



Rotary Club of Durham



Thursday, February 13, 2025

Club Meeting

Durham
Meets at Durham Bulls Athletic Park
PNC Triangle Club -- 3rd Floor 409
Blackwell Street Durham, North
Carolina 27701
Durham Bulls Triangle PNC Club
409 Blackwell Street 3rd Floor
Durham, NC 27707
Time: Monday at 12:30 PM

Events

No Events found

Speakers

February 17, 2025

Reminder: No Meeting 2.17.2025
No Meeting On 2.17.2025 In
Observance of The President's Day
Holiday

February 24, 2025

Guest Speaker: Vera Cecelski, Site
Manager

Presentation Topic: Stagville:
Reconstructing African-American
Lives in Durham

Club Leaders



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Sara S. Stephens
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Club Director

REMINDER -- NO MEETING 2.17.2025 In Observance of The President's Day Holiday

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**TO DURHAM ROTARY
NO MEETING ON MONDAY, 2.17.2025!
IN OBSERVANCE OF
THE PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY!**



Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 2.24.2025 Vera Cecelski, Site Manager

**DURHAM ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING
MONDAY, 2.24.2025 -- 12:30PM -- 1:30PM
DURHAM BULLS PNC TRIANGLE CLUB, 3RD FLOOR -- DURHAM
GUEST SPEAKER: VERA CECELSKI, SITE MANAGER
PRESENTATION TOPIC: STAGVILLE:
RECONSTRUCTING AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIVES IN DURHAM**



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Club Director



Russell Haddad
Club Director



Rich Haney
Club Director



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Club Director



Cecily Kalkhof
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Matthew Patrick McDowell
Club Director



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Club Director



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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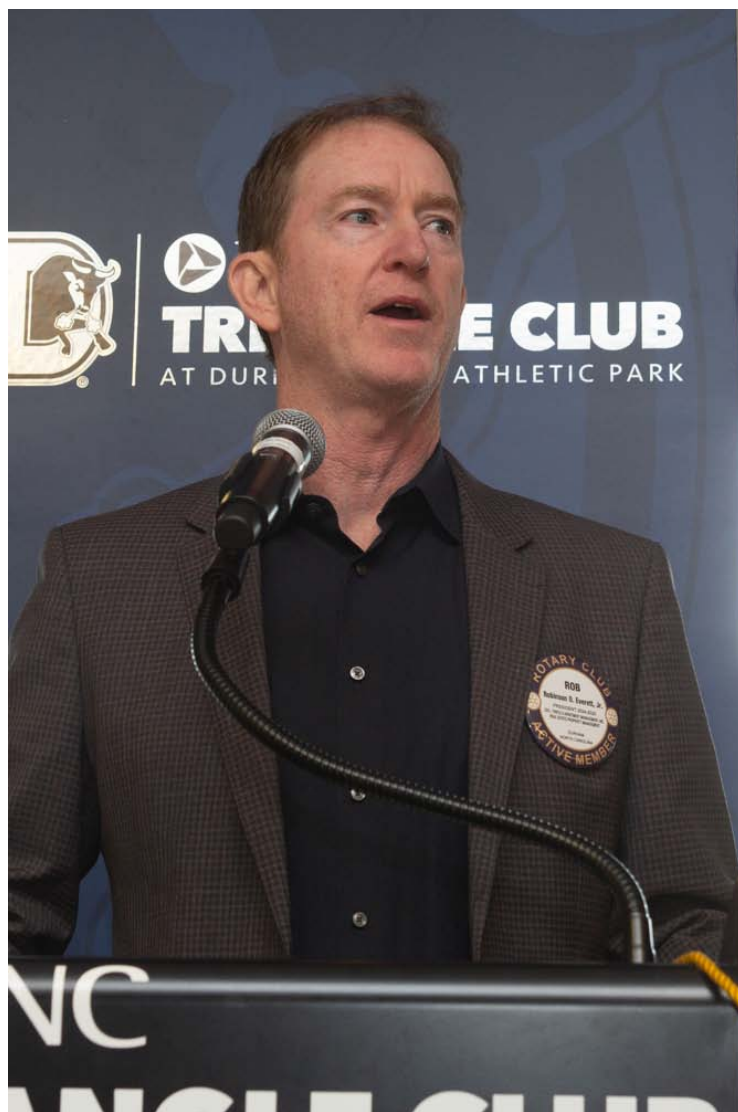
VERA CECELSKI

