



# 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

03/19	<b>TODD TAYLOR</b> Rotary Reading Rangers Ripple Effect
03/26	<b>UNC CHANCELLOR, CAROL FOLT</b> <u>Introduction:</u> Susan Ross
<b>04/02</b>	<b>No Meeting!</b> <b>In Observance of The Easter Holiday</b>
<b>04/09</b>	<b>Offsite Meeting At TROSA</b> <b>SHARON HIRSCH, RACHEL GALANTER, AND KEVIN SPEARS</b> Prevent Child Abuse NC <u>Introduction:</u> Seth Jernigan
04/16	<b>DR. EUGENE WASHINGTON</b> Duke Health System <u>Introduction:</u> Mary Ann Black
04/23	<b>CHAS PIPPITT</b> Baseball Rebellion: Using Technology To Coach
04/30	<b>MAC McCORKLE</b> Duke Sanford School of Politics NC: The Future of American Politics <u>Introduction:</u> Rob Everett

### Service Schedule: March 19, 2018

Song: "Star Spangled Banner"

Lead Vocal: Sherry DeVries

Pianists: Andy Esser / Sharon Lassiter

Invocation & Rotary Minute: John Cross

**DRC RAFFLE:**

**RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS**

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

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Raffle Winner

**Raffle Total On 3/12/2018: \$130**

Rotary International: \$65; Raffle Winner: \$65

**RAFFLE WINNER: Lee Barnes**

**CART FUND**

(Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

**3/12/2018: \$172.00**



### Rotary's Community Service Opportunities: "Service Above Self"



### **"MARCH IS CART MONTH"**

#### **Play Our Rotary March Madness Brackets Fundraiser For CART**

Sign Up By Tip-Off Game March 5 -- \$20 Per Person.

Checks Are Made Payable To The Rotary Club of Durham

Pay March 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> – Or Contact CART Chair Emilee Collins For Later Payments.

<http://games.espn.com/tournament-challenge-bracket/2018/en/entry?entryID=3220>

#### **Make Donations To The CART Bucket Named For Your ACC Team.**

Walk Or Run In The Great Human Race

Saturday, March 24 --- 9:30 a.m. DBAP.

Walk, Run, Work Our Table Display, Donate!

Sign-Up: <https://thevolunteercenter.givebig.org/c/TBR/a/durhamrotaryclub2>

Promo Code: RCD2018

#### **The "Great Race Between President Seth & Murray" -- \$5.00 Donation**

Pick The Winner, At: <https://doodle.com/poll/gfc6u3n4s7k6fyhn>

### **EDCI "MARCH READING MONTH" WITH ROTARY**

**Location: EDCI Offices – 1415 Holloway Street – Durham**

**Fridays In March:** Opportunities To Read During Story Time!

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f44a8ae2da7f49-edci2>

For Additional Information / Questions, Contact: Todd Taylor, David Reese, Brady Surles

### **DURHAM ROTARY TREE CHALLENGE:**

**March 24: 1pm-4pm: Family-Friendly Rotary 300 Seedling Planting Day**

With Triangle Land Conservancy, At Horton Grove Preserve

And Children Are Welcome

Additional Information Is Available At: [www.keepdurhambeautiful.org/events](http://www.keepdurhambeautiful.org/events)

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Peter Jacobi At: [dr.peterjacobi@gmail.com](mailto:dr.peterjacobi@gmail.com)

### **Reality Ministries – Susan McSwain, Executive Director**

As the years click by faster and faster still not knowing that I want to be when I grow up, I'm more and more awed and a little envious of those who tell stories of life-changing moments when their vision crystalized and they knew what they were born to do.



Rotarian, Mark Higgins, introduced our Speaker, Susan McSwain, the Executive Director of Reality Ministries, to an audience thinned a little bit by the truly awful weather we were experiencing and maybe a few who had forgotten to change their clocks over the weekend.

Ms. McSwain described her vision of an inclusive community where everyone – no matter what race, gender, orientation, nationality, religion, or level of ability was accepted and nurtured and became the best person they could be.

My first thought was, what does that have to do with "reality" at a time when white nationalists are crawling out from under their

rocks and beating their chests. But, maybe that's the point – we need to share her vision to create a new reality.

Ms. McSwain expressed how wonderful Durham is, relatively speaking, as an inclusive community, but that we're not all the way there yet.

