

The Rotary Club of Gastonia

Service Above Self

8th Decade, 1990-1999



William D. Lawson, III.
District Governor, 1995—1996



In 1992, a large Club social event took place at the new Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens. The same year, Don Lineberger took the lead on a project to build a Rotary-sponsored Habitat House. Speakers included Mark Richardson who made his pitch for an NFL franchise in Charlotte, and Tim Grooms discussing a campaign to build a Civic and Performing Arts Center. What would become a major, multi-faceted international grant program began with a project to bring drinking water to the Chorti Indians in Honduras. This later expanded to an effort to bring medical and school supplies to the impoverished citizens, as well as a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing. Don Warren, Rob Collis, and Mary Harris led this effort for many years.

1990's FAST FACTS!

- ♦ **Meeting place: City Club of Gastonia**
- ♦ **District Governor: Bill Lawson, 1995—1996**
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9th Decade, 2000-2009



With Rotary International preparing to celebrate its Centennial in 2005, the Gaston County Rotary Clubs joined together to build the Rotary Pavilion in downtown Gastonia. Hailed as a significant addition to the County's quality of life, it has served since then as a place for the community to gather for performances, rallies, church services, and prayer vigils. It has been enjoyed by thousands of citizens in its 20+ years of existence and is considered a community centerpiece. At the same time, another club project revamped the outdoor trails at the Schiele Museum.

2000's **FAST FACTS!**

- ♦ ***Rotary International celebrates its Centennial in 2005***
- ♦ ***Billy McLean becomes the first 3rd Generation Club President in 2007, following father Bill Jr., 1987-88, and grandfather Bill Sr., 1969-70.***
- ♦ ***First two women Presidents, Loretta Dodgen and Barbara Voorhees***
- ♦ ***Meeting place: City Club of Gastonia***