



Rotary Club of Durham

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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

- 08/28 Shafi Parekh, District 7710 Governor 2017-18
Introduction: Susan Ross
- 09/04 **No Meeting!**
In Observance of The Labor Day Holiday
- 09/11 Richard Stein, Holocaust Survivor
Introduction: Nancy Gordon
- 09/18 Rotary Peace Fellows,
Cristel Greiner Butchart
Introduction: TBD
- 09/25 Sarah Schroth, Carlo Dolci Exhibition
And Duke Sculpture Park
Introduction: Arthur Rogers, III

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 28, 2017

Song: **“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”**
Lead Vocal: **MARK HIGGINS**
Pianist: **ANDY ESSER**
Invocation: **WILLIS WHICHARD**

DRC RAFFLE:

RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

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

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Raffle Winner

Raffle Total On 8/21/2017: \$49.00

Rotary International: \$25.00; Raffle Winner: \$24.00

RAFFLE WINNER: MICHAEL PRIDDY
CART FUND

(Coins For Alzheimer’s Research Trust)

8/21/2017: \$_



ROTARY: PEOPLE OF ACTION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS



CENTERFEST VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED WORKING THE GATES AND COKE BOOTHS

Saturday, September 16, 2017 – 10:00AM – 6:00PM;

Sunday, September 17, 2017 – 11:00AM – 5:00PM

Shifts Are For 2 Hours.

We encourage you to sign up for 2 shifts (same day, or 1 day each).

This is a major fundraiser for Durham Arts Council to support arts programs for the community and especially for youth programs and youth camps.

Note: Willing to work the Coke/T-Shirt Booths?

Please indicate that in the comment section when you sign up.

Sign-Up Genius Is On Our Rotary Website

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848a9a62fa13-centerfest1

ROTARY CUISINE CRAWL

Sunday, September 24, 2017 – 4:00PM – 8:00PM – \$40/Per Person

Questions: Contact Meg Solera, At: meg.solera@gmail.com



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June 23-27, 2018

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GEORGE HABEL & BENJY CAPPS



Everyone deserves a chance to play baseball. To the 100 or so die-hard Rotarians who chose to attend Monday’s meeting rather than gaze upon the eclipse, Capitol Sports Vice-President, George Habel, expressed his thanks for the support our Club has given. First, for “Take a Kid To The Ballgame,” --- which, spearheaded by a generous donation from Fellow Rotarian, Michael Goodman and Capitol Broadcasting, and complemented by The Club donations, allowed us to treat 66 youth to a Durham Bulls home game, complete with hotdogs and Bulls Baseball Caps.

Second, George conveyed his gratitude to the Club for choosing to move our weekly meetings to the DBAP. “It was a first-time job-related task when I had to hire a chef for the Bulls,” George said. “And now, with Rotary’s commitment to Monday luncheons, I’ve had to hire a sous chef!” While the Convention Center (and the Marriott before that) have certainly worked hard to be accommodating, our move to the Ballpark emphasizes our growing, progressive Club’s efforts to represent and support to the Durham Community even more strongly. Reminder --- our Monday, September 11th Meeting will be held at the DBAP!

**CLUB STATISTICS AS OF
AUGUST 28, 2017:**

**Club Members: 242 Active: 205
Active-LOA: 8; Honorary: 29
Staff Positions: 1**



August Birthdays – 2017

VINCE SIMONETTI	AUGUST 03
CARA ROUSSEAU	AUGUST 03
PATRICK BAKER	AUGUST 06
HARVEY SELLNER	AUGUST 08
SHARON HIRSCH	AUGUST 09
GERAUD STATON	AUGUST 12
DALLAS STALLINGS	AUGUST 13
RORY GILLIS	AUGUST 16
WADE GRESHAM	AUGUST 16
SUNNY WOODEN	AUGUST 24
TAMMIE SELLMAN	AUGUST 25
TOM BAGBY	AUGUST 26
ROZ GRACE	AUGUST 29
SUSAN MILLER	AUGUST 29
CARVER WEAVER	AUGUST 31
SETH JERNIGAN	AUGUST 31
KATIE WYATT	AUGUST 31

PENDING NEW MEMBER

**REBECCA JOHNSON ("Becca")
(Sponsored By: Marge Nordstrom)
Induction Date: September 11, 2017**



A ROTARY MINUTE WITH TOM BAGBY

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

The project George introduced to the Club on Monday likewise underscores the ongoing commitment that The Durham Bulls, Capitol Broadcasting, and the Goodmon family have made to Durham. Capitol Broadcasting has made a \$400,000 challenge pledge toward a projected fundraising goal of \$1.5 Million Dollars to build a new ballpark in Durham --- not for a minor league team, but for a true "dream team" that has already come to fruition for over 500 special needs children in Wake County. The Miracle League of The Triangle is expanding into Durham, with the vision that "everyone deserves a chance to play baseball."

George said bluntly, "Let me be direct: I need your money!" Funds will go to construct a baseball field, slated to be completed in 2018, specially equipped to be wheelchair, walker, and crutches-friendly, and complete with bleachers and other ballpark amenities. It will be located catty-corner from the DBAP, on the southern side of Highway 147 on a site owned by The Durham Housing Authority. "It will be visible and accessible to all," George says. "We want to make it easy for our players and their families to get there and park, and to give Durham Bulls ballplayers and staff, as well as the community at large, the opportunity to volunteer and help the kids --- not to mention spectators who want to cheer us on."



George then introduced Benjy Capps, Executive Director, The Miracle League of The Triangle, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Organization with the mission of crating positive life experiences for children and adults with special needs, as well as for their families. The Miracle League of The Triangle, founded in 2006, was the first league in North Carolina. Its first facility was constructed in Cary soon thereafter, with another opening near Wakefield in Raleigh in 2014. Currently, they serve over 500

youth each year, with a goal of increasing that to over 1,000 with the opening of the Durham Park. There are two eight-week seasons, one in spring and one in fall, and teams are limited to no more than 15 players. Teams are open to any child or adult with special needs ages five and older and offers a safe, encouraging environment in which to learn and play the game of baseball.

Volunteers provide one-on-one assistance to the teams. Each player chooses his or her own nickname as well as a theme song, which is played as they walk to the plate for their turn at bat. Every player bats and scores one run during the two-inning game. Each game opens with The National Anthem, and "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" is sung between innings. Benjy says, with a smile, "And somehow it happens that every game ends in a tie, so everyone wins. It's truly a miracle!"

He adds sincerely, "If you want to have a life-changing experience, I suggest you just come to one game as a volunteer or even a spectator." He shared a video entitled, "Moments of Joy" which was truly inspiring. Over 8,000 volunteers have had life-changing experiences since the League's inception, a net that will be cast even wider when the Durham facility is ready for play.

More information can be found at: www.MiracleLeagueoftheTriangle.com.

Submitted By: Carver Weaver



Club Facebook Link: www.facebook.com/DurhamRotaryClub

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