Then she told the story of her own life-changing moment after she was asked to help at an event at SouthPoint Mall for a group of young people with a variety of disabilities. She told of the trepidation she felt approaching this task and the sense of relief and acceptance that she felt when she joined the group. This was when she knew that bringing such warm and accepting people who were struggling at the margins of society into a full participation in the life of the community was what she wanted to do.

**CLUB STATISTICS AS OF  
MARCH 19, 2018:**

Club Members: 247 Active: 211  
Active-LOA: 7; Honorary: 29  
Staff Positions: 1



KENNETH LUNDSTROM	MARCH 01
KAY GRESHAM	MARCH 02
MARLON TORRES	MARCH 03
ALLEN CRONENBERG	MARCH 04
CAROLINE WELCH	MARCH 04
MATT KOPAC	MARCH 05
SUSAN ROSS	MARCH 05
JOHN KERR	MARCH 05
STEED ROLLINS	MARCH 06
JAMES HEDRICK	MARCH 08
CRAIG BROWN	MARCH 09
RALPH SNYDERMAN	MARCH 13
ERNIE MILLS, JR.	MARCH 13
DENNIS McLAIN	MARCH 16
GUY SOLIE	MARCH 17
JOHN STADDON	MARCH 19
DOUG BUTLER	MARCH 22
JAY MOSELEY	MARCH 24
MARIE BAKER	MARCH 25
EDDIE BLOUNT, JR.	MARCH 26
EMILY PAGE	MARCH 27
INGRID WICKER-McCREE	MARCH 29
BURTON KING	MARCH 30
LARRY CRANE	MARCH 31

**PENDING NEW MEMBERS:**

**ASHLEIGH DAWN BACHERT**  
SPONSORED BY: SHELLY GREEN  
Induction Date: March 19, 2018  
**KIMBERLY BLAIR**

SPONSORED BY: INDIRA EVERETT  
Induction Date: March 19, 2018  
**MICHAEL BLACKSBURG**

SPONSORED BY: DON STANGER  
Induction Date: March 26, 2018  
**BRYAN LEWIS PICCIRILLO**

SPONSORED BY: MARGE NORDSTROM  
Induction Date: April 16, 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



So – how do they do it? There is a lot of detail on the organization’s website, at [www.realityministriesinc.org](http://www.realityministriesinc.org) and Ms. McSwain shared some of it, but the website is well done and is worth taking a close look at. She mentioned that they have a very high ratio of volunteers to participants and, although there are volunteers that provide specific service or expertise, the main role of volunteers is simply to “be a friend to our friends with disabilities.”

I suspect that many of the volunteers find that virtue is indeed its own reward and enjoy the friendships that they make immensely from these folks not infected by cynicism, a sense of superiority, or hidden motives.

Ms. McSwain talked about one other activity they do annually. Having grown out of one venue after another and now takes place at the biggest daddy of the all in Durham, DPAC, which they fill up. There are some wonderful pictures of these events on the website. The next one is coming up on April 23 at DPAC. Tickets are required, but free.

Two observations: Ms. McSwain is a natural story teller. Sitting where I was to take pictures, I couldn’t see how the rest of the group was reacting, but I was told later that she had her audience’s full attention and maybe elicited a tear or two. Her best story she almost forgot to tell – it was about coaching one of the participants in the talent show who had been very fearful. When the woman – Cynthia was her name – got on stage, it looked like she might freeze but slowly found her voice. She was singing Whitney Houston’s, “The Greatest Love of All.” She said that, by the time Cynthia reached the line that defines the song – “No matter what they take from me, they can’t take away my dignity” -- the young woman was belting it out. As Ms. McSwain told it, I could almost hear Whitney’s voice and the crowd at DPAC cheering wildly ... and I was tearing up myself and glad to be upfront where nobody could see.

Searching to make sure I got the song title right, I came across a video of Whitney’s performance of the song. For those of you too young to remember her, I’ve embedded on the website. It’s interesting because it, too, tells a story of the struggle of coming in from the margins.

Second observation: If the member of our Club that represents non-profits that provide services in our community started their own club, it would be bigger than many of the clubs in our District. But, Rotary is our name and service is our game. It’s great that we can welcome them into the Club and give them the support and attention they deserve.

*Submitted By: Carver Weaver*

**A WARM ROTARY WELCOME  
TO OUR NEWEST CLUB MEMBERS!**

**Dr. Pascal Mubenga** (Sponsored By Steed Rollins) **Cheryl Howell** (Sponsored By Nancy Gordon)



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