



# Rotary Club of Durham



Friday, December 25, 2020

## 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

**December 28, 2020**  
Reminder: No Regular Weekly  
Rotary Meeting Today.  
12.28.2020

In Observance of The New  
Year's Holiday

**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!

## Club Leaders



Emilee J. Collins  
President



Indira M. Everett  
President-Elect



Shannon Leskin  
Secretary



Elisabeth Harper  
Wiener  
Vice President



Susan R. Miller  
Treasurer

Marie Baker

## Holiday Hello Cruisin' Rotary Style! Monday, 12.21.2020

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, December 1, 2020

### OUR HOLIDAY HELLO CRUISIN' ROTARY STYLE EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

In what appeared to be a Cecil B. Demille production at the DPAC, your Rotary Board Committee Chairs and Members came in full force to greet each other, take donations, catch up and genuinely wish everyone a Happy Holiday. Club members and "Quarantined" President Emilee drove by, said "hello" and generously donated to our charities.



Many thanks to these and others who planned this event and showed up: Todd Taylor, Jenny Levine, Emily Hill, Erik Benson, Susan Miller, Ralph Haynes, Mimi O'Brien, Kim Shaw, Marie Baker, Newman Aguiar, Lizzie Ellis-Furlong, Treat Harvey, Elisabeth Wiener, Lauren Phillips, Geraud Staton, Arthur Rogers, Jay Zenner, Steed Rollins, Rob Everett, Shannon Leskin, Sharon Lassiter, Stacy Creech, Sherry Devries, Barry Curtis, and Austin Armstrong.



We now know that Rotarians are largely responsible for the current coin shortage as coins



Club Director



Erik Benson  
Club Director



Craig Brown  
Club Director



Robinson O. Everett Jr.  
Club Director



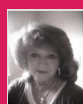
Ralph L. Haynes  
Club Director



Emily K. Hill  
Club Director



Jennifer Levine  
Club Director



Kim Shaw  
Club Director



Geraud Staton  
President-Nominee



Robert L. Wiley III  
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



Tom Bagby  
Club Photographer



Barry C. Curtis  
Club Finance Advisor



Steed Rollins Jr.  
Club Programs Chair



Tammie Sellman  
Webmaster



Meg Solera  
Club Fellowship Chair



John J. Zenner III  
Club Photographer

came pouring in for CART. It was all Arthur Rogers could do to heft the bin full of coins into Treasurer Susan Miller's vehicle. Sure hope she has good tires, significant weight was added to her car.

**CART RAISED: \$650.50**

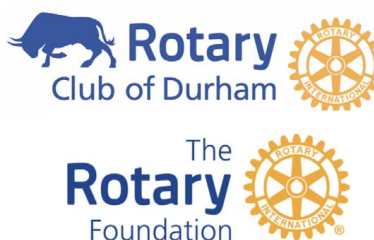


Our Club is blessed with many members who work for nonprofit organizations. We had a bunch represented.

**EACH OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL RECEIVE**

**\$92.22**

**TROSA, Durham Literacy Center, Eno River Association, Durham Arts Council, Student U, Exchange Family Center, The Triangle Nonprofit and Volunteer Center, Durham Nativity School and Carolina Theater** all elected to share in the generosity of the club in these difficult times. And this club is generous.



We also support our own Rotary Foundation, our Club's Second Century Fund and the End Polio Now campaign. Members enjoyed driving up and sharing a smile and a check and finally getting rid of that bucket of coins in the kitchen.

**FOUNDATION RAISED: \$1,590**

**2<sup>ND</sup> CENTURY FUND RAISED: \$1,022**

**POLIO PLUS RAISED: \$ 350**

**Total of Everything collected was \$4,517.53!**

**WOW!**

Mostly, we enjoyed seeing each other and as promised there were some surprises. We now know that Immediate Past President Todd Taylor has been preparing this year for his new role as Mr. Klaus. Unfortunately due to Covid no one was able to sit on his lap, but they were able to shout their Christmas wishes from six feet away.





Todd E. Taylor  
Past President



Sharon Kay Lassiter  
Club Executive  
Secretary



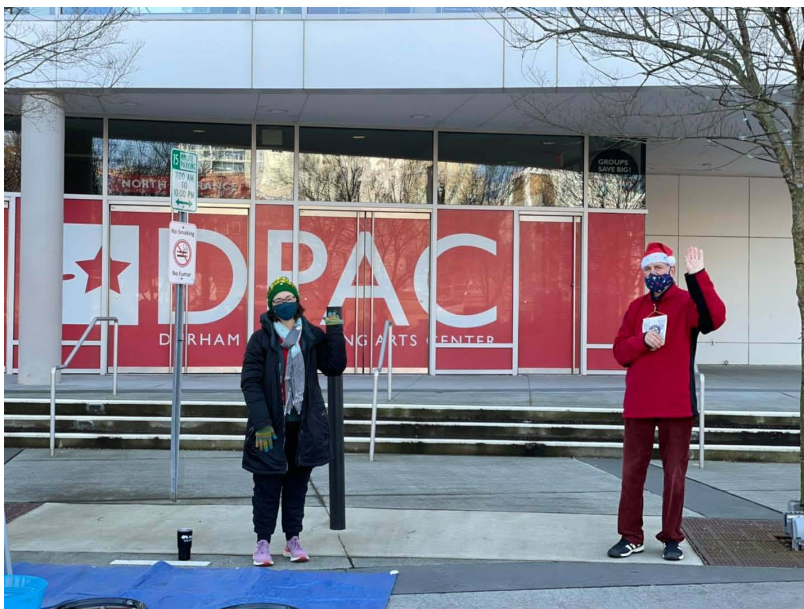
Newman C. Aguiar  
Past District Governor



