



Program: Ed Jackson

Prayer/Pledge: Richard Akers

Health & Happiness: Jesse Cole

Sgt.-at-Arms: Mike Stanforth

Welcome to our November 27 meeting We are glad you are here!



Gaston College and
Gastonia East Rotary
Scholarship Recipients

Dr. Pat Skinner

November Birthdays

Steve D'Avria – 1
Jim Funderburk – 14
Stephen Hannon – 4
Phil Jamison – 3
Kirk Setzer – 24
Julian Timmons – 20



November Club Anniversaries (Years)

Bo Abernethy	36
Julia Allen	5
John Collier	20
Phillip Coyle	36
Steve D'Avria	4
Veronica Feduniec	7
Nancy Paschall	22
Jason Ramey	4
TJ Solomon	36
Jennie Stultz	27
Ronald Sytz	29
Barron Wright	38



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	Kent Huggins, Exec. Secretary
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>
December 4	Jennifer Purdee	Barry Wright	Monte Monteleone	Kelly Morris
December 11	Jennifer Purdee	Barry Wright	Monte Monteleone	Kelly Morris
December 18	Jennifer Purdee	Barry Wright	Monte Monteleone	Kelly Morris

Upcoming Events

December 4	Annual Wine Raffle & Wine 101	Chris McCallister
December 11	Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden	Patrick Larkin, Exec. Director
December 18	Christmas Event	

Rotary and the Gates Foundation host fifth annual World Polio Day to highlight progress in the fight to eradicate the disease

After another year of dwindling polio cases, Rotary leaders, top health experts, and celebrities said on 24 October — World Polio Day — that the paralyzing disease has never been closer to being eradicated globally.

A special livestreamed presentation — End Polio Now: Countdown to History — featured the people who work tirelessly to end the disease and reviewed the progress that the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) has made.

Co-hosted by Rotary and the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), the 45-minute program took place before a live audience at the Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle, Washington, USA, and was streamed online to viewers worldwide. Mark Wright, news host for the local NBC television station and president of the Rotary Club of Seattle, and CNN news host Fredricka Whitfield led the event.

Wright updated the audience on the latest figures of polio cases saying that the total number of cases caused by the wild poliovirus so far this year is 12, with seven cases in Afghanistan and five in Pakistan. This is a 70 percent reduction from 2016 and is the lowest count of polio cases in history.

“The scale of the effort is staggering,” he said. “Every year 2.2 billion vaccine doses are delivered to 430 million children, through a sophisticated vaccine supply and logistics network.”

Sue Desmond-Hellmann, the Gates Foundation’s chief executive officer, began the event by praising Rotary members and front-line health workers for their dedication to ending the disease.

Desmond-Hellman said, "Nothing would be possible without the efforts of thousands of volunteers across the world who, sometimes in perilous situations, deliver and administer polio vaccines to protect children. That's worth celebrating."

She added, "Those unsung heroes are also in the company of Rotarians. Everywhere around the world, Rotarians show us, with their quiet but inspiring determination, how you can make it possible for 16 million children to be alive and walking.

Sue Desmond-Hellmann, the Gates Foundation’s chief executive officer, praised Rotary members for their dedication to eradicating polio.

At the Rotary Convention earlier this year, the Gates Foundation and Rotary [renewed their long-standing support](#) for ending polio: Rotary committed to raising \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched by two dollars from the Gates Foundation. The agreement will yield to up to \$450 million for eradication efforts.

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