter Mount Everest, and led an expedition of 16 climbers from five countries to Everest base camp in 2010.

Pavan, a mechanical engineer, is a national badminton player and regularly cycles 60 kilometers (37 miles) a day. He has cycled from Delhi to Leh, a distance of 1,400 kilometers (870 miles), in 14 days to reach the highest vehicular road in the country.

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