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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

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| 11/07 | Veteran's Day: Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Bernie Donato
Operation Desert Shield & Storm
25 th Anniversary
<u>Introduction:</u> Steed Rollins |
| 11/14 | Captain Robert Viera/Christopher Gergen
Salvation Army/Rotary Innovation Fellows
<u>Introduction:</u> Steed Rollins |
| 11/21 | NO MEETING!! IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY |
| 11/28 | Dallas Stallings, Rotary Foundation
<u>Introduction:</u> TBA |
| 12/05 | OFFSITE MEETING
DETAILS TBA |
| 12/12 | Blake Hill-Saya
Aaron McDuffie Moore -- Biographer
<u>Introduction:</u> Lois Deloatch |
| 12/19 | HOLIDAY PROGRAM
DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
<u>Introduction:</u> Steed Rollins |
| 12/26 | NO MEETING!! IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY |
| 01/02 | NO MEETING!! IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY |

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2016

Lead Vocalists: The Rotary Singers

Pianist: N/A

Songs: A Tribute To Our Veterans

Invocation:

SHERIDAN VAN WAGENBERG

DRC Raffle: RI Foundation Programs
Contribution: \$1/Ticket; \$5/6 Tickets
Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Winner
Rotary International: \$50.00
Raffle Winner: \$49.00
Total: \$99.00

RAFFLE WINNER: KEITH ARTIN
CART Fund (Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

10/31 \$200.38!!!

DURHAM POLICE CHIEF, C. J. DAVIS



I'm not a native but I am starting my 33rd year in Durham and anyone that has been around that long has watched a lot of police chiefs come and go. I've come to believe that being a police chief is like being a Division One football coach. A few tough losses and no matter how well you've done before, people start calling for your head.

When police chiefs hit a rough patch the same thing seems to happen, even if they have made good progress over a number of years. You could see it coming with Chief Lopez, who had to deal with complaints about, what were described by Judge Nancy Gordon, as "pretext stops" in a question today to new Chief C.J. Davis. And then there was the unfortunate death by gunshot to the young man in the back of a police cruiser at police headquarters. It didn't go unnoticed that Chief Lopez started coming to meetings more frequently, even bringing all his division captains with him one time and his new communications (PR) guy with him another.



The new Police Chief, C.J. Davis, was introduced by Program Chair, Steed Rollins, who shared his obvious relief that Chief Davis responded so quickly to his request to do the program when the originally scheduled speaker cancelled. Chief Davis said she was happy to do it --- "even if she wasn't the first choice." Of course, she would be welcome any time but the quip began to form the impression that she understands that the best way to hold the job and build on the progress that has been made by the police department takes deep and sustained involvement in the community. You can't begin banking the goodwill that you need to get over the rough patches too soon.

She even began by complementing our hosts at TROSA and the meal they provided (wonderful lasagna), and praising the courage of Julie Wells for the remarkable Rotary Minute that she had just given. There was even a picture from the Rotary Walk for Polio organized by Geraud Staton in her presentation.

Chief Davis also made it clear that community involvement meant much more than schmoozing the Rotary Club. She emphasized that being part of the community was the responsibility of everyone in the Durham Police Department. She also said she wouldn't have come here to take the job if she thought the Department was full of losers and then got down to describing some of the changes, some already in the works, and others on the drawing board, to improve the overall performance of the Department.

She talked about finding "home grown" officers, signing bonuses, relocation bonuses, mentoring and coaching from bottom to top. She described persistent problems with robberies and setting up Robbery and Aggravated Assault Units to focus on that. She told us about appointing special liaison officers for the LGTGQ and Hispanic communities and the need for more training in de-escalation, racial equity, implicit bias, and dealing with mental illness. She talked about diversion programs to help young offenders avoid a police record and all that implies.

Club Statistics as of November 7, 2016:

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



**NOVEMBER 2016
BIRTHDAYS!**

LLOYD GURLEY	NOVEMBER 03
MICHEL THARP	NOVEMBER 03
DAVE WALTERS	NOVEMBER 04
LUCIEN ROUGHTON	NOVEMBER 05
NANCY GORDON	NOVEMBER 06
STAN MORRIS	NOVEMBER 07
CHRISA EVANS	NOVEMBER 07
DANIELLE KASPAR	NOVEMBER 08
BERT COLLINS	NOVEMBER 09
ARTHUR WHITE HURST	NOVEMBER 10
ROBERT BRATCHER	NOVEMBER 11
JULIE WELLS	NOVEMBER 12
TREAT HARVEY	NOVEMBER 13
EARL TYE	NOVEMBER 14
KIM CAMERON	NOVEMBER 15
ELLEN CASSILLY	NOVEMBER 15
SCOTT HARMON	NOVEMBER 16
WOLFFFGANG JOKLIK	NOVEMBER 16
EARL DOWELL	NOVEMBER 16
ERNE MILLS, SR.	NOVEMBER 18
ANDY ESSER	NOVEMBER 22
MAURA SULLIVAN	NOVEMBER 22
LYNN RICHARDSON	NOVEMBER 24
JACK HUGHES	NOVEMBER 24
DOUG KOENIG	NOVEMBER 28
SHERIDAN VAN WAGENBERG	NOVEMBER 29

**2016-2017 ROTARY
LEADERSHIP**

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

2016-2017 Club Officers

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Club Website Master
Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates

Chief Davis shared that she was born in North Carolina when her father was a member of the 82 Airborne Unit at Fort Bragg. She is one of six children in a family that followed her father from assignment to assignment. She has 30 years of police experience and came up through the ranks in the Atlanta Police Department. She noted that Durham's explosive growth reminded her of Atlanta after the 1996 Olympics and how that challenged the Atlanta Police Department to keep up with the growth.

It was mentioned that she is the first African-American woman to hold the job of Police Chief in Durham. Thirty some years ago when I became a citizen of Durham, that might have raised some eyebrows, maybe even some concerns, but now seems nothing more than an interesting footnote to her career. We welcome her to Rotary and to the community and wish her well. A full resume for Chief Davis is here: <http://nc-durham.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/9799>

Submitted By: Jay Zenner

ROTARY MINUTE WITH JULIE WELLS



**POINSETTIA TIME!
LAST DAY TO ORDER: 11/14**



**ROTARY AFTER-HOURS – NOVEMBER 17 5:30PM-7:30PM
HOPE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB -- DURHAM**



COMING EVENTS:

October 10 – November 14, 2016: Poinsettia Sales
October 31, 2016: CART Bucket Challenge Day
December 3, 2016: DPAC "Grinch" For Scholarships
December 13-17, 2016: Salvation Army Bell Ringing

PENDING NEW MEMBER:

Rachel Galanter (Induction: 11/14/16)
(Sponsor: Nancy Gordon)



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