



# Rotary Club of Durham



Saturday, February 20, 2021

## Rotary Meeting 2.22.2021 Guest Speaker: Nicole Thompson

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Sunday, January 17, 2021

**Rotary Club of Durham Weekly Meeting**  
**Monday, February 22, 2021 -- 12:30 p.m. --- 1:30 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Nicole Thompson**  
**Downtown Durham, Inc. CEO**

**Presentation Topic: Downtown Durham Update and Future Plans**

### Club Meeting

Durham  
Meets at Zoom Virtual Meeting See Weekly Email for Zoom Meeting Login Information Link

Durham, NC 27701  
Time: Monday at 12:30 PM

### Events

No Events found

### Speakers

**February 22, 2021**  
Presiding: Emilee Collins, President  
Rotary Club of Durham Board of Directors, Officers and Committee Chairs Monthly Meeting.

**February 22, 2021**  
Nicole Thompson, Downtown Durham, Inc. CEO  
Presentation Topic: Downtown Durham Update and Future Plans

**March 01, 2021**  
Rodney Jenkins, Director - Durham County Health Department  
Presentation Topic: COVID-19 Update and Other Local Health Issues

**March 08, 2021**  
Adam Klein, Director of Strategy, Capitol Broadcasting Company

**March 15, 2021**  
Amanda Hoyle, Regional Director Zonda Advisory Triangle/Durham  
Economic Update

**March 17, 2021**  
Book Club Host: Kimberly Rehberg  
The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America By: Richard Rothstein

### Club Leaders



Nicole began her career in economic development while working for the Institute of Minority Economic Development in downtown Durham in the early 90s. Since then, she has worked in economic and community development on the state government, local government and nonprofit/community levels in North Carolina, Virginia and Colorado. She has experience in leading economic development efforts and growth in both rural and urban areas. Nicole joined DDI as its President & CEO in February 2017 and has spent the last four years advocating for responsible and strategic economic growth and development in downtown Durham while also supporting the small, vibrant locally-owned business climate that makes downtown Durham such a unique, attractive asset for the Triangle. Nicole graduated from the University of Richmond with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Urban Studies and received a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Reminder: Rotary Club of Durham Board of Directors, Officers & Committee Chairs Meeting

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, February 18, 2021



Emilee J. Collins  
President



Indira M. Everett  
President-Elect



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Wiener  
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Club Director



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Club Director



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Club Director



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Club Director



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President-Nominee



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Club Director



Robert T. Cadwallader Jr.  
Membership Chair



Hugh Wade Gresham Jr.  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Kay P. Gresham  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Lauren Phillips  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Austin Armstrong  
Webmaster

Tom Bagby  
Club Photographer

# REMINDER



BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING

**TO: THE ROTARY CLUB OF DURHAM  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS  
BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021--- BEGINNING AT 11:A.M.  
ZOOM LINK WILL BE PROVIDED**

## Pending New Member -- BAILEY JOHNSTON FARRIN

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, February 17, 2021

**ROTARY CLUB OF DURHAM  
PENDING NEW MEMBER  
BAILEY JOHNSTON FARRIN**

**Sponsored By: Vice-President, Elisabeth Wiener  
Induction Date: March 1, 2021**



Bailey Johnston Farrin grew up in Memphis, Tennessee and graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. Bailey graduated cum laude with her LLM from Duke University School of Law in 1990. Having practiced law in Los Angeles, California for five years, she moved back to Durham in 1995. She had been a Member of The Long Beach Rotary Club in 1994 and 1995. Bailey has been practicing Criminal Defense Law and Immigration Law at Marcus E. Hill in Durham since 2006. Bailey enjoys spending time with her two daughters who are both now in college. Bailey is an avid amateur tennis player and loves to dance. She is a Member of The Episcopal Mission Church for Spanish speakers, Iglesia El Burn Pastor, in Durham, North Carolina. She volunteers there as well as at El Centro Hispano and at Church World Services. Bailey serves on the Board of The Episcopal Farm Workers Ministry in Dunn, North Carolina.

## Exploring The Black Experience In Rotary -- Register Now!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, February 9, 2021



# MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



Barry C. Curtis  
Club Finance  
Advisor



Steed Rollins Jr.  
Club Programs  
Chair



Alayah C.  
Sanders  
Webmaster



Meg Solera  
Club Fellowship  
Chair



John J. Zenner III  
Club  
Photographer



Todd E. Taylor  
Past President



Sharon Kay  
Lassiter  
Club Executive  
Secretary



Newman C.  
Aguiar  
Past District  
Governor



Jeff Blass  
Asst Governor



## ACCOUNTABILITY + INCLUSION

A DEI Webinar Series

Throughout 2020-2021, Rotary will host a webinar series to explore diversity, equity, and inclusion.

