



Rotary Club of Durham



Friday, January 29, 2021

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 01, 2021

John Schelp
Presentation Topic:
Historic Durham
Postcard Collection

February 08, 2021

Dr. Tony Moody
Presentation Topic:
Vaccine 101 --- Light
At The End Of The
Tunnel

February 15, 2021

Reminder: No
Meeting
No Meeting Today --
In Observance of
The President's Day
Holiday

February 22, 2021

Nicole Thompson,
Downtown Durham,
Inc. CEO
Presentation Topic:
Downtown Durham
Update and Future
Plans

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Rotary Meeting 2.1.2021 Guest Speaker: John Schelp

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Friday, December 4, 2020

PLEASE JOIN US!!

Rotary Club of Durham Weekly Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2020 -- 12:30 p.m. -- 1:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: John Schelp

Presentation Topic: Historic Durham Postcard Collection

Zoom Meeting Link Will Be Provided





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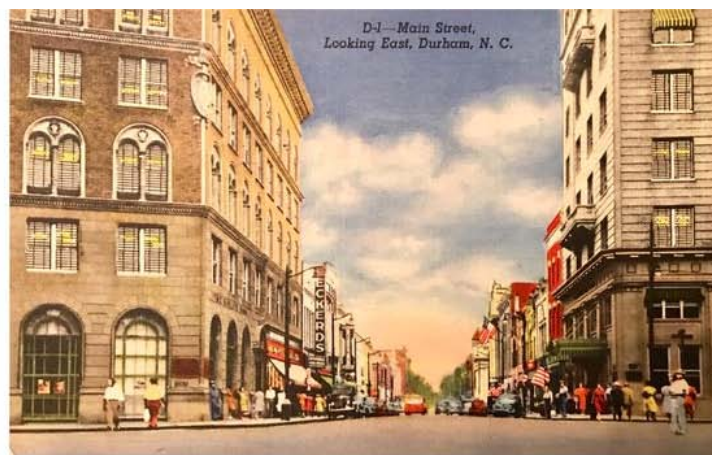
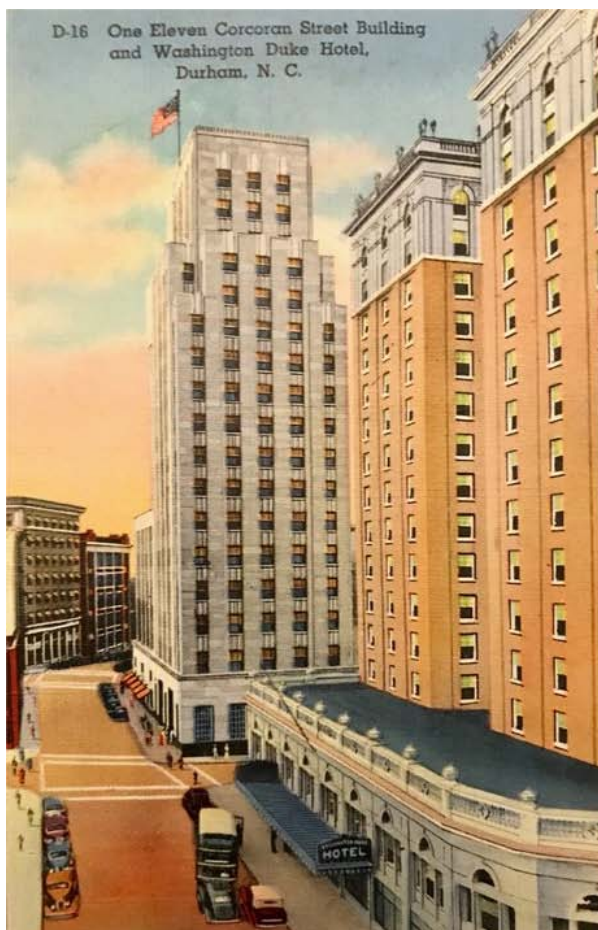


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John Schelp

John served for fifteen years as president of the Old West Durham Neighborhood Association. He was vice-president of the NAACP-Durham branch and the People's Alliance, as well as an early member of the Pauli Murray steering committee. He is a member of the Museum of Durham History's advisory board, the People's Alliance Fund, and the Mayor's Sesquicentennial Commission. He was president of the North Carolina Peace Corps Association, and he served in the Peace Corps and USAID in Congo for seven years. He was an elections observer with President Jimmy Carter in Liberia. John has worked at the National Institutes of Health for more than thirty years. He has a undergraduate degree from St. Lawrence University with a double major in Government and French and a master's degree in Public Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill.

