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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

06/20	Lynn Richardson: African American Archives at Durham County Library & Geer Street Cemetery; A Historical Tour <u>Introduction:</u> Willis Whichard
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)
07/04	NO MEETING! IN OBSERVANCE OF THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
07/11	Don "Big Weather" Schweneker ABC – 11; & Student Scholarships <u>Introduction:</u> Monica Barnes
07/18	Stuart Albright "A World Beyond Home"; & Introduction of Rotary Fellows <u>Introduction:</u> Don Stanger

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 20, 2016

Music

Vocalist: George Deaton

Pianist: Sharon Lassiter

Song: God Bless America

Invocation: Todd Taylor

DRC Raffle: RI Foundation Programs

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

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Winner

Rotary International: \$65 Raffle Winner: \$65

Total: \$130.00

RAFFLE WINNER: BRETT ROBERTS

CART Fund (Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

6/13 \$TBD

CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, MARCIA MOREY



I would have loved to have been involved in the conversation about leadership that recently took place between Rotarians, Nancy Gordon and Willis Whichard. Judge Gordon opined that leaders are born to leadership while former North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Whichard maintained that leadership skills can be learned. Either way, it is clear that Monday's speaker, Chief District Court Judge Marcia Morey, walks the leadership walk convincingly.

Morey, a swimmer on the 1976 Women's Olympic Team, recounted two (2) memorable experiences involving a Rotary Club. First, her father invited her to his Indiana Rotary Club for a talk by Hall of Famer and Indiana University Swim Coach, James "Doc" Counsilman. Morey, just nine years old, was spellbound and sought Doc's autograph on a napkin, which she confessed hung on her bedroom mirror for years. Later, she would be coached by Doc himself in preparation for competition in the 1976 Summer Games in Montreal. Her second experience with a Rotary Club was as an international student, traveling to Japan during her high school years. "The impact that Rotary Club Members have on young people's lives is incredible," she emphasized. "Don't ever take that for granted."

Her athletic experience helped her land a job after college as the first female investigator with the NCAA. Her responsibilities frequently brought her to The Triangle, but mostly through the Durham area as she travelled often to Clemson, inquiring into multiple reports of infractions in the College's Athletic Department. In 1987, Morey decided to move to Durham and was hired by Ron Stephens, the County District Attorney. She was assigned to Juvenile Court --- "where you can't really embarrass anyone when you make a mistake," she commented wryly.

The next logical step in her career would have been in traffic court, then on to district criminal court. "But I just said, 'oh, well...'" and stayed in 'juvey'," she said. "And what I have learned there about the types of adversity kids can overcome is eye-opening and heart-stopping."

Then-Governor, Jim Hunt, was campaigning to reform North Carolina's court system, "cracking down on punks and thugs." What he didn't realize, Morey explained, is that crime is not about the headlines we read. At the time, there were more than 1,500 youth in training schools charged with misdemeanor crimes, such as shoplifting, or even running away from home. Morey encouraged Hunt to join her in a juvenile courtroom to see first-hand the situations many of the kids were coming from. She points out that North Carolina is the only state in the nation that charges 16 year olds as adults, "So they're not on equal footing with their peers in other states. It hampers their ability to find a good job --- we must stop criminalizing our children." Today, there are fewer than 230 juveniles in training schools.

Morey recounted the story of a young woman who was cited for littering, then failed to appear in court for the infraction. An arrest warrant was issued and the girl was assessed a \$500.00 bond. While the case was later dismissed, she admitted her behavior was stupid but there is still a charge on her record," Morey says. "To what end? Other states have juvey systems that try to rehabilitate and help young people."

Morey's unique Misdemeanor Diversion Program requires juveniles to attend a court session where the Judge "sentences" a 16 year old. "The point I'm trying to make is that it could happen to anyone," she says. "Most of these citations are for misdemeanors." Over 200 teens have been through the Program; 98% of them have no record, and no new charges against them. Pre-trial release programs have also helped to reduce the jail population. "It's taken the work of a lot of caring and compassionate people, including City and County elected officials," she says.

**Club Statistics as of
June 20, 2016:**

**Club Members: 249; Active: 214
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 DELOATCHE	JUNE 21
MELISSA MILLS	JUNE 24
KIMBERLY PHILLIPS	JUNE 29
JOSE LOPEZ	JUNE 30

PENDING NEW MEMBERS:

ROBERT VIERA (Sponsor: Sam Miglarese)

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

Morey wishes she could "fix" troubled neighborhoods in Durham. "When kids have to survive in a toxic family environment, the deck is stacked against them," she says. Until the court system is viewed as being an equal part of the governing system as far as funding is allocated, she says her hands are tied. "Kids in our community have basic needs that are not being met. I have served 17 years as a Judge and, while I will say it has sometimes been thankless, it has nevertheless been a great opportunity." Her leadership is very much appreciated in Durham.

Submitted By: Carver Weaver

**Welcome To Our Newest Club Member,
James "Jay" Moseley, Sponsored By
Past-President, Don Stanger**



**Farewell To Exchange Student,
Fern Piromsantikorn
As She Returns Back Home To Thailand**



**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:
Emily@creativeknowing.com

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
FOR EDCI SUMMER CAMPS!
TO SIGN UP:**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848a9a62fa13-edci>
See Brady Surles For Additional Information Or Questions



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