Jeff Blass  
Asst Governor



Waves, virtual hugs, goodwill and better friendships abounded. Elisabeth Weiner brought her newest family addition, Alphie the dog to our gathering. Poor thing was new to her family and new to the Rotary family and kept asking "what's it all about?" Alphie, it's about friendship. Covid may separate us but will NEVER keep us apart.





Everyone participating said they enjoyed the meeting even better than being in Demille classic, the camaraderie, the feeling of goodwill and the fact that we have some fantastic people in our club. If you missed it, we are sorry. Despite a gray morning, the sun shone brightly on our group of well-wishers. Please know that every Rotarian is missed, deemed special and we wish you a Happy Holiday and a blessed new year!

More Fun Photos!!











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By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, December 3, 2020

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## **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**



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**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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## **Pending New Member -- AALAYAH SANDERS**

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Saturday, November 21, 2020

**Rotary Club of Durham**

**Pending New Member**

**AALAYAH SANDERS**

Development Director

The Salvation Army



**Sponsored By: Tammie Sellman**

**Induction Date: 1.4.2021**

**Via Zoom -- 12:30 p.m.**

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## **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**

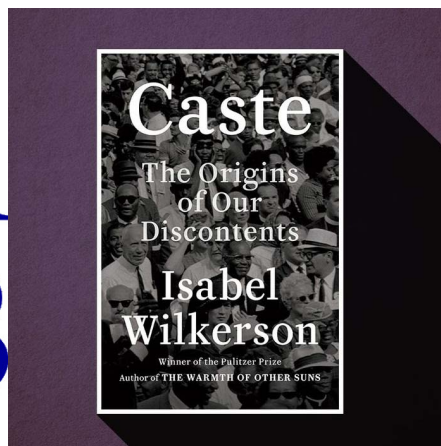


Austin Armstrong has been doing digital marketing for about 14 years, starting back on the Myspace platform. Austin is currently the project manager and video marketing strategist for TherapyCable.com, an online therapy, and mental health video hub, and marketing project manager for Beginnings Treatment 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."

## **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.



## MID-ATLANTIC RLI IS BACK IN BUSINESS!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Monday, November 23, 2020

### ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE IS BACK~ SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR OUR MEMBERS TO ATTEND



Lock-down, pandemic, covid, we are all familiar with the various reasons why, sadly, we haven't been able to see each other, shake hands or get a hug. But while this year has been a rough one globally, Rotarians have responded with their time, treasure and talent, putting on zoom and hybrid meetings as well as starting several new e-clubs so the work and dialogue can continue. Now, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) in-person events are coming back, of course, with all the necessary precautions to make it a great time and keep us safe.

Our first event of the Rotary year will be **RLI Clayton on January 30, 2021**, to be at the Johnston County Workforce Development Center held from 8:15 am (for registration) to 4 pm. However, due to the need for social distancing, there are a **limited number of seats**: 20 for Part I and 10 each for Parts II and III.

If you want to learn all about Rotary, from The Roots of Rotary and Our Foundation to Effective Leadership Strategies, Creating Service Projects, Team Building and more, RLI is for you! Start the journey with Part I, continue it with Part II, or complete it with Part III. Wherever you are in it, you are bound to make new friends and leave fired up about being a Rotarian! So come join us in Clayton and find your passion in Rotary. **REGISTER NOW**. Go to [rli33.org](http://rli33.org), and click on the RLI Clayton, NC coming event on the left side of the home page. Check out the fun below!

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### Rotary Meeting 12.14.2020 Guest Speaker: The Reverend Dr. William Willimon

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, November 18, 2020

**The Rotary Club of Durham's Guest Speaker For Our  
Weekly Rotary Meeting On Monday, December 14, 2020,  
Was The Reverend Dr. William Willimon,  
Professor of The Practice of Christian Ministry.**

[See the Recording on YouTube here!](#)

**Dr. Willimon's Presentation Topic On Aging Was Very Intriguing --  
And We Thank Him For Presenting and Joining Us!**



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## 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!**

### **Birthdays**



[Peter deGreeff Jacobi](#)  
December 26th



[Reginald Hodges](#)  
December 27th



[Robert K. Yowell](#)  
December 29th



[Sarah Smythe Hill](#)  
December 30th



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



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



[Nancy Marks](#)  
January 8th



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

[Joseph S. Harvard](#)

[Ari Medoff](#)

[Hilary French](#)

[Richard E. Jenkins](#)





January 8th



January 10th



January 11th



January 12th



[Pascal Mubenga](#)  
January 16th



[Geri Lail](#)  
January 16th



[Kurt Preble](#)  
January 18th



[Almasa Bass](#)  
January 20th



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