Vera Cecelski is the Site Manager at Historic Stagville State Historic Site, in The North Carolina Division of State Historic Sites and Properties. She is an NAI Certified Interpretive Guide and a Graduate of The NMAAHC Workshop on Interpreting African American History and Culture. Since 2019, her public history work focuses on ethical interpretation of the history of slavery and engagement with descendants of enslaved people, in her hometown of Durham, North Carolina.

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 2.10.2025 Guest Speaker Lauren Panny

**THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER,
LAUREN PANNY,
Durham County Library's NC Collection Manager
For An Informative Presentation At Our
Monday Meeting On 2.10.2025!
PRESENTATION TOPIC:
History of The Stanford L. Warren Library**

President Rob Welcomes Rotarians & Guests



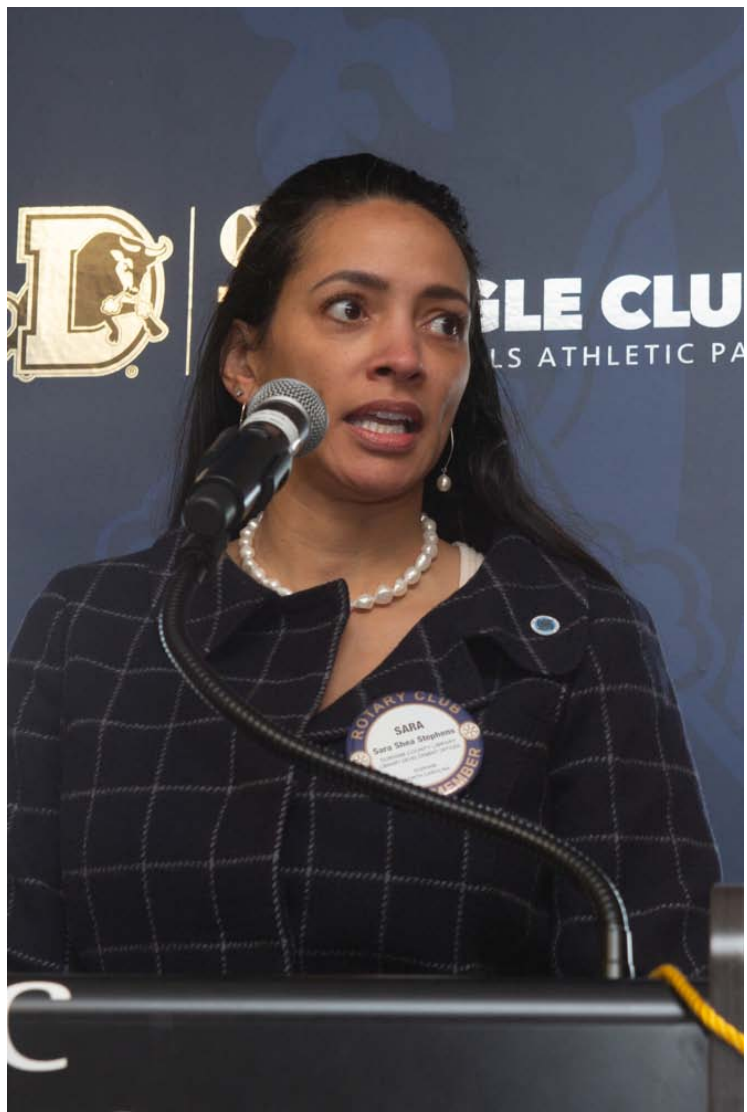
Piano Prelude -- Vince Simonetti



Invocation & Pledge: Led By Kathleen Collier



Introduction of Guest Speaker: PE Sara Stephens



Guest Speaker: Lauren Panny



President Rob & Lauren Panny



*Congratulations To Anna Jones,
Paul Harris Fellow Award Recipient
Led By: John Taylor*



