



Rotary Club of Durham

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The Mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary By:

- 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

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| 11/27 | Andy Esser Market Update Introduction: TBA |
| 12/04 | Tim Whitmire Freed To Lead: F3 As A Counter-Culture Phenomenon Introduction: Mike Kriston |
| 12/11 | Fred Annand, Director of Conservation Resources: Nature Conservancy Introduction: Lynn Richardson |
| 12/18 | Holiday Program Durham School of The Arts Mary Casey, Director K-12 Arts Education Introduction: Steed Rollins |
| 12/25 | NO MEETING!! In Observance of The Christmas Holiday |
| 01/01 | NO MEETING!! In Observance of The New Year Holiday |

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2017

Song: **TBD**
Lead Vocal: **TBD**
Pianist: **TBD**

Invocation & Rotary Minute: **MIKE WOODARD**

DRC RAFFLE:

RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

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

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Raffle Winner

Raffle Total On 11/13/2017: \$ 110.00

Rotary International: \$55; Raffle Winner: \$55

RAFFLE WINNER: ALMASA BASS

CART FUND

(Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

11/13/2017: \$23.00

Rotary's Community Service Projects: "Service Above Self"



It's Salvation Army Bell Ringing Time
Tuesday -- Saturday – 11:00 am – 8:00 pm
(12.12. Through 12.16)

We Ring at Walmart at New Hope Commons
One Hour Shifts, With 2 Members Per Shift
Sign Up Genius Will Be On Our Club Website
Contact John Cross, With Questions:
919.741.9641

We Already Have 53 Slots
Filled By 40 Members With 8 Members
Doing 2 Slots & 5 Members, Including
Family Members, To Ring

Rotary Tree Planting Project **With Rotary International President's Goal**

Our Goal: Plant 208 Trees By April 2018 (Based On Our Membership of 208)
Early December: Plant Trees At North Carolina School of Science & Math
Individual Members Can Participate By Planting Trees At Home, Businesses, Etc.
To Sign Up For November 18, Please Visit Our Club Website
At: www.durhamrotaryclub.org

CART Buckets
Bring Your Coins!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR DURHAM? WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN 2018



The agenda for the Monday, November 13 Downtown Durham Rotary Club Meeting was packed, as was The PNC Club at the DBAP, so Club President, Seth Jernigan, cut short his introduction of City Manager and Fellow Rotarian, Tom Bonfield, to allow as much time as possible for his presentation.

Bonfield jumped right into the results of the recent election, noting the outcomes represent the most significant change in the Durham City Council since Council was reduced from 13 to 7 Members in 2001. The transition from 16 years of outstanding leadership by Mayor Bill Bell as the gavel is passed on to Council Member, Steve Schewel, will have the community's full attention.

Bonfield recognized Fellow Rotarian, Cora Cole-McFadden, thanking her and congratulating her on a successful career in public office that has spanned 16 years. She was the first African-American woman to lead a city department, as well as the first to serve as the Council's Mayor Pro-Tem.

He pointed out that with three newly-elected members (DeDreana Freeman, Ward I; Mark-Anthony Middleton, Ward 2; and Vernetta Alston, Ward 3) plus a new appointee to fill Schewel's place, there could be as many as four council members venturing into public office for the first time. They will join current at-large members, Charlie Reece and Jillian Johnson; Reece will become the senior member with just two years of service under his belt when the new members are sworn in on December 4. "There's an enormous amount of information to be absorbed," Bonfield cautioned. "Policy, direction, actions --- there are consistent themes that emerged during the election, big challenges for our community that cannot be addressed in the short term."

He anticipates that robust growth will continue in Downtown, as well as along the I-40 corridor, "but our economic prosperity is not on auto-pilot." Bonfield noted several variables that could have significant impact on Durham's future. "Can the Research Triangle Park get on a redevelopment track? How can we develop more Class A office space in Downtown? Where is the much-needed parking going to come from?" he said, then added wryly, "And then there's always the one recurrent Downtown theme: fix the loop!"

CLUB STATISTICS AS OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017:

