



# 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

- 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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Song: “**GOD BLESS AMERICA**”  
Lead Vocal: **ANDY ESSER**  
Pianist: **SHARON LASSITER**  
Invocation: **KIMBERLY SUAREZ**

### DRC RAFFLE:

#### RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

Contribution: \$1 Ticket; \$5 – 6 Tickets  
Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Raffle Winner  
**Raffle Total On 8/28/2017: \$105.00**  
Rotary International: \$53; Raffle Winner: \$52  
**RAFFLE WINNER: JIM LEAK**  
CART FUND  
(Coins For Alzheimer’s Research Trust)  
**8/28/2017: \$TBD**



## 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](http://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](mailto:meg.solera@gmail.com)



## **2018 Rotary International Convention In Toronto, Canada**

June 23-27, 2018

Join Thousands of Rotarians From Around The World Celebrating Rotary Programs  
Be Sure To Read The Article About Toronto In Our Newest Rotary Magazine

### DISTRICT 7710 GOVERNOR, SHAFI PAREKH



Durham Rotary Past-President and current Assistant District Governor, Susan Ross, introduced the new District Governor, Shafi Parekh. It is unusual to meet one man whose life illustrates both the international nature of Rotary and Rotary’s commitment to service, but DG Shafi certainly fills the bill.

After getting his degree in dairy and food science from The University of Reading in England, Mr. Parekh lived and worked in many places around the world, including: Cuba, Puerto Rico, Pakistan, Michigan, Texas, and California. His Rotary history includes four Districts, including one in Pakistan, one in Michigan, one in Texas, and now the one he leads, District 7710, here in North Carolina.

Of the four Districts, he considers this one the best, which is an appropriate political statement, of course, but set the tone for his plans and suggestions for improving individual Clubs and the District.

## CLUB STATISTICS AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2017:

**Club Members: 244 Active: 207**

**Active-LOA: 8; Honorary: 29**

**Staff Positions: 1**



### September Birthdays – 2017

VANDANA DAKE	SEPTEMBER 01
ALEXANDRA ZAGBAYOU	SEPTEMBER 01
DAN HILL	SEPTEMBER 03
LOIS DELOATCH	SEPTEMBER 04
ARLES TAYLOR	SEPTEMBER 05
TOM KRAKAUER	SEPTEMBER 06
PHAIL WYNN	SEPTEMBER 08
CHARLIE REECE	SEPTEMBER 10
JAMES CRUMPTON	SEPTEMBER 12
JOSE SOLERA	SEPTEMBER 14
SARAH SCHROTH	SEPTEMBER 16
DIANE BONNER	SEPTEMBER 16
DEANA LABRIOLA	SEPTEMBER 19
RANDALL McLEOD	SEPTEMBER 19
BUNMI FATOYE-MATORY	SEPTEMBER 20
MICHELE YOUNG	SEPTEMBER 20
EMILY OLIVER	SEPTEMBER 25
MONICA BARNES	SEPTEMBER 26
MALCOLM WHITE	SEPTEMBER 28
SHELLY GREEN	SEPTEMBER 29

#### PENDING NEW MEMBER:

**SARAH SMYTHE HILL**

(Sponsored By Past-President, Don Stanger)

#### 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)

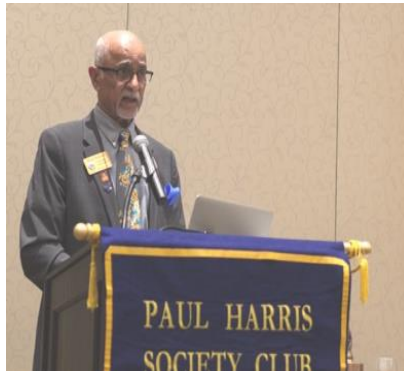
Steed Rollins (2017-2020)

Keith Artin (2017-2020)

Kim Shaw (2017-2020)

#### Club Website Master

Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates



For many years, Rotary International has been concerned with the demographics of the membership --- especially the average age. Goals have been set and the long term national goal is about 35% of membership to be under 40 years old. He talked about starting two clubs himself with very high percentages of under 40 members.

In a mature club like ours, with reasonable retention of membership, these goals may be difficult to reach, but newer blood in the 10% range is attainable. Strategically, the objective is sustaining an active membership and service projects. Governor Parekh suggested several tactical solutions to achieving these goals, including grabbing the “low hanging fruit.” This means seeking out new members who already have knowledge of Rotary and/or a commitment to service. He mentioned transfers, youth exchange beneficiaries, Peace Corps Members, and Junior Chamber Members who have “aged out” of their Clubs.

One of the challenges of his position as District Governor is to try to make the impact of the District greater than the sum of its parts. One of the initiatives that Governor Shafi described was the rebranding of what was once called a District Assembly to an All Clubs Assembly and an effort to get more members to participate in these conferences and at the District level generally.

No address by a new District Governor would be complete without mention of Polio Plus, the importance of The Rotary Foundation or the CART Bucket push for Alzheimer’s Care and Research.

Governor Shafi’s personal commitment to service was reflected in three projects he was involved in over the years that were mentioned in Susan’s introduction. These included Gifted and Talented Programs he helped establish in three Michigan School Districts. He also was behind the promotion of a Rotary Grant that provided surgical equipment for children suffering from cancer in Pakistan. He also initiated a prosthesis program in Pakistan that donated artificial limbs, an effort that was marked by watching the 1000<sup>th</sup> recipient walk on her own.

As it has been for many years, the leadership of our District appears to be in capable and compassionate hands.

*Submitted By: Jay Zenner*



### **A ROTARY MINUTE WITH JUDGE WILLIS P. WHICHARD**

**To Read Entire Article,  
Please Click The Link Below:**

<http://durhamrotaryclub.org/2017/09/rotary-minute-judge-willis-whichard-on-leaving-the-convention-center/>



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