◆My humanity is bound up with yours,  
for we can only be human together.◆  
-Archbishop Desmond Tutu-

Humans are composed of unique and intersecting sets of social identities, defined by our physical, social, and mental characteristics. Examples include race/ethnicity, gender, social class/socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, disabilities, and religion/religious beliefs. By considering each other's lives, experiences, and perspectives, we allow a community to be not only about what we have in common but what makes us different.

### [Register now](#)

For, **Exploring the Black Experience in Rotary** on **Thursday, 25 February** at **15:00** Chicago time (UTC-5), and submit your questions to our experts. A recording of the session will be available to everyone who registers.

Through hearing stories of Black Rotarians around the world, we will:

- Open ourselves to talking about race and identity.
- Become aware and acknowledge how our own social identities impact the club and community experience.
- Allow space for all Rotarians to bring their full, most authentic selves to our organization.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and questions.

Sincerely,  
The Membership Development Team  
Rotary International

P.S. Throughout 2020-2021, Rotary will host a webinar series to explore diversity, equity, and inclusion. [Read more](#) about the sessions that will be offered.

## Rotaract Service Above Self Event -- 2.24.2021!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Friday, February 5, 2021

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN!**  
**ROTARACT SERVICE ABOVE SELF EVENT**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021**  
**7:30PM EST**





**Invitation From Jessica Voss,  
Director of Professional Development  
For The Rotaract Club of Duke University**

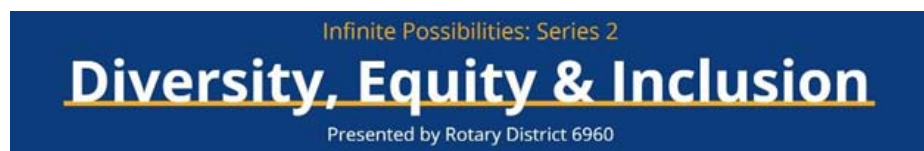
My name is Jessica Voss and I am the Director of Professional Development for the Rotaract Club of Duke University. Our Rotaract club is planning an event for Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30pm EST called Service Above Self. At the event we have two Rotarians and a Rotary Peace Fellow from the Duke-UNC location to join us over Zoom to speak about their amazing experiences in Rotary International. You do not want to miss out! You may have heard of or attended this event before, but this year it will be over Zoom. This new platform for Service Above Self allows us to open it up to anyone that it interested. Feel free to invite anyone in the world and they do not have to be a Rotary/Rotaract/Interact member. We would love to have you all attend!

Sign up Here: <https://bit.ly/3iQOZiu>

Jessica Voss  
Duke University, Class of 2024  
Trinity College of Arts & Sciences  
Director of Professional Development For The Rotaract Club of Duke University  
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**Infinite Possibilities: Series 2 -- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion  
Presented By Rotary District 6960**

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, February 17, 2021



**FABULOUS** and **ENDEARING** are the best descriptions we can offer for our upcoming February 26th Infinite Possibilities Series: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, featuring Past Rotary International President and World Leader Barry Rassin, along with International Speaker Brian Rusch. **◆Embracing Our Differences◆** is the focus of our conversation, as we listen to stories of their personal journeys and life experiences. This conversation will touch your hearts and inspire your spirit to greater service.

This multi-part webinar series offers you the opportunity to hear from very dynamic speakers who will offer vision, encouragement, enthusiasm and motivation to grow your membership. We encourage you to invite not only your fellow Rotarians, but prospective members as well. You can register below for this session, as well as the March and April events. **Non-Rotarians can register at: [rizoness33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/](http://rizoness33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/)**

- February 26, 2021 **◆ Embracing Our Differences**, hosted by Rotary International Director Stephanie Urchick, with featured speakers Past RI President Barry Rassin and Rotarian Brian Rusch of District 5150 in California.

**[Register NOW](#) for Infinite Possibilities **◆ Embracing our Differences, 1:00 pm EST February 26, 2021****

- March 26, 2021 **◆ Investing in Equity**, hosted by District 6960 Governor Darryl Keys, with featured speaker Xavier Ramey, fellow Rotarian from Chicago.

**[Register NOW](#) for Infinite Possibilities **◆ Investing in Equity, 1:00 pm EDT March 26, 2021****

- April 30, 2021 **◆ Celebrate Diversity**, with special guest speakers Rotary International President Holger Knack, Rotary International Director Peter Kyle and Anna Ekb◆ck.

