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- Fostering unity among member clubs
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
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THE 4-WAY TEST

Of The Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 7/23 – District Governor Rick Carnagua
“The 2012-2013 Rotary Year”
Introduction: Don Stanger
- 7/30 – James Cox, Duke & Thomas Lee Hazen,
UNC-CH
“Changes In Corporate Governance”
Introduction: Rob Everett
- 8/1 – Rotary Fundraiser at the DPAC
- 8/6 – Dr. Frank Neelon
“Literature In Medicine”
Introduction: Rob Everett
- 8/13 – Chad Johnston, Axel Foley
“The People’s Channel”
Introduction: Carver Weaver
- 8/20 – Anton Zuiker
“Building Online Communities”
Introduction: Rob Everett

SERVICE SCHEDULE

	7/23	7/30
Music:	V. Simonetti	V. Simonetti
Invocation:	K. Gresham	T. Kerns
SAtArms:	J. Coates	J. Coates
	J. Pierce	J. Pierce

DRC Raffle: RI Foundation Programs

Contribution: \$1/Ticket; \$5/6 Tickets

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Winner

7/16 Winner: Barker French **\$50 / RI \$51**

The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust)

7/16: \$32.22

Stuart Albright “The Power of a Diverse Public Education”



Stuart Albright, a much honored teacher at Jordan High School, spoke to the club about his recently published book *Bull City*. Stuart graduated from UNC with a degree in English and Creative Writing and from Harvard with a Master of Education. Besides teaching English and Creative Writing at Jordan High for the last ten years, he also coaches football—undoubtedly a rare combination. Apparently he teaches well but I suspect it is also his charisma

and enthusiasm that inspires student creativity and excellence. In 2006 he was named the Durham Public Schools Teacher of the Year. Two years later, he received the National Milken Educator Award which *Teacher Magazine* calls the “Oscar” of teaching citations. Those are not the accolades earned solely by well-crafted lectures and consistently superior student scores on standardized tests!

Stuart’s first two books were non-fiction, but they serve as prologue to his recently published novel. *Blessed Returns* is an account of a summer spent working in the hard scrabble slums of Camden, New Jersey. *Sidelines: A North Carolina Story of Community, Race and High School Football*, published in 2009 tells the stories of how high school football eased the transition from segregated school systems in nine North Carolina communities, including Durham and his native Gastonia.

Bull City deals with racial diversity in a high school setting that is a microcosm of our larger society. It is what might be called a “literary thriller.” Much of the plot and many of the characters in this novel are inspired by stories told by students in his creative writing classes at Jordan High. This novel explores an underlying question— are we living in a “post-racial America”?—that Stuart had been pondering for more than a decade. Stuart suggests there is some evidence—Obama’s election in 2008, for example—that American society has moved significantly beyond racial prejudices. A personal point of reference was a teaching stint in Boston during 9/11 when he saw whites and blacks accosting students wearing Muslim garb and Somali students beaten by gangs because they were “different.” Stuart senses that things are much improved now, at least in racially diverse Jordan High where 40 percent of the students are white, 40 percent black and 20 percent “other” (Asian, Hispanic, Occaneechi Indian, or an admixture of any of these categories). If you want students to really reveal themselves, he said, just get them to write about their life experiences. One of the most unexpected revelations—and a story speaking to how diversity provides a hospitable environment for toleration—was the sweet story of a romance between two of his creative writing students, one a black male Muslim and, the other, a female Hindu. To tell such stories, Stuart founded a press, McKinnon Press, to publish among other things anthologies of writings of his Jordan High students. No wonder Stuart has earned the praise of students and peers.

If you want to buy Stuart’s book online you can do that in two places, www.stuartalbright.com or www.mckinnonpress.com. I urge you to do it on the McKinnon Press site where you can also get the works published by his students, several for free in downloadable versions.

Submitted by Allen Cronenberg

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: 7/23/2012

Presenter: Stuart Albright

Club Guests: Todd Rust and George Merritt

Guests of Members:

David Jacobs. . . Sheridan van Wagenberg
 Hank Hakla Ralph Rogers
 Vianey Lemus Martinez Meg Solera
 Ashlea Hitchcock. Meg Solera
 Adam Eigenrauch. Meg Solera
 Brad Surles. Susan Ross
 Chelsea Townsend Don Stanger
 Daron Townsend Don Stanger
 Barbara DeBerry. Toby Barfield
 Blake Strayhorn Don Stanger
 Marge Nordstrom Don Stanger

Proposed Members Pending:

STEPHEN N. FOSTER

Interim Executive Director, The Durham Art Guild, Classification: Non-Profit Arts Management, Sponsored By: Shannon Leskin

ERNIE C MILLS, JR.