VIRTUAL CONCERT SUNDAY, 1.31.2021 -- 3pm Featuring Our Very Own George Deaton!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, January 28, 2021



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Winter's Song

ONLINE CONCERT

You're invited!

Sunday, January 31 at 3 PM

Premiering on YouTube

Bach, Chopin, Handel, Mendelssohn, Schütz, English Folk

Featuring:

George Deaton, tenor

Jo Anne Swartz, soprano

Ann Pearce, flute

Phyllis Vogel, piano & harpsichord

Concert link, program, and details at
HighlandUMC.org/winters-song

AN INVITATION FROM GEORGE DEATON:

You are invited to attend the online premier of our concert of piano, harpsichord, flute and vocal music. Go to this link to attend and to view the program and other concert details: <http://highlandumc.org/winters-song/>

To see a preview of the concert , go to <https://youtu.be/6ydiQ7KQlyY>

You can also view the concert at a later time.

Concert duration is about 35 minutes.

[Read More](#)

Pending New Member -- John Bruce Buxton (J.B.)

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, January 28, 2021

PENDING NEW MEMBER

JOHN BRUCE BUXTON ("J.B.") President

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About John (J.B.) Buxton

J.B. Buxton is the fifth president of Durham Technical Community College.

Buxton is a member of the N.C. State Board of Education, appointed by Gov. Roy Cooper, where he works directly with the community college system on a range of education and workforce-related issues. He has also served as an instructor in the Public Policy Department at UNC-Chapel Hill.

He is the founder and principal of the Education Innovations Group, a consulting practice focused on PreK-12 and postsecondary public education. In that capacity, Buxton has worked with states, foundations, nonprofit organizations and companies focused on improving public K-12 and postsecondary education. Buxton has worked closely with the state's community colleges as far back as 2001 when, as senior education advisor to Gov. Mike Easley, and then as deputy state superintendent of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, he successfully led the state's effort to implement early college high schools across the state. He has also served as a White House Fellow working with the Domestic Policy Council under President Clinton; director of policy and research for the Public School Forum of N.C., and coordinator of special programs for the NC Teaching Fellows Program. He began his career as a high school English teacher and coach in Massachusetts.

Buxton is also active in local and state issues, including service from 2011-15 on the Raleigh Planning Commission and on the board of North Carolina FC Youth, one of the nation's largest youth soccer clubs. Buxton, whose father was a high school teacher, coach and administrator, said he first saw the power of education while spending the summer before his senior year of college in South Africa. Working as a teaching assistant, Buxton encountered students who had left school to fight apartheid and were returning to obtain a degree that they saw as a passport to opportunity. The experience left him convinced of education's ability to support personal growth, individual opportunity and economic mobility. Buxton attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a Morehead Scholarship, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in English. He received his master's degree in public affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

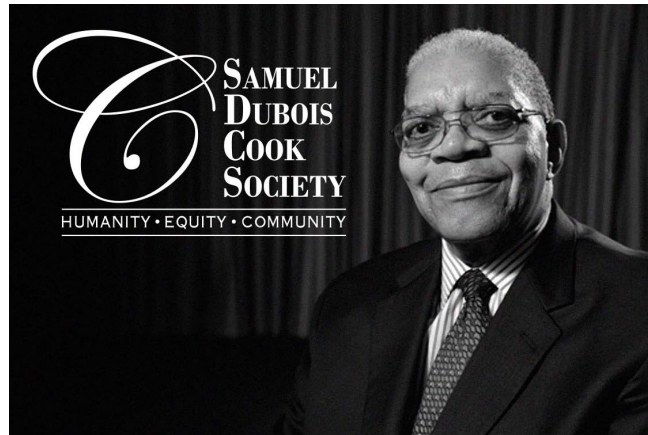
Buxton and his wife, Hunter, live in Raleigh. They have three children: Drake, a UNC-Chapel Hill graduate; Luke, a current UNC-Chapel Hill student; and Sadie, a student at N.C. State University.

Congratulations 2021 Cook Award Winners -- Special Recognition To Fellow Rotarian, Tom Bonfield!!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Sunday, January 24, 2021

Congratulations!

**RECOGNIZING FELLOW ROTARIAN, TOM BONFIELD,
Former Durham City Manager
Special Service Recognition Award -- 2021**



Founded in 1997, The Samuel DuBois Cook Society was established in the spring of that year to honor Dr. Cook, a retired Duke University professor who was the first African-American professor to hold a regular faculty appointment at a predominantly white college or university in the South. The society recognizes the years of service that Dr. Cook has offered to Duke University, to the cause of African-American advancement, and to the betterment of relations between people of all backgrounds.

