



Rotary Club of Durham

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The Mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary By:

- 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

- 01/22 **JUDGE MARCIA MOREY**
Introduction: Nancy Gordon
- 01/29 **DR. PASCAL MUBENGA**
New Durham Public Schools Superintendent
Introduction: TBA
- 02/05 **DIERDRE HAJ; SAVANNAH LENNERTZ**
Full Frame Documentary
Introduction: Savannah Lennertz
- 02/12 **ANN REBECK**
Lakewood Scrap Exchange
Introduction: Steed Rollins; Elizabeth Amend
- 02/19 **NO MEETING!**
In Observance of President's Day Holiday
- 02/26 **HONORING OUR PAST-PRESIDENTS**
Introduction: Dave Ross

Service Schedule: January 22, 2018

Song: "TBD"

Lead Vocalist: TBD

Invocation: REGGIE HODGES

DRC RAFFLE:

RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

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

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Raffle Winner

Raffle Total On 1/8/2018: \$144.00

Rotary International: **\$72.00**; Raffle Winner: **\$72.00**

RAFFLE WINNER: ROZ GRACE

CART FUND

(Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

1/8/2018: TBD



Rotary's Community Service Projects: "Service Above Self"



Rotary After-Hours – THE MELTING POT

Rescheduled: January 31, 2018 – 5:30pm – 7:00pm

202 West NC Highway # 54 – Durham 27713 (Note: New Location!)

919.544.6358 • <https://www.meltingpot.com/durham-nc/>

Fellow Rotarians: Please Join Us at The Melting Pot In Their NEW Location

In Southpoint Crossing (Same Plaza As Kroger & City Barbeque).

This Is A Great Opportunity To Meet Some of Your Fellow Rotarians Outside Of Our Normal Meetings, Share Ideas About Club Activities, And Learn How You Can Become More Involved In Our Club.

Complimentary Cheese Fondue; Drinks Will Be Available For Purchase

QUESTIONS: Contact Danielle Kaspar; dkaspar@wdigc.com; Work 919.313.9604; Cellular: 919.599.4224

7 MEMBERS COMPLETED

THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE TRAINING JANUARY 13



Pictured are the 5 who completed Part III – the final step in the Training:

Emily Page, Marge Nordstrom, Erik Benson, Kim Shaw, Geraud Staton.

Also, Jenny Levine & Emilee Collins completed Part I. CONGRATULATIONS!

DURHAM ROTARY TREE PLANTING CHALLENGE 2018: 200 TREES BY APRIL 30!



Rotarians Jenny Levine & Peter Jacobi joined 30 community volunteers to brave the cold on January 6 to plant 60 trees on James Street, sponsored by Keep Durham Beautiful and led by Durham Urban Forestry Manager, Alex Johnson. We joined neighborhood families, volunteers from TROSA and others Rotary International President, Ian Riseley, has challenged Rotarians to plant 1.2 million trees this year, one for each Rotarian worldwide. Join our Rotary Tree Planting Challenge to plant 200 or more trees (a tree for every member of our Club) by the end of April 2018. Sign up

for these events on Sign Up Genius on our web page, www.durhamrotaryclub.org or go directly to Sign Up Genius, at: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848a9a62fa13-rotary6

Saturday, February 3: 1pm-4pm: Northgate Park (Co-Sponsoring With Full Steam Brewery). 50 Trees

Saturday, February 17: 1pm-4pm: Old West Durham (Rotary Is Lead Sponsor) 50 Trees

Friday, March 2: 12 Noon: Arbor Day Celebration at Durham Central Park

Saturday, March 10: Time TBA (NC School of Science & Math) 37 Trees

We Partner With Chapel Hill-Carrboro Sunrise Rotary Club 50 Trees

Saturday, March 17: 1pm-4pm: Old East Durham/Edgemont (Rotary Is Lead Sponsor)

March TBA: Family-Friendly Rotary Seedling Planting Day With

Triangle Land Conservancy, At Horton Grove Preserve

Additional Information Is Available At: www.keepdurhambeautiful.org/events

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 10, 2018

QUESTIONS: Contact Emily Page: emily@creativeknowing.com or 919.937.2643

ROTARY DAY OF SERVICE AT URBAN MINISTRIES

Saturday, February 24, 2018

8:00am – 10:30am: Breakfast Shift Cooks & Servers For 300 Members of The Community

3:30pm-7:00pm: Dinner Shift Will Decorate The Café, Cook & Serve Dinner.

Dinner Will Be A More Festive Event With Children's Activities And A Raffle.

