



Rotary Club of Durham

Connect. Collaborate. Serve.



January 29, 2018

Volume XXXV, Issue 25

Post Office Box 51572 – Durham, North Carolina 27717

www.DurhamRotaryClub.org

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

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

Service Schedule: January 29, 2018

Song

Invocation: Phail Wynn, Jr.

DRC RAFFLE:

RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

Contribution: \$1 Ticket; \$5 – 6 Tickets
 Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Raffle Winner
Raffle Total On 1/22/2018: \$140
 Rotary International: \$70; Raffle Winner: \$70
RAFFLE WINNER: PEYTON KENNEY

CART FUND
 (Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

1/22/2018: \$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

DURHAM ROTARY TREE PLANTING CHALLENGE 2018: 200 TREES BY APRIL 30! **FIRST EVENT!! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD --- 1PM – 4PM --- NORTHGATE PARK**



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

A Rotary Minute With Reggie Hodges



Welcome To Our Newest Club Member, Elisabeth Wiener



Elisabeth is Co-Sponsored By: Susan Ross, Don Stanger, Arthur Rogers

CLUB STATISTICS AS OF JANUARY 29, 2018:

Club Members: 242 Active: 207
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:

EDDIE BLOUNT, JR.
SPONSORED BY: STEVE HANCOCK
Induction Date: January 29, 2018
MURRAY FORBES, III
SPONSORED BY: SUSAN ROSS
Induction Date: February 5, 2018
MELODY ROBINSON
SPONSORED BY: MICHAEL PRIDDY
Induction Date: February 5, 2018
VICTOR SCOTT WARREN
SPONSORED BY: MARGE NORDSTROM
Induction Date: February 12, 2018
ASHLEIGH DAWN BACHERT
SPONSORED BY: SHELLY GREEN
Induction Date: TBD

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 Surlis
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

NC STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARCIA MOREY: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Judge Nancy Gordon



Judge Marcia Morey



Rather than reciting Marcia Morey's numerous accomplishments and accolades, Durham District Court Judge, Nancy Gordon, chose a dramatic reading to introduce Monday's speaker. She recited selected passages from Sir Alfred, Lord Tennyson's epic poem, **The Charge of The Light Brigade**. "Half a league, Half a league/Half a league onward/into the valley of Death/Rode the six hundred." In the 1850's, Britain was engaged in The Crimean War, and The Light Cavalry Brigade had suffered grievous loses at The Battle of Balaclava, inspiring Tennyson to pen those lines. While Tennyson, at the time, Poet Laureate of The United Kingdom, was obviously referring to the horrors of war, Gordon was, perhaps, drawing a metaphor about the partisanship battles currently being waged in The North Carolina Legislature.

Morey served Durham's 14th Judicial District as District Court Judge for 18 years and as Chief District Court Judge for 5 years. She worked closely with law enforcement, defense attorneys, and prosecutors to create innovative and productive ways of dealing with 16 and 17 year olds who had been charged with a crime. North Carolina was the only state in the country that prosecuted these individuals as adults, rather than as juveniles. Many of their crimes were misdemeanors such as trespassing or shoplifting.

"One year ago today," Morey commented, looking over her shoulder to The Durham County Courthouse, "I was across the street holding criminal court. When I spoke, people listened. When I made a ruling, it was the final word – and it stuck ... I listened to people in our community talking about joblessness, homelessness, drug abuse, and violent crimes, abused women and traumatized children. And now that I am in Raleigh, I hope I can honestly educate our legislators about some of the real problems facing our community."

Appointed April 5, 2017 to House District 30 as a North Carolina State Representative (D), one of Morey's first acts was an honorary co-sponsor of HB 280, which raised the age of juvenile jurisdiction in our state from age 16 to age 18. She was a key player in a bi-partisan effort to make this happen. But she dismayed at the hyper-partisanship that is hobbling other legislative efforts in our county, our state, and our nation.

"We all want better education for our children," she says. (Note: National rankings released Monday put North Carolina 40th in the nation for educational quality.) "Why is it a political issue? Same for the environment. Not to mention the most contentious of all --- re-districting." With a Republican super-majority in the North Carolina General Assembly, even quality of life issues that seem as if they could be solved with a little common sense deteriorate into bickering among politicians and struggles for power at every level. For example, Morey said, "Our courts are under systematic attack when they are supposed to be the third independent branch of government. We have three judges who are ready to retire, but Republicans are afraid of having a Democratic Governor appointing their replacements, so they passed a law to have the Court of Appeals reduced by three positions." Currently, Durham's seven District Court Judges are all elected country-wide. A new House Bill would redraw and split Durham into three judicial sub-districts. Another law recently passed eliminated judicial primaries state-wide in the 2018 elections. Without primaries, multiple candidates running for each Judge's seat will dilute the votes needed to elect them. Morey trusts voters to select judges but would be open to a true merit selection of judges only if it was done by an independent, non-partisan committee. She is opposed to legislative selection of judges, like the South Carolina model, noting that all their Supreme Court Justices are former legislators.

"How do we stop this hyper-partisanship," she mused. "Durham is undergoing this amazing renaissance, but thousands of people in our community are not benefitting from it. We must come together in Durham and in the legislature to work for the common good. Listen more, respect more, take off the political mantles and really work **for** the people." Which brings us back to Tennyson's perhaps most memorable passage: "Theirs not to make reply/Theirs not to reason why/Theirs but to do and die/into the valley of Death/Rode the six hundred."

Submitted By: Carver Weaver



Club Facebook Link: www.facebook.com/DurhamRotaryClub
Executive Secretary: Sharon Lassiter
slassiter38@nc.rr.com