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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

- 06/13 **Marcia Morey**
Durham Judicial Courts
Introduction: Nancy Gordon
- 06/20 **Lynn Richardson: African American**
Archives at Durham County Library &
Geer Street Cemetery; A Historical Tour
Introduction: Lois Deloatch
- 06/27 **NO MEETING!**
- 06/29 **END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!**
Blue Note Grill (5:30pm-7:30pm)
709 Washington Street, Durham
\$15.00 Per Person
(See Sharon To Sign-Up To Attend)
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS JUNE 15!!
- 07/04 **NO MEETING! IN OBSERVANCE OF**
THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 13, 2016

Music

Vocalist: Kevin Spears

Pianist: TBD

Song: This Land Is Your Land

ROTARY MINUTE & INVOCATION:

Vandana Dake

DRC Raffle: RI Foundation Programs

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

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Winner

Rotary International: \$52 Raffle Winner: \$51

Total: \$103.00

RAFFLE WINNER: BILL INGRAM

CART Fund (Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

6/6 \$TBD

DEBBIE McCARTHY THE AUGUSTINE LITERACY PROJECT



After our first year of Reading Rangers, I reluctantly agreed to go through the training offered by The Augustine Literacy Project to see whether it, or some portion of it, could be used to help make The Rangers more effective. It was Debbie McCarthy, our speaker, who finally convinced me to join the two-week training session that was about to begin in a church near Downtown Durham. The experience, I have to confess, was bittersweet. The Augustine Literacy Project was founded by Linda McDonough who now runs Just Right Academy on Erwin Road and participated in the training,

most of which was conducted by Debbie. The organization is sponsored by, and operates out of, The Holy Family Episcopal Church in Chapel Hill, although it now is a 501(c)(3) and raises its own support.

I spent twenty years either as a student or a teacher in Catholic schools and was around a lot of educators that were devoted to their students, but I can only think of one or two others that matched the passion for helping kids as Debbie and Linda who are both flirting with sainthood here on earth, if they haven't gotten there already.

In the "class picture" taken at the end of the training, I stood out like a sore thumb as the lone male, and a big one, in the class. And that's how I felt during most of the training. I have never spent so much concentrated time with so many highly nurturing women. The Orton-Gillingham method that the project is based on is heavy on phonetics and has proved to be effective with helping dyslexics and others with severe reading difficulties learn to read.

If grades had been given by Debbie, I would have also stood out, but not at the top of the class. I struggled with training. I don't remember a time when I couldn't read, and I'd read every dog story in the Richmond Public Library long before I got involved in football. Phonics seems needlessly tedious to me. To be really good in the use of this technique, I would need more than the two weeks training and I'm not sure I'd have the patience.

To introduce her topic, Debbie shared some statistics on the number of children that are not reading up to standards in this country --- and especially among children living in poverty and children whose parents are not native English speakers. We have heard the numbers before -- and they are overwhelming.

Debbie also shared what could be the motto of The Augustine Literacy Project --- "Tutor One Child and Change Two Lives." This was obviously true in the telling of her story of meeting Tyrell when he was nine years old and the four years she spent teaching him how to read and how it changed both their lives.

In the two years following my training, I more than fulfilled the Program's requirement to complete at least sixty tutoring sessions, doing two a week at Y.E. Smith Elementary School for two years. But neither of the 2nd graders assigned to me were struggling with the mechanics of reading as much as the ants in their pants. In fact, some of the sessions towards the end of the year ended up dealing with other things they were struggling with in the classroom --- such as how to tell time, or understand money. (Why are pennies and nickels bigger than, but worth less than dimes?)

During her years at The Augustine Literacy Project, Debbie has launched many tutors into this saintly service and replicated the Program in several other North Carolina communities. This includes two other Rotarians --- Michel Tharp and Marge Nordstrom --- both of whom are probably at the beatification stage on the way to sainthood. We may have also heard from another saint speaking through his widow --- Annie Clement --- who committed, on the spot, to fund scholarships for three additional Rotarians to take the training.

