



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

- 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: February 5, 2018

Song: "God Bless America"

Lead Vocal: George Deaton

Pianist: Sharon Lassiter

Invocation & Rotary Minute: Shannon Leskin

DRC RAFFLE:

RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

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

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Raffle Winner

Raffle Total On 1/29/2018: \$135

Rotary International: **\$68**; Raffle Winner: **\$67**

RAFFLE WINNER: MIMI O'BRIEN

CART FUND

(Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

1/29/2018: \$57.00



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



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

Friday, March 2: 10am - 12 Noon: Arbor Day Celebration at Durham Central Park

Saturday, March 10: 1pm-4pm (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 24: 1pm-4pm: Family-Friendly Rotary Seedling Planting Day With

Triangle Land Conservancy, At Horton Grove Preserve

We Will Plant 300 Seedlings --- And Children Are Welcome!

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

QUESTIONS: Contact Peter Jacobi At: dr.peterjacobi@gmail.com

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

Welcome To Our Newest Club Member,
Eddie Blount, Jr., Sponsored By Steve Hancock



A Rotary Minute With
Phail Wynn



Foundation Chair, Andy Esser, With President Seth, Presents
Paul Harris Fellow Awards To Mercer Stanfield & Dave Ross – CONGRATULATIONS!!



CLUB STATISTICS AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018:

Club Members: 242 Active: 207
Active-LOA: 6; Honorary: 29
Staff Positions: 1



Birthdays – 2018

MIKE KRISTON	FEBRUARY 01
MARK HIGGINS	FEBRUARY 05
MARTY MORRIS	FEBRUARY 10
KIM SHAW	FEBRUARY 12
JOE WEBSTER	FEBRUARY 12
CHIP DENTON	FEBRUARY 14
DAX HILL	FEBRUARY 17
EMILEE COLLINS	FEBRUARY 17
ELLEN RECKHOW	FEBRUARY 19
MIKE WOODARD	FEBRUARY 20
BOB STEVENS	FEBRUARY 25

PENDING NEW MEMBERS:

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 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

DR. PASCAL MUBENGA

Guest Speaker,
New DPS Superintendent,
Dr. Pascal Mubenga



Program Chair
Steed Rollins, Introduces
Dr. Pascal Mubenga



Having a 6 year old kid in my household who now is in kindergarten at Hope Valley Elementary makes the quality of our public schools much less abstract, the same way getting mugged makes crime statistics achingly real. And so, it was not just my lousy hearing that put me on the front row for new Superintendent Dr. Pascal Mubenga. However, I did bring a little skepticism with me. We have seen much progress since the merger of the city and county systems in 1992. As expected the statistics that Dr. Mubenga shared shows that we still have a long way to go. During that time, Durham and the Club have heard from several new superintendents that were hired with high hopes and who promised a strategic plan and great progress.

As Dr. Mubenga pointed out, some of the challenges haven't changed. Durham has a legacy of poverty that all the start-ups in The American Underground have barely made a dent in. Sixty-Seven (67%) per cent of the 32 thousand students in the system qualify for lunch assistance. Many of these students still suffer from a legacy of racial segregation that deprived their parents and grandparents of equal education. This is now exacerbated by an influx of families that may speak Spanish at home but with kids in classes with English speakers.

Three other external forces pull the numbers down. The first is the proliferation of Charter Schools that now siphon over 6,000 students and enormous amounts of money away from DPS. Often these are students that would raise the average performance of a school. Second, the legislature's involvement in dictating class size and teacher pay, squeezes resources even more. And finally, technology is requiring a much higher level of education for the jobs that will get someone out of poverty, much less into the middle class.

Like his predecessors, Dr. Mubenga promised a strategic plan soon. But he also provided some reasons why we shouldn't lose hope of moving the needle significantly towards improvement under his leadership. Most importantly, he's done it before ... in North Carolina, in The Triangle, in the Johnston County School system.

Also very important is that he outlined what he called Four Guiding Principles. These Principles are what guide the jump from strategic objectives to the day-to-day goals and tactics that are necessary to implement a strategic plan.

The first is to raise the bar for the level of performance through high expectations. That phrasing may be a little redundant but that's where you have to start with students, parents, teachers, principals, the rest of the Administration, the School Board, and the community. Second, provide outstanding support through a service-oriented approach to our schools (teachers and principals) and to students and their families. Third, hold everyone accountable in their roles and responsibilities for increasing student achievement. The fourth principle (which I found a little surprising, but I totally get it) is to celebrate successes along the way.

We should be encouraged. The missing piece for me is how it's paid for. Strategic planning involves a lot of modeling of where the money comes from and where it goes for greatest impact.

At the end of last year, tutoring twice a week in a kindergarten class at Y. E. Smith, I was disappointed to hear that the teacher whose class I was in was leaving the profession after 5 years. She was young, enthusiastic, the kids loved her, and I could see results in her teaching. When I asked her why she was leaving, it came down to money. She said she'd like to be able to buy a house someday, so she was going back to school to learn website development. This was sort of like witnessing that mugging and removed the abstraction from the numbers. Money won't solve all the problems, but it is unquestionably part of the equation, something I'm sure all of our community leaders are aware of especially the elected officials that were in the room for the presentation.

I think we all wish Dr. Mubenga well and hope he will come back and update us with good news for many years to come.

Submitted By: Jay Zenner



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