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- Fostering unity among member clubs
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration

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

- 04/10 **Offsite Meeting At TROSA**
Dan Berman: Carolina Theatre Update
Introduction: Treat Harvey
- 04/17 **No Meeting!!**
In Observance of The Easter Holiday
- 04/24 **Joe Colopy, Founder: Bronto Software**
Introduction: TBD
- 05/01 **Jennings Brody Tiny Chet Miller & Parker & Otis: Retain In Downtown Durham**
Introduction: TBD
- 05/08 **Shelley McPhatter, Bridgepoint Construction Commercial Construction: A Woman In A Male-Oriented Industry**
Introduction: TBD
- 05/15 **Brian Hamilton: Sageworks Co-Founder & CEO**
Introduction: TBD

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 10, 2017

Song: TBD
 Rotary Invocation: **STEED ROLLINS**
 DRC RAFFLE:
 RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS
 Contribution: \$1 Ticket: \$5 – 6 Tickets
 Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Raffle Winner
Raffle Total On 4/3/2017: \$91.00
 Rotary International: **\$46**; Raffle Winner: **\$45**
RAFFLE WINNER: SHELLY GREEN
 CART FUND
 (Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)
4/3/2017: \$TBD

SHAFONDA DAVIS, APS Executive Director DARLENE FISCUS, APS Development Director



It wasn't really my turn to do this write-up, but pressed into service, I've now wasted a couple of hours thinking about how to approach it. I've got plenty of material, including the PowerPoint presentations that were used by APS Executive Director, Shafonda Davis, and Development Director, Darlene Fiscus. There's also a very good Facebook Page --- <https://www.facebook.com/apsfordurham/> and a great website --- <http://www.apsfordurham.org/>.

But, I sit here looking at the computer screen thinking about the dogs and cats I've known. First and foremost is Dusty, the dog I spent more time with under the same roof than any other living thing. Assistant District Governor, Joyce McKinney, who was present at the meeting and who works closely with APS, helped Dusty across the "Rainbow Bridge" just short of his 18th birthday in what seemed more like priestess administering last rites than being "put down."

There are three Sam's in my history. One was a boyhood tan and white Boxer. My brother rescued a Malamute and gave it to my parents. They also named him Sam and he chewed up every cushion and loose shoe in the house before he became an honored family member. There were a couple of Cocker Spaniels before Sam II. The third Sam, also with some Boxer in him, belongs to Melissa Mills. Sam and his constant companion, Sarah, both true rescues, spent several weeks with me after Melissa broke her wrist, and we became good friends.

My brother, Bill, always has several dogs, two or three now, depending on which ones you count. But the first one was an abandoned Hound who had been hit by a car. A vet amputated the leg and she was smuggled out of the office before she could be euthanized by his sister-in-law, a vet tech. They called her Tinker but I always called her Tripod. She was a great dog and never seemed to miss that rear leg.

There are a lot more dogs I could mention – and cats, too. But this isn't a memoir. I just wanted to make the point that all those guys were loved and cherished and brought great joy. Many in the Club can tell a similar history.



But somewhere between 40% and 50%, or more than 2,000 of the animals that pass through the APS Shelter annually here in Durham don't make it out. They never get a real name, they never have a real home. They may never have been not hungry or not scared of humans. They may be sick, or hurt, or just too ugly, but they are not adoptable and must be disposed of --- un-mourned. Most "no kill" shelters, according to Ms. Davis, are very selective about the animals they take in, but in Durham, the shelter cannot turn away any animal that is brought in. Strays, surrenders, healthy, sick, wild, or just old, they must take them. Ms. Davis made the point very passionately that the most difficult responsibility they have is putting down the animals that nobody wants.

The good news is that we've come a long way. Not too many years ago, the number of animals that passed through was almost double. Progress with spay and neuter programs are the most effective way of dealing with the over-population of dogs and cats --- and they are working. As you might expect, the Shelter can always use help. Ms. Ficus related the many ways we make this possible. There's plenty of information about that on their website. There is also a page about their annual "Walk For The Animals" on Duke's East Campus coming up on May 20. Information is at: <http://www.apsfordurham.org/2017-walk-animals/>.

