



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

08/01	OFFSITE MEETING-Durham Rescue Mission Dr. Mitch Hefflin, Center For The Center Of Aging & Human Development Duke University: Alzheimer's Awareness Introduction: Kiki Stallcup
08/08	Thomas Maher, Executive Director Indigent Defense Services Our Courts & The Legal System Introduction: Nancy Gordon
08/15	Ray Fredrick, Founder & Director Bouncing Bulldogs Introduction: Danielle Kaspar
08/22	District Governor, Rusine Mitchell Sinclair Introduction: B. C. Dash
08/29	Marissa Young – Duke Softball Introduction: Tom Bonfield
09/05	NO MEETING! In Observance of The Labor Day Holiday

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1, 2016

Vocalist: GEORGE DEATON

Pianist: ANDY ESSER

Song: "GOD BLESS AMERICA"

Invocation: ERNIE MILLS, JR.

DRC Raffle: RI Foundation Programs

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

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Winner

Rotary International: \$44 Raffle Winner: \$44

Total: \$88

RAFFLE WINNER: TOM BONFIELD

CART Fund (Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

7/25 \$30.28

STUART ALBRIGHT "A WORLD BEYOND HOME"



What kind of teachers did you have when you were in high school? If you were in one of Stuart Albright's classes at Jordan High School, you would be inspired by his dedication to Durham Public Schools --- and to his students in his classes and on the football field.

This was Stuart's second visit to our Club. Four years ago, he spoke to us about his novel about growing up in Durham with a multi-cultural experience. He has taught creative writing for fourteen years and considers himself to be a survivor of the rigors and demands of teaching in today's high schools. In 2006, Stuart was named The Durham Public Schools Teacher of The Year; he has also received The Milken National Educator Award.

Stuart's presentation this time was about his recent book --- A World Beyond Home. His goal was to examine why some students succeed and why some do not. He focused on the story of two of his former students at Jordan High School -- one a poet and one an athlete -- both of whom appeared to be on the road to failure but found a way to develop successful lives and be an inspiration to others.

The first student was George, whose family came to Durham from Japan. The father started a restaurant and George worked with his father in this venture. George was popular and displayed a talent for writing poetry. Yet, by the 10th grade, George became the biggest drug dealer at Jordan High School. When he had to spend a year in an alternative school, he realized that his "friends" were only there for the drugs. George became aware of "Slam Poetry" and asked Stuart to help him get back into Jordan High School with the plan to establish a "Slam Poetry Club" at the School. With dedication and support from Stuart, George graduated. Several years later, he was a "spoken word" poet who is recognized worldwide. He now travels the world to make presentations about this version of poetry --- and he still keeps in touch with his mentor, Stuart.

The second student was Siddiq, who was one of those easy going, likeable kids in high school and who loved being a part of the School's football team. Siddiq's father came from the Bronx where he encountered some trouble so he decided to move to Durham for a fresh start. At Jordan High School, Siddiq became a solid player on the football team, but also became a gang member and thus, had two "families". His story of his senior year homecoming experience was a very scary situation for him. After a clash between gang and a rival gang, he joined with some of his fellow gang members who were seeking to kill one of the other gang members. As he reflected on this experience, he was thankful they never found that rival gang member. That experience led him to realize how dangerous life in a gang could be. He then dropped out of his gang.

After Jordan, Siddiq went to college on a football scholarship and became actively involved in community service, representing his college and his team. He received "The Good Hands Award" for athletes involved in community service.

Club Statistics as of August 1, 2016:

**Club Members: 249; Active: 215
Active-LOA: 5; Honorary: 29
Staff Positions: 1**



AUGUST 2016 BIRTHDAYS!

TIM NORDGREN	AUGUST 06
PATRICK BAKER	AUGUST 06
HARVEY SELLNER	AUGUST 08
GERAUD STAUTON	AUGUST 12
DALLAS STALLINGS	AUGUST 13
GEOFFREY DURHAM	AUGUST 15
WADE GRESHAM	AUGUST 16
RORY GILLIS	AUGUST 16
TRUDY SMITH	AUGUST 17
ALEX QUIGLEY	AUGUST 20
SUNNY WOODEN	AUGUST 24
TOM BAGBY	AUGUST 26
SUSAN MILLER	AUGUST 29
ROZ GRACE	AUGUST 29
PHYLLIS COLEY	AUGUST 31
KATIE WYATT	AUGUST 31
CARVER WEAVER	AUGUST 31
SETH JERNIGAN	AUGUST 31

PENDING NEW MEMBERS:

JENNIFER LEVINE (Sponsor: Carver Weaver)
ANITA HOLT (Sponsor: Sheridan van Wagenberg)

2016-2017 ROTARY LEADERSHIP

RI President: John Germ
District Governor: Rusine Mitchell Sinclair
ADG-Area 7: Joyce McKinney

2016-2017 Club Officers

President: B. C. Dash
Immediate Past-President: Lois Deloatch
President-Elect: Seth Jernigan
Vice-President: Shelly Green
Secretary: Mimi O'Brien
Treasurer: Susan Miller
Sergeant-at-Arms: Janene Tompkins
Finance Advisor: Barry Curtis
Legal Advisor: Deana Labriola

2016-2017 Board of Directors

Andy Esser
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Danielle Kaspar
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Dave Ross

Club Website Master

Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates

What does Stuart think is the lesson learned from the experiences of these two students? He argues that students need something they are passionate about --- music, classes, after-school activities, sports, poetry, etc. Such involvement helps students look "outside" one's self in order to understand the many stories of others and how to relate to them. Stuart reminded us that teaching is a tough job and requires dedication and commitment. It also means that teachers often take the job home as they think about their students. That is what it means to care for the kids. Stuart is certainly a remarkable example of that commitment and we are fortunate to have teachers like him in our schools.

Submitted By: Brady Surles

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS
INNOVATIVE FELLOWS (Marlon Martinez, Kate Elia, & Will Jackson)**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENT U & EMILY K
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS & THEIR FAMILIES!**



**PRESIDENT B.C. EXCHANGES CLUB
BANNERS WITH VISITING ROTARIAN**



TAKE A KID TO THE BALLGAME!!

Sunday, August 7, 2016 -- 5:00 pm
Durham Bulls Athletic Park, Durham
Durham Bulls vs. Gwinnett Braves
Tickets are \$30 per person and includes a ticket and a meal.
Tickets need to be ordered and paid for by Fri July 22, 2016.
To place your order for tickets
or for more information contact:
Xavier Wortham, at xavierlw@aol.com or 919-690-2750



GET YOUR BINS TO FILL! Contact Marge Nordstrom
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FILL THAT BUS DAY: AUGUST 20TH
SIGN UP FOR 8/20 AT:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4aa8af28a64-fill1>
NEW TEACHER GIVE AWAY: AUGUST 27TH
SIGN UP FOR 8/27TH AT:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49aaae2aa0fc1-newteacher>



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