



# Rotary Club of Durham



Friday, January 1, 2021

## Happy New Year 2021!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Friday, December 25, 2020



**To The Rotary Club of Durham, Families & Friends  
We Wish Each of You A Very Prosperous,  
Peaceful and Happy New Year!!!**

**We Look Forward To Seeing Each of You In The  
New Year and Serving Along Side of Our Fellow  
Rotarians As We Strive To Make The World --  
and Our Community A Better Place For All!**

**Rotary Meeting 1.4.2021 Guest Speaker: Jenifer Hill, Executive Director -- Circular Triangle**

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, November 18, 2020

**Rotary Club of Durham Weekly Monday Meeting  
January 4, 2021 -- 12:30pm -- 1:30 pm  
Guest Speaker: Jenifer Hill, Executive Director  
Circular Triangle**

### 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

#### January 04, 2021

Jenifer Hill, Executive Director --  
Circular Triangle  
Circular Triangle

#### January 11, 2021

Anthony Banbury, IFES President  
& CEO  
Presentation Topic: Democracy

#### January 13, 2021

Host: Kimberly Rehberg  
Durham Rotary Club -- January  
2021 Book Club Availability Dates  
To Be Announced!

#### January 25, 2021

Fred Treiber  
Topic: Computer Clubhouse Rotary  
Global Grant Project

### Club Leaders



Emilee J Collins  
President



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President-Elect



Shannon Leskin  
Secretary



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Rotary Foundation Chair



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John J. Zenner III  
Club Photographer



Todd E. Taylor  
iPast President



Jennifer is the Founder and Executive Director of Circular Triangle. She has her Masters of Public Health from the University of North Carolina. Jennifer has previously worked at RTI International and UNC Healthcare and believes that circular economy can create a sustainable and equitable world. She also serves as the Circular Economy Chair of the Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board. When not talking your ear off about circular economy, Jennifer can be found rock climbing, hiking, playing board games with friends, or hanging with her husband and two very sweet cats.

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## Pending New Member -- AALAYAH SANDERS

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Saturday, November 21, 2020

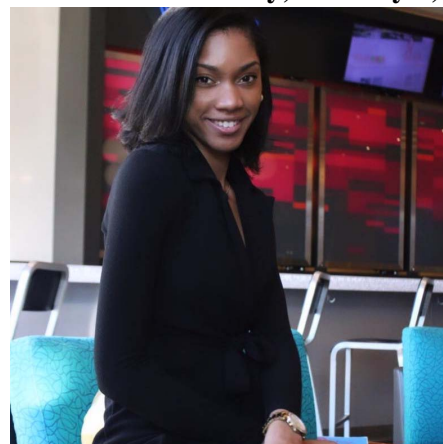
### PENDING NEW MEMBER

### AALAYAH SANDERS

**Development Director -- The Salvation Army**

**Sponsored By: Tammie Sellman**

**Induction Date: Monday, January 4, 2021**





Sharon Kay Lassiter  
Club Executive Secretary



Newman C. Aguiar  
Past District Governor



Jeff Blass  
Asst Governor

Raised in Durham North Carolina, Sanders attended Southern Durham High School where she graduated as an all around student in the classroom and exceptional athlete. While earning multiple High School All American accolades for track, Sanders attended The University of South Carolina as a full scholarship track athlete. In 2016, Aalayah graduated from The University of South Carolina in 2017 with a Bachelors in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Post graduation, Sanders has worked for Columbia South Carolina's Gospel and Inspirational radio station as the Administrative Assistant, Internship Coordinator, and On-Air Announcer and she has also seen the rank of Operations Manager for highly esteemed Grammy award winning artist. In 2018, Sanders was a part of The Obama Foundation's Community Leadership Corps Inaugural Class. Aalayah became the Co-Founder and Chief Communications Officer of the Sister's in STEM program, an initiative by the Obama Foundation to inspire minority girls to pursue and study STEM related fields. Before joining The Salvation Army of Durham as Communications Director, Aalayah traveled around the U.S. to prepare high school students for college bound standardized testing in areas of English, Math, Science and Reading as an ACT Facilitator and College Prep Coach. Currently, Sanders is pursuing her Masters in Communications at Walden University.

## Pending New Member -- AUSTIN ARMSTRONG

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, December 16, 2020

**PENDING NEW MEMBER**

**AUSTIN ARMSTRONG**

**Sponsored By: President Emilee Collins**

**Induction Date: January 4, 2021**



Austin Armstrong has been doing digital marketing for about 14 years, starting back on the Myspace platform. Austin is currently the project manager and video marketing strategist for TherapyCable.com, an online therapy, and mental health video hub, and marketing project manager for Beginnings Treatment Centers. Austin has extensive experience and knowledge working in the healthcare industry helping individuals and companies grow their online presence in order to generate brand awareness, customers, and product sales. Austin has currently: - Helped produce over 800 videos and counting - Worked with many different industries such as: Addiction Treatment, Psychology, Therapy, Event Coverage, Music Videos, etc. "My biggest belief in life is that with a constantly positive outlook, you can and will always find success, even through failures."