**CLUB STATISTICS AS OF
APRIL 10, 2017:**

**Club Members: 247 Active: 212
Active-LOA: 6; Honorary: 29
Staff Positions: 1**



April Birthdays 2017

ROB EVERITT	APRIL 01
WILLIE COVINGTON	APRIL 02
GERRY MUSANTE	APRIL 03
GIN JACKSON	APRIL 06
ERNE ROESSLER	APRIL 07
CAROL ROYCROFT	APRIL 09
MICHAEL PRIDY	APRIL 09
BERT L'HOMME	APRIL 11
NICK ALLEN	APRIL 12
BILL INGRAM	APRIL 13
ROXANNE LITTLE	APRIL 15
JENNY LEVINE	APRIL 15
RICHARD BRODHEAD	APRIL 17
BILL STOKES	APRIL 20
WENDY JACOBS	APRIL 20
JIM BRAME	APRIL 21
LUCIA POWE	APRIL 26
KEITH ARTIN	APRIL 27
MICHAEL PALMER	APRIL 28
ARTHUR ROGERS, III	APRIL 30
TODD TAYLOR	APRIL 30
DEL MATTIOLI	APRIL 30

PENDING NEW MEMBERS

Sara Shea Stephens
(Sponsored By: **Indira Everett**)
Caleb Baker
(Sponsored By: **George Deaton**)
Michael Goodman
(Sponsored By: **Seth Jernigan**)

2016-2017 ROTARY LEADERSHIP

RI President: John Germ
District Governor: Rusine Mitchell Sinclair
ADG-Area 7: Joyce McKinney
2016-2017 Club Officers
President: B. C. Dash
Immediate Past-President: Lois Deloatch
President-Elect: Seth Jernigan
Vice-President: Shelly Green
Secretary: Mimi O'Brien
Treasurer: Susan Miller
Sergeant-at-Arms: Stan Morris
Finance Advisor: Barry Curtis
Legal Advisor: Deana Labriola
2016-2017 Board of Directors

Andy Esser
Blake Strayhorn
Meg Solera
Marge Nordstrom
Danielle Kaspar
Desmond Miller
Dave Ross
Aries Taylor
John Cross

Club Website Master
Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates

My personal fantasy is that pets reincarnate and the wise thing to do when you lose a wonderful pet is to wait patiently and they will show up sooner or later. So, I assume Dusty's successor is out there somewhere stirring around and I check the APS Website periodically to see if he's among the 100 plus dogs residing in the Shelter at any one time. Haven't seen him yet, if he's a "him" in this new life, but a few like this cutie, make me wonder, "is this the one?"



**HAPPY FEET!
A ROTARY DISTRICT PROJECT**



Did you know there are over 10,000 children in foster care in North Carolina? Our Rotary Club is trying to provide 75 pairs of new athletic shoes for foster children. You can help by purchasing sneakers for boys and girls – sizes 7-12. We are also partnering with The Great Human Race as a drop-off for these shoes. The Race is being held on April 22, 2017 at The Durham Bulls Ballpark. We have also set up a special promotional code for all Rotary Members that want to participate in the Race. The Promo Code is ROT17. Rotary Members can also make a financial donation that will be used to purchase these shoes. Please make checks payable to: Rotary Club of Durham – "Happy Feet" Project in the Memo Line. We are also working with Fleet Feet on this Project. They are offering a 10% discount towards the purchase of these shoes – use the code "Happy Feet" when making your purchase. Questions: Contact Kim Shaw, at: kim@thevolunteercenter.org or 919.613.5109. (This Rotary District 7710 Project is in cooperation with The Children's Home Society of North Carolina)

A Huge Thank You to JB Duke General Manager and Our Own Danielle Kaspar For Hosting Us This Past Monday In Their Beautiful New Facility!



Books on Break
See **Todd Taylor** or **Mimi O'Brien**



A Rotary Minute With
Peter Jacobi



President B.C. Dash Exchanges
Club Banners With Fellow Rotarian



CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECIPIENTS!
Foundation Chair, Andy Esser Presents Awards at Monday's Meeting To:
Lucia Peel Powe, Susan Ross, Nancy Marks & Nancy Gordon



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