



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

- 04/11 OFFSITE MEETING!!**
TROSA
Kevin McDonald, President & CEO
Introduction: TBD
- 04/18** Chris Rosati / Kyle Mumma
Inspire Media
Introduction: Rob Everett
- 04/25** Shelly Green: DCVB Upcoming Events
Introduction: TBD
- 05/02** Mike Gladdeck, DDI – Moderator;
Bob Chapman, Developer – Panelist;
Wesley Parham, City – Panelist
The Proposed Durham Loop
“Around We Go” – A Panel Discussion
Introduction: Arthur Rogers; Rob Everett

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 11, 2016

Music
Vocalist: SHERRY DEVRIES
Song: “AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL”

ROTARY MINUTE & INVOCATION: MARIE BAKER

DRC Raffle: RI Foundation Programs
Contribution: \$1/Ticket; \$5/6 Tickets
Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Winner
Rotary International: \$66 Raffle Winner: \$65
Total: \$131

Raffle Winner: LESLIE FISCHER

CART Fund (Coins For Alzheimer’s Research Trust)

4/4 \$288.25!

DUKE GARDENS --- BILL LEFEVRE



Occasionally, our Club is required to meet offsite when The Durham Convention Center hosts a large meeting or exhibition. In the case of Monday, April 4th, preparations at The Center were being made for Durham’s own Full Frame Documentary Film Festival. (Note: Monday, April 11th Meeting will be offsite at TROSA.) Rotarians were treated to the delightful Doris Duke Center at The Sarah P. Duke Gardens, surrounded by thousands of blooms in all of their springtime glory.

Rotarian Bill LeFevre, Executive Director of the Gardens, provided an interesting and sometime humorous overview of the Gardens’ history, followed by a walking tour. LeFevre holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Landscape Design, and a Master’s Degree in Public Horticulture Administration, and was appointed Duke Gardens’ first full-time Director in 2007. Since then, more than \$10 Million Dollars in capital projects have been created, including the Toyama Sister Cities Pavilion, The Pine Clouds Mountain Stream Japanese Garden, and the relocation of the century-old Roney Fountain from East Campus to the Rose Garden.

The Charlotte Brody Discovery Garden, a pilot project of The National Sustainable Sites Initiative, was also completed. This area displays, demonstrates, and teaches about plants that provide people, animals, birds, and insects with food and shelter, and features The Burpee Learning Center, which Durham Architect and Fellow Rotarian, Ellen Cassilly, repurposed from two historic North Carolina tobacco barns. Several aging wooden bridges have been replaced with artisan metal ones.

LeFevre explained that Duke Gardens has an annual operating budget of approximately \$4 Million Dollars; about one-third in cash and in-kind support comes from Duke University. The remainder is raised through numerous channels, including wedding rentals, musical performances, educational programs, membership fees for Friends of Duke Gardens, individual and corporate donations and sponsorships, and Terrace Shop purchases. There is no admission fee to Garden visitors, but parking rates are \$2.00 per half hour.

Like the community and the University which surround them, Duke Gardens has accumulated numerous accolades for its world-class horticulture and excellent programs. In 2016, Condé Nast Traveler bestowed its “20 Most Beautiful College Campuses in America.” Best Colleges Online named it one of “50 Most Amazing University Botanic Gardens in the U.S.” and Best of Hip Green Scene called it “Best Public Garden to Stroll” in 2015. In 2014, the Gardens placed fourth on an international list of “50 Most Stunning University Gardens and Arboreturns” and The Huffington Post honored them among the nation’s “insanely beautiful public gardens.”



The Gardens are truly a living museum, with bulbs, plants, and trees propagated on-site as well as purchased from exclusive nurseries throughout the southeast. LeFevre conservatively estimates the number of visitors each year to be around 300,000, and admits his biggest challenge is how to accommodate the growing number of people --- not only on the property, but with adequate restrooms, parking, accessibility, and other services. In the meantime, it’s one of our Durham’s crown jewels, delivering beauty year-round above and beyond its Vision Statement, which reads, in part: “(Duke Gardens is) an indispensable and lasting feature of life at Duke

University, accessible to all, providing outreach and respite to a diverse and vibrant local community and visitors from around the world.”

Submitted By: Carver Weaver

Club Statistics as of

April 11, 2016:

Club Members: 248;

Active: 213

Active-LOA: 6; Honorary: 29

Staff Positions: 1



APRIL 2016 BIRTHDAYS!

ROB EVERETT	APRIL 01
WILLIE COVINGTON	APRIL 02
GERRY MUSANTE	APRIL 03
ERNE ROESSLER	APRIL 07
CAROL ROYCROFT	APRIL 09
BERT L'HOMME	APRIL 11
NICK ALLEN	APRIL 12
BILL INGRAM	APRIL 13
GEORGE QUICK	APRIL 14
ROXANNE HALL LITTLE	APRIL 15
RICHARD BRODHEAD	APRIL 17
BILL STOKES	APRIL 20
WENDY JACOBS	APRIL 20
JIM BRAME	APRIL 21
KEITH ARTIN	APRIL 27
MICHAEL PALMER	APRIL 28
CICELY MITCHELL	APRIL 29
DEL MATTIOLI	APRIL 30
ARTHUR ROGERS, III	APRIL 30
TODD TAYLOR	APRIL 30

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

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Legal Advisor: Deana Labriola

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David Reese

Andy Esser

Blake Strayhorn

Meg Solera

Marge Nordstrom

Jen Noble

Ari Medoff

Danielle Kaspar

Club Website Master

Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER!!

JOIN GOVERNOR NEWMAN AGUIAR & ROTARIANS FROM DISTRICT 7710 & 7730 IN WILMINGTON FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE!!

Need Assistance Registering:

Contact Sharon: (slassiter38@nc.rr.com) (executivesecretary@rotary7710.org)



BOOKS ON BREAK

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

SEE MIMI O'BRIEN FOR MORE INFORMATION OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE

AT www.DurhamRotaryClub.org



PICTURE OF THE WEEK



President Lois Congratulates Fellow Rotarian Patrice Nelson At A Reception To Honor Her On Her Retirement As Executive Director Of Urban Ministries

See More At:

<http://durhamrotaryclub.org/#sthash.nxYn76Fr.dpuf>

Happy Retirement, Patrice!



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