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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

08/29	Marissa Young - Duke Softball
	Introduction: Tom Bonfield
09/05	NO MEETING!
	In Observance of The Labor Day Holiday
09/12	Bob Geolas, CEO - Research Triangle Foundation
	Introduction: Don Stanger
09/19	Letisha Judd, YE Smith Principal
	Reading Rangers Report Card
	Introduction: Don Stanger
09/26	Dr. Richard Brodhead - Duke University
	A Look Back & Forward
	Introduction: Phail Wynn
10/03	Mary Ann Black
	Introduction: TBD
10/10	Durham Bond Issue
	Introduction: Bill Ingram
10/17	Susan Carroll – Rotary Peace Fellows
	Introduction: Vandana Dake
10/24	NO MEETING!!

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 29, 2016

ROTARY VOLUNTEER DAY!

Vocalist: LOIS DELOATCH
Pianist: SHARON LASSITER
Song: "God Bless America"
Invocation: TBD

DRC Raffle: RI Foundation Programs
Contribution: \$1/Ticket; \$5/6 Tickets
Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Winner
Rotary International: \$55 Raffle Winner: \$54
Total: \$109

RAFFLE WINNER: DON STANGER
CART Fund (Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

8/22 \$TBD

DISTRICT GOVERNOR RUSINE MITCHELL SINCLAIR



Past District Governor, Newman Aguiar, got a laugh out of his fellow Rotarians when he introduced Monday's speaker, Rusine Mitchell Sinclair. He opened by saying, "No one in the universe is happier than I am that she is the new District 7710 Governor!"

Rusine's first experience with Rotary was in her home town of

Illinois, where she was selected as an Ambassadorial Scholar while in high school. She elected to go abroad to learn Mandarin Chinese. That served her well when she began her career as she went on to become head of IBM's North Carolina operations, then headed up the State's Girl Scouts organization.

"We are fortunate to have someone of her caliber and experience in this leadership position," PDG Newman said. "Particularly in this auspicious year, when we celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation, as well as 25 years of women in Rotary."

Rusine further delighted the attendees when she said she was thrilled to be addressing the largest Club in the District, adding sotto voce, "And you probably are the best club, too --- but don't tell anyone I said so!"

She grew up in an "unremarkable small town" in Southern Illinois. She had an uncle who travelled the world, sending back exotic gifts from around the globe, piquing her interest. While her peers were outside playing, young Rusine was often found in the library, poring through books on international destinations and cultures.

As a teen, she decided she would major in Asian Studies and set her sights on attending The University of Illinois, where she took her first courses in Mandarin Chinese. "I wanted t ohave a career, see the world, and DO things," she said. By a random stroke of fortune, her best friend's father was a Rotarian, and he encouraged her to apply for the scholarship.

She went to Singapore in late summer of 1974, prepared to begin her education two weeks after her arrival. She was met at the airport by a woman holding the hand of a small child. Rusine had been expecting an older man, President of the local Rotary Club, and was told he had passed away just two days before. Undaunted, she went home with the woman, only to be told, "We can't let you stay here." She moved to the new home of the recent Prime Minister's son ("I think the most important person I ever met before him was the Mayor of Benton, Illinois," Rusine said wryly.) Newly married to a pre-arranged bride, the man and his wife were living in a large, old British Colonial home. Rusine said she made herself scarce for the next couple of weeks until she could start school. "Lesson learned," she says, "Your Rotary family will always be there to take care of you."

Once in college, she discovered that Mandarin Chinese was the only language that she and her fellow students had in common. "There were students from all over the world," she said. "Twenty Russians, including KGB agents, and, of course, Americans in the CIA. My biggest discovery? That regardless of your country, your culture, your beliefs --- we are all very much alike."

Club Statistics as of August 29, 2016: Club Members: 251; Active: 216 Active-LOA: 6; Honorary: 29 Staff Positions: 1



VINCE SIMONETTI	AUGUST 03
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

PENDING NEW MEMBERS:

CARVER WEAVER SETH JERNIGAN

SHARON HIRSCH (Sponsor: SHANNON LESKIN) LUCIEN ROUGHTON, JR. (Sponsor: SETH JERNIGAN)

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: Stan Morris
Finance Advisor: Barry Curtis
Legal Advisor: Deana Labriola

2016-2017 Board of Directors
Andy Esser
Blake Strayhorn
Meg Solera
Marge Nordstrom
Jen Noble
Ari Medoff
Danielle Kaspar
Desmond Miller
Dave Ross

Club Website Master

Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates

She studied in Singapore for three more years; by the time she moved back to the States at age 30, she was not only fluent in Mandarin, she had more than eight years of global business experience under her belt, which she parlayed into a very successful career. "And I have Rotary to thank for every bit of it," she said with a broad smile.

She closed her talk by summarizing the goals she wants to accomplish during her year as District Governor. She's passionately dedicated to the eradication of polio, having contracted the disease herself as a very young child. Rusine also wants to grow District Membership numbers to 2,000 (as of July 2015, there were 1,877 Members; 1,941 Members as of July 2016).

She has set a fundraising goal for The Rotary Foundation of \$500,000.00, which includes \$75,000.00 for Polio Plus, and \$50,000.00 for the Endowment Fund. She urged Rotarians to attend the District 7710 Conference – April 7-8, 2017, and especially the International Convention – June 10-14, 2017, in Atlanta.

Rusine pointed out once more how honored she feels to be the District Governor for 2016-17, saying, "I only hope that one day I can pay back The Rotary Foundation for everything that it's done for me."

Submitted By: Carver Weaver

PDG Newman Aguiar, DG Rusine Sinclair, & AG Joyce McKinney At Our August 22, 2016 Rotary Meeting



HAPPY FEET FOR KIDS!!



Happy Feet for kids is the District-wide service project for 2017. We have partnered with Children's Home Society of North Carolina to provide shoes for foster children in their care. Donated shoes can be collected by our Club throughout the year.

DG Rusine presents PHF Award To Chris Rosati At Our Monday Meeting.
Pictured With DG Rusine Are Chris & His Daughter





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