The mission of the Cook Society is to recognize, celebrate, and affirm the presence of African-American students, faculty, and staff at Duke University. Members of the society commit themselves to the objectives to which Dr. Cook dedicated his professional life:

- Nurture a sense of community and belonging for African Americans
- Translate the promise and potential of African Americans at Duke into fulfillment and actuality
- Foster positive and constructive interpersonal and intergroup relations within both Duke University's and Durham's African-American communities
- Cultivate positive relations between African Americans and other ethnic, racial, and national groups on the basis of an enlightened appreciation and knowledge of our historic interdependence

Learn more about the [aims of the Cook Society](#)

Samuel DuBois Cook Society
2021 Awards Ceremony
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
6:00 PM • ZOOM • [Click to Register](#)

Congratulations 2021 Winners

Each year, we recognize community members who follow Dr. Cook's example of social activism and leadership. View the Duke Chronicle ad [here](#).

Samuel DuBois Cook Society Awards

- **Nolan Smith**, Director of Basketball Operations and Player Development Duke Men's Basketball
- **Ajenai Clemmons**, Ph.D. Candidate, Sanford School of Public Policy
- **De'Ja Wood**, Class of 2021

Raymond Gavins Distinguished Faculty Award

- **Richard Powell, Ph.D.**, John Spencer Bassett Distinguished Professor of Art History
- **Michael Cary, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor in the School of Nursing

Distinguished Service Award

Charles Becton, Former Judge North Carolina Court of Appeals

Special Recognition Service Award Winner

- **Thomas Bonfield**, Former Durham City Manager

The 2021 Virtual Awards Presentation

The presentations will be made at the **annual awards ceremony at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via Zoom Webinar**. Please pre-register for the virtual awards ceremony.

[Zoom Webinar Registration](#)

Registrants will receive an email confirmation sent to the email address they enter on the online registration form. The information and links in the email confirmation are unique to each registrant. We recommend that registrants save the email and bookmark the link to the webinar. Please contact Megan Peterson at megan.peterson@duke.edu if you have questions or require additional information.

Visit the archive of [past award recipients](#)

Get Involved

Society is open to all who are interested in our objectives and are committed to working toward the progress of African Americans who are part of the Duke University community. If you would like to stay informed of Cook Society activities, please email your contact information to Megan Peterson at megan.peterson@duke.edu.

Sign up for the Cook Society mailing list: [Mailing List Signup](#)

About Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook

Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook was a retired Duke University professor and Dillard University president who dedicated his professional life to social justice. While at Duke, he championed the rights of non-academic employees, black student access, mentoring for junior faculty, the university's relationship to the black community, and the relations between blacks and Jews. He also carried out on the national level. A close friend of Martin Luther King, Jr., he always shared Dr. King's vision of the beloved community.

A native of Griffin, Ga., he is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. M.E. Cook. He received a A.B. degree from Morehouse College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University. He has taught at Southern University, Atlanta University, the University of Illinois, UCLA and Duke University, where he was appointed a professor in Duke's political science department in 1966, making him the first African-American professor to hold a regular faculty appointment at any predominantly white college or university in the South. Nine years after his appointment to Duke, he was chosen to serve as president of Dillard University, a historically black liberal arts institution in New Orleans. He served as president for 22 years, retiring in 1997. During his tenure at Dillard, President Cook initiated a Japanese language studies program (the first at a historically black college) and founded the [National Center for Black-Jewish Relations](#). A member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Dr. Cook is a Korean War veteran and a former ordained deacon at White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, N.C. He holds honorary degrees from Morehouse College, The Ohio State University, Dillard University, Illinois College, Duke University, the University of New Orleans and Chicago Theological Seminary.

Dr. Cook was the first black president of the Southern Political Science Association and also served as the vice-president of the [American Political Science Association](#). He was president of the [Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc.](#) from 1999-2001, and chair of the Presidents of the [United Negro College Fund](#). Dr. Cook served as a member of the Duke University Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1993. In 1993, Dillard University honored Dr. Cook by naming the school's new fine arts and communication center after him. That same year, he was elected by Duke University's Board of Trustees as a trustee emeritus. In 2006, Duke established a new postdoctoral fellowship in his honor in its Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Gender in the Social Sciences. The Ohio State University has established the Samuel DuBois Cook Summer Academy and the Samuel DuBois Cook graduate fellowship in Political Science.

Dr. Cook continued to lecture at universities and colleges around the country until his death on May 29, 2017. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Mrs. Sylvia F. Cook, their children Samuel DuBois Cook Jr. and Karen J. Cook, and Samuel DuBois Cook Jr.'s two children with his wife Nicole Peoples Cook, Alexandra Renee Cook and Samuel DuBois Cook III.