*A Warm Durham Rotary Welcome To
New Member John Aldrich
Sponsored By: Past-President Sam Miglarese
Pictured Below: PP Sam, John & PE Sara*



Fellow Rotarian Shemecka McNeil Shares Her Rotary Travels In Sarasota With Us

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Shares Her Rotary Travels In Sarasota With Us!**







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8:55 PM

Saturday, February 8

Thank you for
joining us last
night. YOU are the
future of Rotary,
and the future
looks good!

7:34 AM



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Rotary After-Hours Thursday, 2.27.2025

After Hours

**ROTARY CLUB OF DURHAM
AFTER HOURS FELLOWSHIP
THURSDAY, 2.27.2025
5:15PM -- 6:30PM
LOCATION: TBD**

2.15.2025 District Assembly -- Register Now To Attend



ROTARY BEST PRACTICES FORUM & PRE-PETS [Learning Assembly]
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7000 Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh
Virtual option available. [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87239131141?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87239131141?pwd=zFIZJ63ZoMEfbYvypeuobwewG9yZpl.1)
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 Passcode: D7710

9:00 AM - noon [Pre-PETS starts at 8:30]

Registration opens at 8:15

Light refreshments will be served. Donation \$5

A raffle will be conducted to support the winning club's projects. \$1/ticket

Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center Spring Conference



DUKE-UNC ROTARY PEACE CENTER SPRING CONFERENCE

Saturday, 4.5.2025 --- 8:30am -- 3:00pm

FedEx Global Education Center

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

301 Pittsboro Street

Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

Registration for our 22nd Annual Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center Spring Conference is now LIVE!

The registration link is

<https://rsvp.duke.edu/event/9ee6f51d-b76e-45a0-aebc-ea25110df851/summary>.

Our early bird registration discount ends on Saturday, March 8, and online registration closes on Friday, March 28 at 5:00pm EST.

This year's theme for our Conference is **Stories of Peace: Centering Community for Collective Transformation**. Our graduating Class 22 Rotary Peace Fellows selected this theme and will present their research, exploring new ways of thinking about peace-building, international development, and conflict transformation.

The conference will take place at the **FedEx Global Education**

Center (UNC-Chapel Hill) on Saturday, April 5th, 2025 from **8:30am to 3:00pm**. Doors will open at 8:00am, and attendees are encouraged to arrive early to check in and view an exhibition of research posters by Class 23 fellows, featuring work from the Peace Innovation Showcase at Duke University last December.

For anyone who cannot join us in person, registration to attend virtually is also available and virtual registrants will receive instructions to join via livestream or Zoom.

Questions: Please Contact Randy Lickey

Randolph H. Lickey (Randy)

Rotary Club of the Capital City, Raleigh, NC, USA (D-7710)

PDG 2001 – 2002 (D-7600)

Host Area Coordinator, Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center (2022 – 2025)

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Volunteer Work Day!

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3rd Saturday Volunteer Workday on Saturday, February 15th, 2025

Location: 17-Acre Wood Nature Preserve

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

What to Expect: ECWA's Land Conservation Manager, Christopher Leonard will lead an invasive plant removal day at 17-Acre Wood Nature Preserve. During this event, we'll learn about specific invasive plant species that impact the preserve, their effects on native vegetation, recommended removal methods, and more.

Register Today!

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Invasive Plant Removal at

17-Acre Wood Nature Preserve



QUESTIONS: CONTACT EITHER JENNY LEVINE OR NICHOLE GANTSHAR!

Nichole: ngantshar@gmail.com

Jenny: jenny.levine@gmail.com

Mayor's Corporate Challenge 2025



What's better than rolling up your sleeves, making Durham a greener place, and having a blast with your team? Doing it all over again, of course!