Club Members: 247 Active: 211

Active-LOA: 7; Honorary: 29

Staff Positions: 1



November Birthdays – 2017

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| MICHAEL GOODMON | NOVEMBER 03 |
| LLOYD GURLEY | NOVEMBER 03 |
| MICHEL THARP | NOVEMBER 03 |
| DAVE WALTERS | NOVEMBER 04 |
| LUCIEN ROUGHTON | NOVEMBER 05 |
| NANCY GORDON | NOVEMBER 06 |
| STAN MORRIS | NOVEMBER 07 |
| CHRISTA EVANS | NOVEMBER 07 |
| DANIELLE KASPAR | NOVEMBER 08 |
| BERT COLLINS | NOVEMBER 09 |
| ARTHUR WHITEHURST | NOVEMBER 10 |
| ROBERT BRATCHER | NOVEMBER 11 |
| C. J. DAVIS | NOVEMBER 11 |
| CALEB BAKER | NOVEMBER 12 |
| JULIE WELLS | NOVEMBER 12 |
| EARL TYE | NOVEMBER 14 |
| ELLEN CASSILLY | NOVEMBER 15 |
| WOLFGANG JOKLIK | NOVEMBER 16 |
| EARL DOWELL | NOVEMBER 16 |
| ERNIE MILLS, SR. | NOVEMBER 18 |
| ANDY ESSER | NOVEMBER 22 |
| LYNN RICHARDSON | NOVEMBER 24 |
| JACK HUGHES | NOVEMBER 24 |
| DOUG KOENIG | NOVEMBER 28 |
| BEATRICE PARKER | NOVEMBER 28 |
| SHERIDAN VAN WAGENBERG | NOVEMBER 29 |

2017-2018 ROTARY LEADERSHIP

RI President: Ian H. S. Riseley

District Governor: Shafi Parekh

ADG-Area 7: Susan Ross

2017-2018 Club Officers

President: Seth Jernigan

Immediate Past-President: B. C. Dash

President-Elect: Brady Surles

Vice-President: Shelly Green

Secretary: Emilee Collins

Treasurer: Geri Lail

Sergeant-at-Arms: Stan Morris

Finance Advisor: Barry Curtis

Legal Advisor: Deana Labriola

2017-2018 Board of Directors

Marge Nordstrom (2015-2018)

Danielle Kaspar (2015-2018)

John Cross (2015-2018)

Desmond Miller (2016-2019)

Dave Ross (2016-2019)

Arles Taylor (2016-2019)

Steed Rollins (2017-2020)

Keith Artin (2017-2020)

Kim Shaw (2017-2020)

Club Website Master

Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates

Bonfield pointed out that virtually every candidate is concerned about the lack of affordable housing for Durham's citizens. Though the Council has led the way with designating tax dollars for new development, the fact is those funds are just a drop in the bucket when you consider there are 15,000 households in the county that spend more than 50 per cent of their income on housing.

He is proud that there have been dramatic changes in infrastructure and capital planning over the past eight years, saying, "Now we have a comprehensive, fully-funded ten-year capital improvement plan in place that's already built in so it doesn't have to go before voters." Funding for city streets has quadrupled from \$2 Million Dollars to \$8 Million Dollars earmarked for paving city streets beginning in Spring 2018. New sidewalks, bike, and pedestrian paths, along with an innovative bike-share program, have been allocated \$20 Million Dollars.

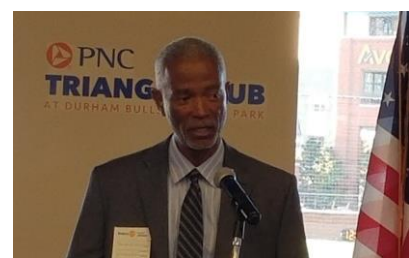
Bonfield supports light rail and the expansion of mass transit in The Triangle, saying that, in view of growth projections, he doesn't see many viable alternatives. State and Federal funding will be key as to the success of these initiatives.

He spoke passionately about the need --- not just in Durham --- but in many communities across our nation, to reduce violent crime, particularly gun crimes. "Minorities and people of color are disproportionately represented in our justice system," he said. "Statistically, someone will be shot every other day in Durham. This is detrimental to the entire community, not just to those directly involved." He announced a recently secured \$1.2 Million Dollar Grant targeting the problem of justice-involved residents. "We need better coordination of how programs in the community and in our schools are affecting our youth," Bonfield said. He looks forward to the installment of the new DPS Superintendent, noting that we need more stability in our school leadership going forward.

He is optimistic about our future, reminding Rotarians that Durham is perceived very well both nationally and internationally, receiving dozens of accolades each year. "We don't mind talking about our blemishes. There are lots of people working on issues critical to our long-term sustainability," he says. "Durham has always welcome changed, re-inventing ourselves, while remaining cognizant of and respectful to our heritage."

Submitted By: Carver Weaver

ROTARIAN, DIETER MAUCH PRESENTS THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD TO BOUNCING BULLDOGS FOUNDER/DIRECTOR, COACH RAY N. FREDRICK JR. CONGRATULATIONS COACH FREDRICK!!



PRESIDENT-NOMINEE, TODD TAYLOR, HONORS OUR VETERANS IN HIS ROTARY MINUTE; AND OUR CLUB CHORALE SINGS A MEDLEY OF MILITARY SERVICE SONG SELECTIONS



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