Stewardship Officer, Durham Rescue Mission, Classification: Non-Profit Management Sponsored By: Bucky Waters

Club Statistics as of July 16, 2012

214 Total Members
 183 Active: Male (139) Female (44)
 31 Honorary: Male (30) Female (1)

2012-2013 ROTARY LEADERSHIP

RI President: Sakuji Tanaku
 District Governor: Rick Carnagua
 ADG-Area 7: Newman Aguiar

2012-2013 Club Officers

President: Don Stanger
 Immediate Past-President: Arthur Rogers
 President-Elect: Bill Ingram
 Vice-President: Meg Solera
 Secretary: Jay Zenner
 Treasurer: Rick Jorgensen
 Sergeant-at-Arms: Bryan Huffman

2012-2015 Board of Directors

Robert Gutman 6/2013
 Sylvia LeGoff 6/2013
 Michael Palmer 6/2013
 Seth Jernigan 6/2014
 Dieter Mauch 6/2014
 Sheridan Townsend 6/2014
 Shelly Green 6/2015
 Deirdre Haj 6/2015
 Deana Labriola 6/2015

Club Website Masters

Newman Aguiar, Designer
 Jay Zenner, Updates

Run 4 Water - Sept. 30



The District 7710 Rotary Global Run 4 Water will be held Sunday, September 30, 2012, 4 pm, at the Wake Med Soccer Park in Cary. RotaryGlobalRun4Water is a worldwide fundraiser to raise money for Matching Grant and Global Grant water and sanitation projects.

These grants help needy people in the world have clean drinking water. Nearly 1 billion people don't have safe water to drink. Safe drinking water helps to liberate people so they can live healthier, fuller, and more productive lives.

The Sept. 30th run will consist of a 5K Race and Rotary Challenge Fun Walk. There are opportunities to run, walk, sponsor and volunteer.

Learn more by visiting www.rotarydistrict7710rotaryglobalrun4water.com, www.facebook.com/rotaryglobalrun4water or contact Scott Rossi scott@mediscribe.com or Becca Smith 919-380-0600.

Take a Kid to the Ballgame

Take a Kid to the Ballgame will be on Sunday, August 5, 4 pm, at Durham Bulls Athletic Park. To sponsor one of more youth, contact President Don.

Supplies Drive to support Durham Public School Teachers



The Fill that Bus! campaign to collect school supplies to supplement the teacher supplies needed for students is underway. If your business can station a collection bin at your office, contact Tammi Brooks (tammi.brooks@gmail.com). If you cannot host a bin please remember to purchase supplies and help fill the barrel whenever you see one.

Fellowship and Fundraising at the DPAC! – August 1



We will have a **reception from 5:30 - 7 p.m.** with delicious hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, then enjoy **CHICAGO** featuring Christie Brinkley! Tickets are **\$100 per person** and include the party and the show. We only have 50 seats, so reserve yours today! All profits will go toward scholarships for deserving students in our community. Already have tickets to the show on another night? The DPAC ticket office will swap them for seats on August 1, and you can just pay \$55 per person for the reception. Contact Carver Weaver, weaverc@durhamtech.edu or 919-623-7888 to make arrangements.

July Birthdays

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| 02 Eric Becoats | 14 Jim Sackett | 26 Deirdre Haj |
| 02 George Maddox | 14 Lloyd Whaley | 27 Jennifer Noble |
| 08 Reyn Bowman | 15 Mark Lazenby | 28 Christopher Gergen |
| 10 Jay Zenner | 19 Boyd Strain | 30 Dave Ross |
| 11 Joe Murray | 20 Pelham Wilder | 30 Janene Tompkins |
| 11 Seth Warner | 20 Steve Pike | 31 Carolyn Aarsonson |
| 12 Matt Dees | 21 David Reese | |
| 14 Millie Chalk | 23 Art Pappas | |



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