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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

- 01/04 RTI President Wayne Holden
Introduction: Don Stanger
- 01/11 Affordable Housing In Durham
Karen Lado
Introduction: Rob Everett
- 01/18 **No Meeting!! In Observance of MLK Day**
- 01/25 Dan Shannon, President
A Taste of Durham (Durham Magazine)
Introduction: TBD
- 02/01 **OFFSITE MEETING!!**
(Additional Information Will Follow)
Marion Johnson, Jr. and Team
NBMBA, Lot Business Case Team
Introduction: Don Stanger

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 4, 2016

Music
Vocalist: SHERRY DEVRIES
Pianist: VINCE SIMONETTI
"AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL"

DRC Raffle: RI Foundation Programs
 Contribution: \$1/Ticket; \$5/6 Tickets
 Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Winner
Rotary International: \$82.00 Raffle Winner: \$82.00
Total: \$164.00

Raffle Winner: JIM LEAK

CART Fund (Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)
12/14 \$52.80

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



The "Rotary Singers" opened the Club's traditional holiday musical program. Sherry DeVries and Shelly Green shared the conductor's baton. Our ten or so vocalists performed familiar secular and religious Christmas songs. Their performance concluded with "Jingle Bells" which was greeted with a rousing ovation.



Mary Casey, Director, Durham Public Schools Arts Education, introduced the two schools whose groups performed --- Brogden Middle School's Eighth Grade Women's Chorus under the direction of Ms. Corinne Huber; and Lucas Middle School's Advanced Band Small Ensemble, directed by Mr. Allen Amos. Durham School Superintendent, Dr. Bert L'Homme, Brogden Middle School Principal, Ms. Latonya Smith, and Lucas Middle School Principal, Mr. Tom Seckler, attended our meeting as Club guests.

Many of the songs sung by the Brogden Women's Chorus were unknown to me but timely --- and addressed issues of the contemporary world. One was a paean to nature, so appropriate at a time in which world leaders had gathered in Paris to discuss climate change. I was so moved by their rendition of *Prayer of the Children*, I did a little poking around on the internet. I learned it was composed by Kurt Bestor who was affected by the deaths of children during the Yugoslav conflict of the 1970's. It has been performed in numerous memorials to the victims of September 11th and the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School. In light of the horrendous violence in Charleston, Paris, and San Bernadino in recent weeks, the song takes on even more poignancy. Google *Prayer of the Children* for several heart-wrenching Yahoo renditions. On a lighter note, the song *I Was Following* was accompanied by snappy syncopated hand clapping, finger clicking, and thigh thumping that brought the house down. Again, I did a little investigative work on the internet. There I discovered the song originally appeared on an album performed by Pentatonix, a contemporary a cappella group.

**Club Statistics as of
January 4, 2016:**

Club Members: 238;
Active: 202

Active-LOA: 6; Honorary: 30
Staff Positions: 1



JANUARY 2016 BIRTHDAYS!

NEWMAN AGUIAR	JANUARY 01
WAYNE HAYS	JANUARY 03
RUTH DZAU	JANUARY 04
WENDY HILLIS	JANUARY 08
NANCY MARKS	JANUARY 08
DEBRA SAUNDERS WHITE	JANUARY 08
JOSEPH HARVARD	JANUARY 08
ARI MEDOFF	JANUARY 10
RICHARD JENKINS	JANUARY 12
KURT PREBLE	JANUARY 18
ALMASSA BASS	JANUARY 20
LOIS CRANFORD	JANUARY 21
CHRIS WILLIAMSON	JANUARY 21
BOB GUTMAN	JANUARY 23
IKE MURRAY	JANUARY 24
MEG SOLERA	JANUARY 25
SHARON LASSITER	JANUARY 25
TAMMY BAGGETT	JANUARY 25
MERCER STANFIELD	JANUARY 26
TOBY BARFIELD	JANUARY 28
COURTNEY RAND JAMES	JANUARY 29
CHARLIE DILTS	JANUARY 30
ELIZABETH PRITCHETT	JANUARY 30
JOE HOUDE	JANUARY 31

Pending New Members:

David Durack: Sponsored By: Guv Solie
Douglas Butler: Sponsored By: Sam Miglarese
Katie Wyatt: Sponsored By: Matt Kopac
Ellen Cassilly: Sponsored By: Treat Harvey
Ian Nidel: Sponsored By: Rob Everett
Trudy Smith: Sponsored By: Kim Shaw

2015-2016 ROTARY LEADERSHIP

RI President: K. R. Ravindran
District Governor: Newman Aguiar
ADG-Area 7: Joyce McKinney

2015-2017 Club Officers

President: Lois Deloatch
Immediate Past-President: Vandana Dake
President-Elect: B. C. Dash
Vice-President: Shelly Green
Secretary: Phyllis Coley
Treasurer: Susan Miller
Sergeant-at-Arms: Janene Tompkins
Finance Advisor: Barry Curtis
Legal Advisor: Deana Labriola

2015-2017 Board of Directors

Eric Miller
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Andy Esser
Blake Strayhorn
Meg Solera
Marge Nordstrom
Jen Noble
Ari Medoff
Danielle Kaspar

Club Website Master

Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates



The Lucas Middle School Ensemble, consisting of brass, wind and percussion instruments, played several songs whose lyrics, or at least refrains, were familiar, and ran through my head as they played. *Joy To The World, Come, O Come Emmanuel, Angels We Have Heard On High, God Bless Ye Merry Gentlemen*, reminded me of the "old days" when people still went caroling in their neighborhoods at Christmas time. A couple of the tunes evoked the brassy sound of a Second Line Band in New Orleans accompanied by a joyous strutting crowd. This also being the season of the Jewish "Festival of Lights" the Ensemble played a festive Hanukkah song. Another piece, *African Noel*, is a traditional African carol that, according to a Google search, is usually sung as a round. The percussionists really got to shine in this piece. Two flutists beautifully performed *Angels We Have Heard On High*.

"What a way to end our Centennial Year," President Lois concluded as we prepared to recite The Four Way Test for the last time in 2015.

Submitted By: Allen Cronenberg

Our District Governor, Newman Aguiar, District Governor-Elect, Rusine Mitchell Sinclair, & Assistant District Governor, Joyce McKinney Award Our Club Members Who Have Achieved The Governor's Pin of Excellence Award – CONGRATULATIONS!



Lois Cranford, Susan Ross, Rob Everett, Guy Solie, Matt Kopac, Deana Labriola, Jim Leak Sheridan van Wagenberg, Kevin Spears, Carver Weaver, Chris Gergen, Sam Miglarese, Kim Shaw, Melissa Mills, President Lois Deloatch

DGE Rusine Mitchell Sinclair,
DG Newman Aguiar & ADG Joyce McKinney

Dr. Larry Crane
ROTARY MINUTE



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