QUESTIONS: Contact Mal White: malcolm.white@self-help.org or 919.768.0597

Here Is The Sign Up Link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C49AAAE2AA0FC1-rotary1

CLUB STATISTICS AS OF JANUARY 22, 2018:

Club Members: 241 Active: 206
Active-LOA: 6; Honorary: 29
Staff Positions: 1



Birthdays - 2018

NEWMAN AGUIAR	JANUARY 01
K. WAYNE HAYS	JANUARY 03
RUTH DZAU	JANUARY 04
JOE HARVARD	JANUARY 08
LEE BARNES, JR.	JANUARY 08
NANCY MARKS	JANUARY 08
MARGE NORDSTROM	JANUARY 09
ARI MEDOFF	JANUARY 10
RICHARD JENKINS	JANUARY 12
GERI LAIL	JANUARY 16
KURT PREBLE	JANUARY 18
ALMASA BASS	JANUARY 20
CHRIS WILLIAMSON	JANUARY 21
BOB GUTMAN	JANUARY 23
IKE MURRAY, JR.	JANUARY 24
MEG SOLERA	JANUARY 25
SHARON LASSITER	JANUARY 25
TAMMY BAGGETT	JANUARY 25
MERCER STANFIELD	JANUARY 26
TOBY BARFIELD, JR.	JANUARY 28
CHARLES DILTS	JANUARY 30
ELIZABETH BASS	JANUARY 30
JOE HOUDE	JANUARY 31
CARL EVANS	JANUARY 31

PENDING NEW MEMBERS:

ELISABETH HARPER WIENER
SPONSORED BY:
SUSAN ROSS, DON STANGER, ARTHUR ROGERS
Induction Date: January 22, 2018

EDDIE BLOUNT, JR.
SPONSORED BY: STEVE HANCOCK
Induction Date: January 29, 2018

MURRAY FORBES, III
SPONSORED BY: SUSAN ROSS
Induction Date: February 5, 2018

2017-2018 ROTARY LEADERSHIP

RI President: Ian H. S. Riseley
District Governor: Shafi Parekh
ADG-Area 7: Susan Ross

2017-2018 Club Officers

President: Seth Jernigan
Immediate Past-President: B. C. Dash
President-Elect: Brady Surles
Vice-President: Shelly Green
Secretary: Emilee Collins
Treasurer: Geri Lail

Sergeant-at-Arms: Stan Morris
Finance Advisor: Barry Curtis
Legal Advisor: Deana Labriola

2017-2018 Board of Directors

Marge Nordstrom (2015-2018)
Danielle Kaspar (2015-2018)
John Cross (2015-2018)
Desmond Miller (2016-2019)
Dave Ross (2016-2019)
Arles Taylor (2016-2019)
Steed Rollins (2017-2020)
Keith Artin (2017-2020)
Kim Shaw (2017-2020)

Club Website Master

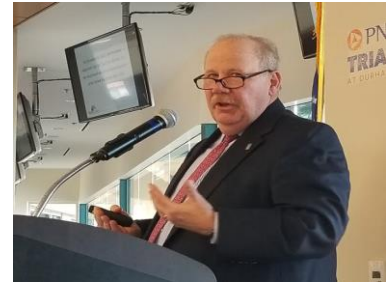
Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates

JOHN SLAYTON

Long-Time Fellow Rotarian
& Past-President, Dave Ross
Introduces John Slayton



Guest Speaker, John Slayton
Managing Director & EVP of
The Trust Company of North Carolina



Economics is known as “the dismal science.” Some might think this rubric should be extended to tax accountancy. False! At least this year. Here to dispel our gloom was John Slayton, the Managing Director and EVP of The Trust Company of North Carolina (an affiliate of Fidelity Bank) and an Adjunct Professor at Elon University. He was introduced by longtime Rotarian, Dave Ross, to a crowd happy to be inside rather than outside in weather more suitable to Winnipeg than Durham.

Mr. Slayton spoke about a topic of great interest to all --- the recently enacted tax overhaul. This bill, which represents a substantial reform, the largest change to the Tax Code since the 1986 Reagan-era law, is nevertheless a 185-page featherweight compared to all those “we have to pass it so you can see what’s in it” bills of years past – like Obamacare (906 pages) or the Dodd-Frank Act (848 pages).

Mr. Slayton summarized key features in the new Act in a comprehensible way, through slides and very helpful handouts. The changes should comfort low-to-middle income taxpayers --- no need for itemizing, collecting all those receipts and spending many miserable hours over a spreadsheet --- because the personal exemption has been doubled. But “taxes have gotten much more complicated for the affluent” said Mr. Slayton. Some examples (courtesy of H&R Block) from a very careful and detailed presentation: (a) A single person in a high-local-tax area (Queens, NYC) with an income of \$120K and a mortgage will gain by itemizing. (b) A single in Westminster, Colorado, with an income of \$70K will do better just to take the standard deduction. (c) A single in high-tax NYC with an income of \$500K will lose out because of the limitation on deductions for local taxes and an increase in his marginal tax rate from 28% to 35%. He will pay more than \$6,000 more in 2018 than this year. The clear implication: we should all, at any cost, avoid making more than \$500K per year. What a challenge!

The new law is generous to businesses. Many people now on salary will be tempted to incorporate (C-Corps; not architects or lawyers, though, they do not qualify).

Overall, Mr. Slayton was more optimistic and less critical than *The Washington Post* (“9 ways Trump’s tax plan is a gift to the rich, including himself”) or CNN (“Poor Americans would lose billions under Senate GOP tax bill”). Alas, one thing is clear though: a major problem with United States tax law – its hideous complexity remains unfixed. Tax accountants rule, still.

The Rotarians assembled were happy to thank Mr. Slayton for a thoughtful and informative presentation of something which is no one’s idea of a “fun issue”.

Submitted By: John Staddon

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CLUB MEMBERS!

Nick Malinowski, Sponsored By: Lucia Powe Marcy Lowe, Sponsored By: Marge Nordstrom



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