Debbie invoked the starfish story about the kid that is throwing starfish washed up on the beach back into the ocean and being mocked for attempting an impossible task. Personally, I have always thought that story was totally inappropriate. Augustine tutors are trained to help kids that need more than being flung back into the waves. Saving all those under-performing starfish is a different kind of challenge and that's where things like Reading Rangers come in. You don't have to be proficient in Orton-Gillingham to be a Reading Ranger. But you do need some time and patience. Good hearing is also helpful. Genetics, too much rock and roll and miles behind a lawnmower have taken mine, which is why I have retired from being an active Reading Ranger.

**Club Statistics as of
June 13, 2016:**

**Club Members: 250; Active: 215
Active-LOA: 6; Honorary: 29
Staff Positions: 1**

JUNE 2016 BIRTHDAYS!

BILL LEFEVRE	JUNE 01
DON DRAUGHON	JUNE 06
CHARLIE STEEL	JUNE 06
DON STANGER	JUNE 07
JACKIE PIERCE	JUNE 08
TRACY MANCINI	JUNE 09
SAM NICHOLS	JUNE 12
RICK JORGENSEN	JUNE 12
BRENDA HOWERTON	JUNE 13
CHAD QUINN	JUNE 14
BRETT ROBERTS	JUNE 17
LIZZIE ELLIS-FURLONG	JUNE 18
IAN NIEDEL	JUNE 18
SHANNON LESKIN	JUNE 21
BRANTLEY DELOATCH	JUNE 21
MELISSA MILLS	JUNE 24
KIMBERLY PHILLIPS	JUNE 29
JOSE LOPEZ	JUNE 30

PENDING NEW MEMBERS:

RORY KELLY (Sponsor: Lois Deloatch)
JAMES MOSELEY (Sponsor: Don Stanger)
MICHAEL KRISTON (Sponsor: Rob Everett)

GOVERNOR'S INSTALLATION BANQUET

Installation of 2016-17 DG Rusine Mitchell Sinclair
& Salute To 2015-16 DG Newman Aguiar
Wednesday, June 22, 2016
North Ridge Country Club – Raleigh
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Register Now On DacDB (Or See Sharon)

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
David Reese
Andy Esser
Blake Strayhorn
Meg Solera
Marge Nordstrom
Jen Noble
Ari Medoff
Danielle Kaspar
Mimi O'Brien
Dave Ross
Desmond Miller

Club Website Master

Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates

I was a little surprised to see Debbie at the meeting because the schedule had Ele Ross as the speaker. Ele has long been a key member of Debbie's part-time staff in the organization. Ele, of course, is also the wife of Past-President, Dave Ross. Also bittersweet is the news that Debbie didn't mention – that is, that she is retiring and The Augustine Literacy Project is looking for a new Executive Director --- and saint in residence --- tough shoes to fill.

For more about the organization, you can go to their website, at: www.augustineproject.org.

Submitted By: Jay Zenner

SPECIAL TRIBUTES TO HOWARD CLEMENT & WALTER SHACKELFORD
Remembering Two of our Club's Great Rotarians
(Please visit our website to read more: www.durhamrotaryclub.org)

HOWARD CLEMENT
1934-2016



WALTER SHACKELFORD
1920-2016



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AT BLUE NOTE GRILL!!
709 Washington Street - Durham



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016

5:30PM – 7:30PM

\$15.00 PER PERSON
Checks Made Payable To:
Rotary Club of Durham
CONTACT SHARON TO
SIGN-UP TO ATTEND

Slassiter38@nc.rr.com or 919.868.0212

JUNE ROTARY AFTER-HOURS



We Will Be Joining Sister Cities of
Durham For Their Happy Hour
FULLSTEAM BREWERY
726 Rigsbee Avenue – Durham 27701
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016
5:30PM -- 7:00PM

For Additional Information:
<http://www.evite.com/event/012CP6YKOVPLYMZJ4EPGDFAUHBPBKQ>
Or Contact Emily Page at:
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