

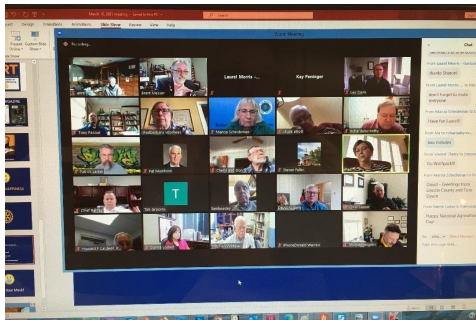
## Tenth Decade +2, 2010-2022



**Left: Gastonia Conference Center**



**Right: Water fountain at Avon & Catawba Creeks Greenway**



**Left: Screenshot from Zoom club meeting**



**Right: Construction of the Rotary Community Garden**

Early in our Club's tenth decade, another big move took place, this time to the brand new Gastonia Conference Center. The Gastonia Rotary Clubs also jointly threw a big New Year's bash at the Conference Center in 2012, with proceeds going to the Rotary Foundation. The club sponsored a third Interact Club at the new Stuart Cramer High School, joining Hunter Huss and Gaston Christian School. As the decade ended and 2020 began, the COVID-19 pandemic brought numerous changes, postponements, and heartaches to our Club and its members. After a brief meeting hiatus, meetings began to be held by Zoom, and club leaders began an effort to maintain contact with isolated members.

### **2010's FAST FACTS!**

- ◆ **Club dues are now \$840.00 per year, including lunch cost.**
- ◆ **Co-sponsored a reactivated Rotaract Club at Belmont Abbey College with Belmont Rotary Club.**
- ◆ **Led by Tim Grooms, Club members sponsored the Gastonia Evening Rotary Club in 2011.**
- ◆ **Will Current served as another multi-generational club president, following grandfather A.C., father Bill, and cousin Darrell.**
- ◆ **Women Presidents: Ring Stafford, Cheryl Rhoades, and Laurel Morris.**



## Our Club Today

***Clockwise from right: Don Warren and Tete Pearson were celebrated for their many years of service at a special meeting; a minibarn was provided by our club for the Highland Cultivators Youth Garden; Assistant Governor Sharon Heinrich, Pam Overcash, and Joan Martin hiked Crowders Mountain at the Crowd Out Polio fundraiser; Zoom is still a part of our hybrid meeting format; Walter Hobbs and Charlie Peninger led the Club's entry into the Gastonia Veteran's Day Parade on Main Street.***