Vaccinate Durham

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Friday, January 15, 2021

THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC EFFECTS IN DURHAM



Durham and the whole world are suffering from a very contagious disease that is overwhelming hospitals and killing people. White members of our community are suffering, but people of color have been getting sicker and dying with much greater frequency. We must try to protect one another with masks, hand washing and keeping far apart. The vaccines are extremely effective, quite safe, and now arriving. By June, there will be enough for most of us to get vaccinated. If enough of us do so, the Durham epidemic will come to a near sudden stop so that hospitals can go back to basics, schools and business will open, we will be able to worship together, and visit our neighbors.

Now is the time to begin our mutual sharing of information.

LET'S GO THE LAST MILE TOGETHER.

Friends of Durham have created this website as a way for Durham organizations to harness the power of our memberships to share information about getting the vaccine. No one organization or group has to do this work alone. The time has come for us take that last step.

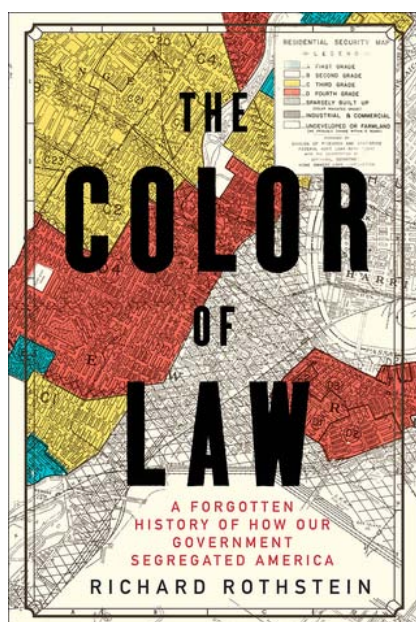
Let's go this last mile together as a community.

Visit: www.vaccinatedurham.com for more information OR
Contact Fellow Rotarian, Larry Crane at:
xraynet@earthlink.net or 919.475.8191

Book Club News!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Friday, January 15, 2021

Our next book club read will be [The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America](#) by Richard Rothstein. For those of you who are Kindle Unlimited subscribers, the Kindle version has been free to download for several months now.



The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America

By: [Richard Rothstein](#)

A Message From Book Club Host, Kim Rehberg

Hello, Friends! What a vibrant and engaging conversation about Caste on January 13th! Thank you again to all who were able to participate in that one.

At the close of our meeting two weeks ago, those in our book discussion group unanimously and enthusiastically chose The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein for our next read. Following our pattern of leaving 6 to 8 weeks between discussions, I propose that we meet again in mid-March. Please take a brief survey [here](#) to indicate your availability for a March Book Club. I will leave the survey open until the end of the week, and, as always, the most popular time slot will be selected.

I hope that you all can join what I'm sure will be a fascinating conversation. Please spread the word to our fellow Rotarians. It would be wonderful to see our ranks grow. As always, thank you for your support and participation. I hope to see you in March. Stay safe and be well.

Warmly,

Kim

Questions: Contact Book Club Host, Kim Rehberg,

at: kimberly.rehberg@durhamnc.gov

Electronic Dues Billing is Now Available

By Emilee J Collins on Friday, January 8, 2021



Thank you for paying your **Rotary Dues Invoice**. Treasurer Susan Miller and Secretary Sharon Lassiter have made it possible for us to pay our invoices by credit card which is sure to be a huge convenience for many of us.

This is a first for our club, so **read the email along with the invoice** before moving to the electronic portion of the payment as it offers important details and clarifications about the invoices. It may answer some questions you have.

You may continue to pay your invoice by check and send it to the PO Box that is listed on the invoice.

As a reminder, the Community Chest program is available for members who are unable to meet the obligation for this billing cycle due to hardship. Send your request to Sharon Lassiter.

Thank you for paying as soon as possible, contributing extra to the Solidarity Fund if you are able and for also making the Rotary Foundation a priority in your financial giving.

Birthdays



[Lauren Phillips](#)
January 29th



[Elizabeth Pritchett](#)
January 30th



[Carl Chrisman Evans](#)
January 31st



[Michael J. Kriston](#)
February 1st



[Mark T. Higgins](#)
February 5th



[Martin W. Morris](#)
February 10th



[Jason C. Hall](#)
February 11th



[Joe Webster](#)
February 12th



[Kim Shaw](#)
February 12th



[Peter T. Denton Jr.](#)
February 14th



[Liz McFarlane](#)
February 16th



[Emilee J. Collins](#)
February 17th



[John Blanton](#)
February 19th



[Ellen Reckhow](#)
February 19th



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



[Carlton Koonce](#)
February 23rd



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



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