



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



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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

Rotary



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



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Club Finance
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Club Executive
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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**

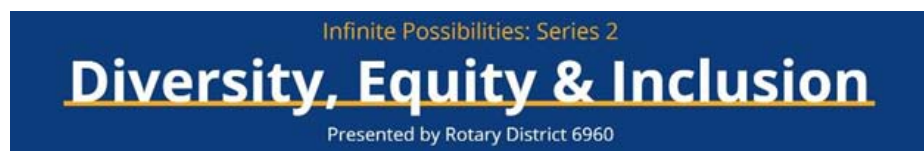
My name is Jessica Voss and I am the Director of Professional Development for the Rotaract Club of Duke University. Our Rotaract club is planning an event for Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30pm EST called Service Above Self. At the event we have two Rotarians and a Rotary Peace Fellow from the Duke-UNC 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/**

- 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 9th 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/**](https://www.rizones33-34.org/rotary-works/)

Upcoming Events

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