We're thrilled to invite you back for the 2025 Mayor's Corporate Challenge, happening on April 10, 2025. This time, we're aiming BIG – Durham Parks Foundation and Durham Parks and Recreation are on a mission to improve 18 parks in 2025, and we need your help to make it happen!

Picture this: your team planting pollinator gardens, tackling those pesky invasive species, and sprucing up parks all over Durham. Oh, and did we mention the epic team bonding? Because that's guaranteed.

Sign up now and be part of the fun:

<https://durhamparksfoundation.org/mayors-corporate-challenge>

Last year, you made an incredible impact—why not make 2025 even better? Gather your crew, lace up those sneakers, and let's get to work (and play) for a greener, happier Bull City!

We can't wait to see you out there. Got questions? Reach out anytime!

Cheers to another amazing year,

Emilie McIntosh, CPRP

Business Services Analyst

Parks and Recreation, City of Durham

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Durham Mayor's Bull City Future Fund

DURHAM MAYOR'S BULL CITY FUTURE FUND

Overview

The Office of the Mayor is poised to launch The Bull City Future Fund in collaboration with United Way of The Greater Triangle (UWGT) and The [Triangle Community Foundation](#) (TCF). The Fund seeks to target and address youth engagement and provide support for community organizations in Durham. The City of Durham has been plagued by a lack of youth engagement which can have a detrimental impact on youth development and community safety. Current extracurricular offerings and summer programs are over-stressed and unable to adequately address the needs of the community. Through a collaboration with non-profit partners, the Bull City Future Fund will establish a grant program to further support initiatives and organizations targeting youth engagement in Durham.

This is the United Way link to the *Bull City Future Fund* the Mayor spoke about in our Monday Meeting on 2.3.2025.

<https://unitedwaytriangle.org/bull-city-future-fund/>

Pending New Member -- BRENT LEWIS

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Sponsored By: iPP Elisabeth Wiener

Induction Date: 2.24.2025



DR. BRENT LEWIS

Pending New Member -- SARAH DAVIS

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Sponsored By: Past-President Bill Ingram
Induction Date: 2.24.2025



SARAH DAVIS

Account Executive, Triangle Media Partners

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DEVIN M. FREEMAN
PAST CLASS PRESIDENT,
NCCU STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
POLITICAL ACTION CHAIR, NAACP NC & Y&C CHAPTER
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Rotary District Grant Proposal For 2025 Service Projects



ROTARY CLUB OF DURHAM
DISTRICT GRANT PROPOSAL FOR 2025 SERVICE PROJECT
Submit a **District Grant Proposal for 2025-26 Service Projects.**

Our Club's Internal Deadline is February 26, 2025.

For details, review the Guide (*click the link below to*

review the Guide) prepared by our Club's District Grants Committee:

<https://bit.ly/RCD2025districtgrantsguide>

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT KATE SHIRAH, AT: kshirah@foxfoundation.org

Do You Know Someone Interested In Joining Our Durham Rotary Club?

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, November 26, 2024



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED
IN JOINING DURHAM ROTARY?



Contact Sharon at slassiter38@nc.rr.com

OR

919.868.0212

Contact Sharon For A Copy Of
The Club's Membership Application
[Or pick up an Application at a Monday Meeting]

Durham Rotary Club -- SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, November 26, 2024



SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES



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Birthdays



[Susan Griswold Herst](#)
February 14th



[Mark T. Higgins](#)
February 17th



[Matthew James Babaian](#)
February 19th



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



[Russell L. Hauver](#)
February 21st



[Robert J. Stevens](#)
February 27th



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



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



[Marlon Torres](#)
March 3rd



[Philip Apostolico](#)
March 4th



[Allen T. Cronenberg](#)
March 4th



[Matthew Sears](#)
March 5th



[Susan Cranford Ross](#)
March 5th



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



[Jina B. Propst](#)
March 8th



[Allison O'Shea](#)
March 11th



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



[Ralph Snyderman](#)
March 13th



[Brett Alan Blair](#)
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