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER, WANDA S. PAGE!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Saturday, November 21, 2020

**Rotary Club of Durham**

**Welcomes New Member**

**WANDA S. PAGE**

City of Durham -- Interim City Manager

Sponsored By: Chief C. J. Davis

Induction Date: 12.14.2020



**WELCOME, WANDA!!**

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**Congratulations To Fellow Rotarian, Matt McDowell & NCCEH!!**

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Saturday, December 26, 2020

*Congratulations!*

**TO**

**FELLOW ROTARIAN, MATT McDOWELL**



**AND**



**NC COALITION <sup>to</sup>end  
HOMELESSNESS**

**THE NORTH CAROLINA COALITION TO END  
HOMELESSNESS**

# WINS \$1.25 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FROM AMAZON!!

Two North Carolina groups are each getting \$1.25 million to try to help end homelessness and provide housing for families struggling to make it through the pandemic.

This month, The Bezos Day One Family Fund announced that [\\$105.9 million will be awarded to 42 groups in 24 states](#), including [Families Together](#) and the [North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness](#). The Fund was created by Amazon Founder, Jeff Bezos, to provide shelter and support for young families in communities across the country.

◆It is an honor for us to receive the award because of how the grantees are selected,◆ Denise Neunaber, Executive Director of The North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, said in an interview. ◆Grantees are invited to apply by an advisory group of our nation◆s leaders in ending homelessness.

◆For Families Together and NCCEH to rise to their attention means a great deal about the work we are doing to drive real change to end homelessness.◆

Fellow Rotarian, Matt McDowell is Finance and Operations Director for The North Carolina Coalition To End Homelessness (NCCEH)

#### For Additional Information:

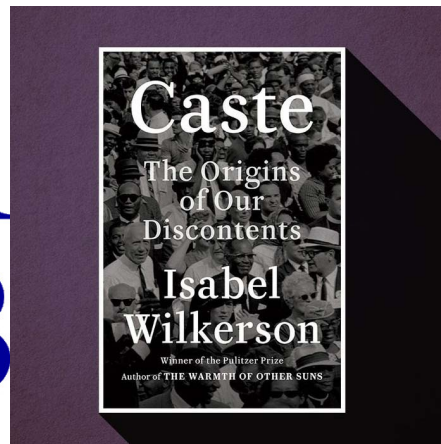
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To Learn More About the [Mission](#), [Beginnings](#), and [Current Work](#) of the NCCEH, Read More Below: [Read More](#)

## Durham Rotary January 13, 2021 Book Club

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Monday, November 9, 2020

# BOOK CLUB



Many thanks to those who have joined in one or both of our first two Virtual Book Club Meetings! We have had very illuminating and candid discussions thus far and we believe helpful to those of us who have connected over these books as we emotionally and intellectually navigate some of the events happening in our country right now.

**Our next Durham Rotary Book Club Meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 2021, from 7:00pm -- 8:30pm.**

We hope you will join us for what we are sure will be a fascinating conversation. Please

spread the word to our fellow Rotarians. It would be wonderful to see our ranks grow.

Questions: Please Contact Book Club Host, Kimberly Rehberg, at:  
[kimberly.rehberg@durhamnc.gov](mailto:kimberly.rehberg@durhamnc.gov) or at: 919.354.2716 or at: 919.560.4158, Extension:  
13246.

## Birthdays



[Yvette B. West](#)  
January 1st



[Newman C. Aguiar](#)  
January 1st



[M. Lee Barnes Jr.](#)  
January 8th



[Joseph S. Harvard](#)  
January 8th



[Nancy Marks](#)  
January 8th



[Ari Medoff](#)  
January 10th



[Hilary French](#)  
January 11th



[Richard E. Jenkins](#)  
January 12th



[Pascal Mubenga](#)  
January 16th



[Geri Lail](#)  
January 16th



[Kurt Preble](#)  
January 18th



[Almasa Bass](#)  
January 20th



[Robert A. Gutman](#)  
January 23rd



[Tammy Kay Baggett](#)  
January 25th



[Meg Solera](#)  
January 25th



[Sharon Kay Lassiter](#)  
January 25th



[Mercer Stanfield](#)  
January 26th



[William Toland Barfield Jr.](#)  
January 28th



[Lauren Phillips](#)  
January 29th



[Elizabeth Pritchett](#)  
January 30th



[Carl Chrisman Evans](#)  
January 31st