



# Rotary Club of Durham



Friday, February 21, 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 24, 2025

Guest Speaker: Vera Cecelski, Site  
Manager

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

### March 03, 2025

Guest Speaker: Hope Hartman  
Presentation Topic: HomeShares  
Durham/DCIA

## Club Leaders



Robinson O. Everett Jr.  
President



Sara S. Stephens  
President-Elect



Susan Cranford Ross  
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Secretary



Mark Miller  
Treasurer



John Cross  
Club Director

## 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**



**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



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Club Director



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Rotary Foundation Chair



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Membership Chair



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iPast President



Newman C. Aguiar  
Past District Governor

people, in her hometown of Durham, North Carolina.

## Rotary After-Hours Thursday, 2.27.2025



### ROTARY CLUB OF DURHAM AFTER HOURS FELLOWSHIP THURSDAY, 2.27.2025

5:15PM -- 6:45PM

#### Location:

**Corpse Reviver Cocktail Bar & Lounge**  
**715 Washington Street, Suite B**  
**Connption Lane**  
**Durham, North Carolina 27701-2147**

**Board Meeting Reminder -- Monday, 2.24.2025 -- 11am**

**reminder**

**TO: ROTARY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Board  
Meeting**

**MONDAY, 2.24.2025 --- BEGINNING AT 11AM**  
**DURHAM BULLS PNC TRIANGLE CLUB**  
**3RD FLOOR, SUITE # 8 -- DURHAM**

**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)**

**Email: [rlickey.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:rlickey.rotary@gmail.com)**

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## 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/>

## District Conference -- Register Now!



Rotary District 7710 Conference

DISCON25

#### Event Venue:

The Friday Conference Center  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
100 Friday Center Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

**FRIDAY, May 16, 2025**

Registration includes continental breakfast, 2 breaks, and lunch.

Speakers include:



- Bill Gormont, a motivational speaker and master magician
- Tiffany Ervin, you've heard her enthusiastic presentation on CART, but at DisCon25 she will talk about Why Rotary? Why Join? Why Stay? Why Serve?
- PDG Nancy Barbee will share her latest experience in India where she led a Polio Immunization Team
- We hear a lot about the Duke-UNC Rotary Center, but at DisCon25 we will have a panel of Peace Fellows who will share with us the impact they are making in the world
- And we'll hear from DGN Pat Gallagher and Kathleen Cody as they share the impact the clubs in District 7710 are making in our local and international communities

And who knows what other magical surprises there might be. Register today and find out!

Early bird fee is \$79 until February 28, 2025.

\$99 from March 1st to March 31st, 2025.

\$119 after April 1, 2025,

and registration closes May 5, 2025.

#### **Rotary District 7710 Cancellation Policy**

All registration cancellations are subject to the following cancellation fee. The following cancellation structure applies:

- 6+ weeks notice: Full refund
- 5-6 weeks notice: 60% refund
- 4-5 weeks notice: 40% refund
- 0-4 weeks notice: No refund
- Failure to attend: No refund

#### **Transfer of registration**

All fully paid registrations may be transferable to other Rotarians or non-Rotarians. Transfers must be made by the registered person in writing to [executivesecretary@rotary7710.org](mailto:executivesecretary@rotary7710.org). Details must include the full name of the replacement person, their title, contact phone number and email address.

Questions, please contact [Executive Secretary Sharon Lassiter](#).

## **Pending New Member -- DAVID REPASS**

### **PENDING NEW MEMBER**

### **DAVID REPASS**

### **The Salvation Army**

### **Sponsored By: iPP Elisabeth Wiener**

### **Induction Date: TBD**



## **MAJOR DAVID REPASS**

### **THE SALVATION ARMY**

### **North and South Carolina Division**

### **Durham Corps**

## 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](mailto: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





[Durhamrotaryclub.org](http://Durhamrotaryclub.org)

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## Birthdays



[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



[Susan Cranford Ross](#)  
March 5th



[Matthew Sears](#)  
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](#)  
March 13th



[Guy T. Solie](#)  
March 17th



[John Staddon](#)  
March 19th



[Mary Kate Shirah](#)  
March 23rd