**[Register NOW](#) for Infinite Possibilities **◆ Celebrate Diversity, 1:00 pm EDT April 30, 2021****

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Darryl Keys**  
Governor, District 6960

**Cyndi Doragh**  
Chair, Infinite Possibilities



## Rotary Zones 33-34 -- Rotary Works

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Monday, February 1, 2021



### Mission

Rotary Works is an initiative provided for Rotarians and Rotaractors within Zones 33 & 34 experiencing career transition. This initiative is comprised of three distinct programs, providing education, networking, and/or financial resources for participants, providing mentorship opportunities for personal and professional development.

### The Project

The first Rotary Works program to launch will be our Career Development Professional Series, which will be offered via Zoom. Each month, beginning December 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon, with an overview of our Series, we will collaborate with business professionals in career development, exchanging ideas and having conversations with experts in their field. These ◆mentors◆ will provide information and inspiration for those in attendance seeking opportunities of self-exploration, self-improvement and ultimately seeking employment or entrepreneurial prospects.

Coming this spring, Zones 33 and 34 will provide a **Job Board**, where you will be able to search for employment opportunities, post open positions, request a mentor, become a mentor, and find valuable and relevant career transition resources.

Finally, we are establishing an Impact Fund designed to assist Rotarians and Rotaractors in Zones 33 and 34, who may have experienced financial stress an opportunity to apply for a one-time grant of \$500.

The potential to help those in need is a top priority for us. More information on these programs will be available after the first of the year.

### **Support the Impact Fund**

If you're able, please contribute to the Impact Fund, which will provide grants to Rotarians in need due to unanticipated career transition. To contribute to the Impact Fund, make your check out to **Rotary Zones 33-34 Foundation** (Impact Fund in the memo field) and mail to P.O. Box 785, Troy, NC 27371.

[Contribute by Credit Card](#) (a convenience fee is charged)

For More Information: <https://www.rizones33-34.org/rotary-works/>

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Career Development Webinar Series** **1 pm -2 pm, 2nd Wednesdays**

Click on event links to register:

[Mar 10, 2021 Essential Tech Tools for Marketability](#)

[Apr. 14, 2021 So You Want to be Your Own Boss?](#)

[Request a Coach](#)

**Engagement opportunities are based on Coaches availability and you may be placed on a waiting list. You must be an active Rotarian or Rotaractor in Zones 33 or 34 to apply for the Rotary Works Coaching Program.**

[Volunteer as a Coach](#)

[Link to Rotary Works Newsletter](#)

[Interested in Joining Rotary?](#)

[Link to Career Transition Resources](#)

[Contacts for Rotary Works](#)

### **It's Grant Season! Download the form and apply today!**

By Aalayah C. Sanders on Wednesday, February 3, 2021





It's Grant Season! Do you have a project that you're passionate about?

District Grant Project form: **DOWNLOAD THE FORM!**  
[RCD District Grant Concept Form](#)

Global Grant Project form: **DOWNLOAD THE FORM!**  
[RCD Global Grant Concept Form](#)

**LET'S GET OUR CELL PHONE NUMBERS UPDATED IN DACDB!!**

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Monday, February 8, 2021

**LET'S GET OUR CELL PHONE NUMBERS  
UPDATED IN DACDB!!**



Please log in to: [www.rotary7710.org](http://www.rotary7710.org) to confirm we have your most up-to-date cellular telephone number on record.

If you are unsure on how to log into the database or need assistance, please reach out to Sharon, at [slassiter38@nc.rr.com](mailto:slassiter38@nc.rr.com).

Or email your cell # to Sharon and she will update your DacDB Profile with your current #. Thank you!

**AND STAY TUNED FOR AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PRESIDENT EMILEE REGARDING A NEW AND IMPROVED TEXTING FUNCTION THROUGH DACDB! This function will allow us to contact you in cases of emergencies, a weather event, or some other meeting conflict.**

### Birthdays



[James M. Woodard](#)  
February 20th



[Carlton Koonce](#)  
February 23rd



[Robert J. Stevens](#)  
February 25th



[Anthony S. Brown](#)  
February 28th



[Kenneth W. Lundstrom](#)  
March 1st



[Stephanie Terry](#)  
March 2nd



[Kay P. Gresham](#)  
March 2nd



[Marlon Torres](#)  
March 3rd

[Allen T. Cronenberg](#)

[Matthew Kopac](#)

[Susan Cranford Ross](#)

[John T. Kerr](#)



March 4th



March 5th



March 5th



March 5th



[Steed Rollins Jr.](#)  
March 6th



[Craig Brown](#)  
March 9th



[Ernie C. Mills Jr.](#)  
March 13th



[Ralph Snyderman](#)  
March 13th



[Guy T. Solie](#)  
March 17th



[John Staddon](#)  
March 19th



[Douglas Butler](#)  
March 22nd