



# 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

09/18	Rotary Peace Fellows, Cristel Greiner Butchart <u>Introduction:</u> TBD
09/25	Sarah Schroth, Carlo Dolci Exhibition And Duke Sculpture Park <u>Introduction:</u> Arthur Rogers, III
10/02	Rotary Innovation Fellows Katherine Gill; Alexandra Zagbayou; and Beatrice Parker <u>Introduction:</u> Christopher Gergen
10/09	<b>NO MEETING! In Observance of The Columbus Day Holiday</b>
10/16	Evan Walker-Wells: Scalawag Magazine <u>Introduction:</u> Ari Medoff
10/23	Dave Kirkpatrick: Impact Investing The SJF Ventures Journey <u>Introduction:</u> Michael Palmer
10/30	Dr. Bartley Danielsen Family Migration Schools & CPR <u>Introduction:</u> Mike Kriston

### SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

Song: "GOD BLESS AMERICA"  
Lead Vocal: **ANDY ESSER**  
Pianist: **SHARON LASSITER**  
Invocation: **ANN EVANS**

**DRC RAFFLE:**  
**RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS**  
Contribution: \$1 Ticket; \$5 – 6 Tickets  
Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Raffle Winner  
**Raffle Total On 9/11/2017: \$124.00**  
Rotary International: \$62; Raffle Winner: \$62  
**RAFFLE WINNER: KAY GRESHAM**  
CART FUND  
(Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)  
**9/11/2017: \$138.00**



## ROTARY: PEOPLE OF ACTION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS



### **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 For Special Events?

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.

## Renee Fink



When I saw the program was to be delivered by a holocaust survivor, I wondered how one of those skeletal figures pictured when the death camps were liberated in 1945 could have survived 70 plus years now and still be giving presentations to students and civic clubs.

So, I was a little surprised when I met Ms. Fink, who was clearly younger than that by at least a decade or two. Minutes into her presentation, however, it was apparent why she, and possibly a generation or two after her, are also genuine holocaust survivors.

My daughter, Steph, and granddaughter, Maddy, came to live with me three years ago now. Maddy is now five and has started kindergarten. I cannot imagine the agony we would feel if it ever got so dangerous here that our best option for her safety was to hand her over to an underground railway to deliver her to an unknown family in another country.

For those who were at the meeting, you know that Ms. Fink's story was told in four videos that were entitled "On The Back of a Stranger's Bicycle: Renee Fink's Story". Our time constraints being what they are, she stopped at three videos, but there is a fourth and I urge you to watch it, too, on-line. If you are reading this on the Club's Website, I'm going to embed the first video on the site so that those who couldn't attend the meeting can see all four of them in sequence. If you just want to watch the fourth, you will see links to all four of them by clicking through and watching them on YouTube. Or you can go to the website <http://holocaustspeakersbureau.org> where you will find a biography of Ms. Fink and a link to the videos.

The bicycle referenced, by the way, was one she carried on briefly during her journey to relative safety in Holland and symbolized how many of the children that were saved from the Nazis were moved from one resistance cell to another. The organization of the cells kept them ignorant of one another so no one could reveal the whole network.

**CLUB STATISTICS AS OF  
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 KRKAUER	SEPTEMBER 06
PHIL 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 MEMBERS:****BECCA JOHNSON***(Sponsored By: Marge Nordstrom)***SARAH SMYTHE HILL***(Sponsored By Past-President, Don Stanger)***Rotary Minute With New Member, Kim Suarez****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)  
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John Cross (2015-2018)  
Desmond Miller (2016-2019)  
Dave Ross (2016-2019)  
Arles Taylor (2016-2019)  
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Keith Artin (2017-2020)  
Kim Shaw (2017-2020)

**Club Website Master**

Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates

Another surprise was that Ms. Fink described the war years as the high point in the overall experience. This, in spite of the fact that, during the last years of the war when food was very scarce, she was living with Catholic members of the resistance as part of their family and called them mother and father. She said they were often cold, hungry, and in hiding, but they didn't know anything else or realized how bad it was. It was after the war and being uprooted again was when the real suffering of uncertainty and rootlessness began.

Apart from the video, Ms. Fink's presentation was called What Can the Holocaust Teach Us Today? We might also ask why the warning signs of a repeat go unnoticed? Many of us in the room had fathers who fought the Nazis in World War II, me included. That's not so long ago, and other genocides large and small have occurred in the interim.

Last Friday I met a young girl in Maddy's school. She's a year older but smaller than Maddy. She and her parents are refugees from a country where they were part of a persecuted religious minority. She is still being treated for the malnutrition she suffered. The compassionate members of a local church are seeing that they have what they need to survive in a strange land that is getting stranger. I wonder these days whether that compassion will survive in this country when it also requires courage. Do we ask ourselves enough whether we would have the courage to be part of one of those cells hiding children from the authorities that want to get rid of them? A million and a half children did not find their way to safety in Nazi Germany and the territories they occupied. No amount of compassion would have saved them without equal amounts of courage.

The test may be closer than we think. DACA has been revoked. Many of the Dreamers were smuggled here to escape from gang violence and drug wars. Ms. Fink told us that she was too young to remember much about when she was spirited away from the dangers in Germany to Holland before it was occupied. Is sending the Dreamers back to an unknown fate in a country they have no memory of, less cruel than the fate of the children who were caught in Holland? The Dreamers are being told they "will be taken care of" by the man who revoked the Executive Order that created DACA while he simultaneously beefs up ICE, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement organization. It all sounds eerily familiar. Much of the argument for allowing the Dreamers to stay here is that many, if not most, are now productive citizens, paying taxes, serving in the military, becoming teachers, etc. True enough, but that makes it all about us. Maybe, a more compelling argument is that we as American citizens could demonstrate our compassion and courage by finding a way to welcome and embrace them, just like members of the Resistance in Holland did for Renee Fink, holocaust survivor.

I couldn't help but think about this as we recited the 4 Way Test at the end of the meeting.

*Submitted By: Jay Zenner*

President Seth Exchanges Club Banners  
With Mayor Kalisti Bulshay



Judge Nancy Gordon Introduces  
Our Guest Speaker, Renee Fink



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