



# 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

07/24	Ward Nye, Chairman, President & CEO of Martin Marrietta <u>Introduction:</u> Seth Jernigan
07/31	Chris Ogden: The Fence – A Public Art Installation Coming To Downtown Durham <u>Introduction:</u> Arthur Rogers, III
08/07	David Graham: Journalist For The Atlantic <u>Introduction:</u> TBD
08/14	Phil Freelon: TBD/Architecture & Design <u>Introduction:</u> Ellen Cassilly
08/21	Dr. Bartley Danielsen: Family Migration, Schools & CPR <u>Introduction:</u> Mike Kriston
08/28	Shafi Parekh, District 7710 Governor 2017-18 <u>Introduction:</u> Seth Jernigan

### SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 24, 2017

Song: "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

Lead Vocal: KEVIN SPEARS

Pianist: ANDY ESSER

Invocation & Rotary Minute: BILL STOKES

### DRC RAFFLE:

#### RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

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

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Raffle Winner

**Raffle Total On 7/17/2017: \$113.00**

Rotary International: **\$57.50**; Raffle Winner: **\$57.50**

**RAFFLE WINNER: JULIE KETNER RIGBY**

### CART FUND

(Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

**7/17/2017: \$125.00**



## ROTARY: PEOPLE OF ACTION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS



### EDCI END OF SUMMER CAMP PICNIC

Maureen Joy Charter School

Friday, August 4, 2017 (11:30-12:30); (12:30-1:30); (1:30-2:30)

Contact David Reese, At: [david.reese@edci.org](mailto:david.reese@edci.org)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f44a8ae2da7f49-edci>

**SPONSOR A CHILD: ROTARY'S TAKE A KID TO THE BALLGAME!** Sunday, August 13, 2017 (Gates Open 4PM; Game Time 5PM) \$30/Each—Checks Are Made Payable To: Rotary Club of Durham Thanks For Making This A Special Day For OUR Kids!

### PLAN NOW TO VOLUNTEER FOR CENTERFEST

September 16 – 17, 2017

Contact Brady Surles, At: [brady\\_surles@hotmail.com](mailto:brady_surles@hotmail.com)



### DURHAM, ENGLAND ROTARIANS VISIT US

October 24 – 31, 2017

And Will Attend Our Rotary Meeting On October 30<sup>th</sup> Interested In Being a Host Family?

Contact Brady Surles, At: [brady\\_surles@hotmail.com](mailto:brady_surles@hotmail.com)

### Who Are Our Durham, England Rotarian Guests?

**Tony & Brenda Ford:** Retired Royal Air Force; Retired Educator. Both love music & sing in several choirs; & Tony plays the Tuba. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren as well.

**David & Jillian Jackson:** Business Consultant, Radiographer. They both love gardening and hiking. They have two small children (ages 4 & 6).

**Edward & Cliona Kear:** Retired Earth Scientist working with oil companies; Retired Financial Advisor; They both love gardening, hiking, flower arranging, and spending time with their grandchildren. Edward wants someone to explain American Baseball and American Football to him.

**Clive Beddoes:** Retired Educator. Clive loves music, hiking, and studying the American Civil War. He also says he is an Apple Computer Addict.

**Judy Morris:** Retired Educator; Worked With disadvantaged children. Judy also worked with a National Dementia Charity. She loves traveling, needle crafts, and spending time with her grandson.

### LIVING INDEPENDENTLY AND FINDING EMPOWERMENT



The acronym for LIFE Skills Foundation, spelled out above, is a completely appropriate name for this Durham non-profit. Originally known as The Carolina Outreach Foundation, the Organization transitioned to LIFE Skills in 2013, Rotarian Ari Medoff explained in his introduction, to better address its mission to providing housing, life, and job skills for the community's young adults in need. Founding Director Alex Protzman earned his MSW (Master of Social Work) from NYU and focuses on LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Work), supporting individuals specifically with mental and emotional health needs. LIFE Skills provides housing and wraparound support services to youth ages 15-24, Protzman explains, "because often they have nowhere else to go. They've aged out of foster care, they're justice-involved, or their families can no longer support them, and they are not well served by either child or adult social services."

**CLUB STATISTICS AS OF  
JULY 24, 2017:**

**Club Members: 243 Active: 206  
Active-LOA: 7; Honorary: 30  
Staff Positions: 1**



**July Birthdays – 2017**

Colin Copeland	July 01
Susan Amey	July 05
Indira Everett	July 05
Kenneth Chandler	July 05
Reyn Bowman	July 08
Jay Zenner	July 10
Josiah Murray, III	July 11
Candace Minjares	July 13
Jim Sackett	July 14
Milton Whaley	July 14
Mark Lazenby	July 15
Mike Rychener	July 15
Steve Pike	July 20
David Reese	July 21
John Cross	July 21
Bruce Alexander	July 21
Art Pappas	July 23
Christopher Gergen	July 28
Janene Tompkins	July 30
Dave Ross	July 30
Carolyn Aaronson	July 31

**Induction For Our  
New Innovative Fellows  
Is Scheduled For Monday,  
August 14, 2017!**

**Katherine Gill; Beatrice Parker; &  
Alexandra Zagbayou**

**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

Wraparound services involve seven fundamental areas: housing, employment, education, communication, financial literacy, development of a support network, and personal health (both physical and mental.) “These transitional youth are costly to society,” Protzman says. “Of young adults aging out of foster care, one in five will become homeless and one in four will become incarcerated. But until they can learn how to apply for credit, fill out an apartment lease, or even properly complete an application for college or a job, their future options are very limited.” Currently, LIFE Skills owns eight residential units where they can house their youth. On-site staff support includes weekly support groups, training in basic home maintenance, and conflict resolution for 30 hours per week. “These young adults have little or no experience in how to live independently,” Protzman emphasizes. “So, we help them master simple skills that many of us take for granted, such as grocery shopping or basic respect for a roommate. We work on incremental changes – ‘baby steps’ – but just as long as they keep moving forward.” The problem is growing. Since 2013, the number of youth in foster care in Durham has increased by 47%. Each night, there are more than 80 young adults who are homeless, adding up to more than 700 per year. North Carolina has the second fastest growth rate of teenage homelessness in the nation.

LIFE Skills’ approach is working. Over 80% of its participants are either involved in an education program or are employed; most youth find work within 3 months of enrollment. Participants are required to be employed and/or in school a minimum of 30 hours per week. One-third of their income is “paid” to LIFE Skills in the form of rent; the Organization actually banks the money for each individual and pays it back when they are ready to move on from the Program. “That way they have a little nest egg that they have to manage responsibility to help them get started on their own 2 feet,” Protzman notes.

The Organization has a number of community partners, including Durham Public Schools and The Department of Social Services. Protzman and his team dream of expanding the Program and its partnerships to increase its collective impact by purchasing additional residential units; improving access to regular medical, dental, and mental health services; providing year-round, “round the clock” access to support services for residents; and involving its participants in community service projects. And that’s just for starters. According to the website ([www.lifeskillsfound.org](http://www.lifeskillsfound.org)), “each transition youth we work with has the fundamental right to a life of happiness, full of possibility, and free from oppression.” That’s a goal that I daresay my Rotary colleagues would heartily agree with.

*Submitted By: Carver Weaver*

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL OUR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!!**



**A WARM DURHAM ROTARY  
WELCOME TO OUR  
NEWEST CLUB MEMBER!!  
DR. KENNETH WILFRED CHANDLER  
(DR. “C”)**

**Co-Sponsored By:  
Sheridan van Wagenberg & Sam Nichols**



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