



# Rotary Club of Durham



Thursday, February 27, 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

**March 03, 2025**

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

## Club Leaders



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Club Director

## Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 3.3.2025 Guest Speaker Hope Hartman

**DURHAM ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING**  
**MONDAY, 3.3.2025 -- 12:30PM -- 1:30PM**  
**Durham Bulls PNC Triangle Club, 3rd Floor, Durham**  
**Guest Speaker: Hope Hartman**  
**Presentation Topic: HomeShares Durham/DCIA**



## HOPE HARTMAN

**President, Durham Congregations In Action**

**Hope J. Hartman** is Professor Emerita of The City College of New York and The Graduate Center of The City University of New York in The Educational Psychology Doctoral Program. At CCNY she also served as Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and The City College Tutoring and Cooperative Learning Program.

Hope obtained her Doctorate in Cognitive Psychology from The Institute for Cognitive Studies at Rutgers University. Her Ph.D. has been used primarily in Educational Psychology for developing and researching methods of improving thinking and learning by children, adolescents and adults, and helping teachers at all school levels and in all subject areas apply a repertoire of instructional methods which enhance thinking and learning. Her primary specializations are Metacognition, Faculty Development and Instructional Technology. She spent several years as a Research Specialist in The Research, Evaluation



Rich Haney  
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Newman C. Aguiar  
Past District Governor



and Testing Offices of The Board of Education in Newark, New Jersey. She was also a Professor at Montclair State University where she directed the Thinking Skills Program, Project THISTLE. She has published five books and has authored many peer-reviewed chapters and journal articles. Her most recent book is "A Guide To Reflective Practice for New and Experienced Teachers".

Hope retired and moved to North Carolina in 2013.

## **Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 2.24.2025 Vera Cecelski, Site Manager**

**THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER  
AT OUR 2.24.2025 MONDAY MEETING  
ON HER INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION!  
GUEST SPEAKER: VERA CECELSKI, SITE MANAGER  
PRESENTATION TOPIC: STAGVILLE:  
RECONSTRUCTING AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIVES IN DURHAM**

*President Rob Welcomes Guests & Rotarians To Our Monday Meeting*



*Piano Prelude -- Andy Esser*



*Invocation & Pledge Led By: Andy Esser*



*Introduction of Guest Speaker: Past-President Sam Miglarese*





*Guest Speaker: Vera Cecelski*



*New Member Inductions Led By: Andrew Borresen*



*Welcome New Member, Devin Freeman  
Sponsored By: iPP Elisabeth Wiener*



*Welcome New Member, Sarah Davis  
Sponsored By: PP Bill Ingram*





*Welcome New Member, Brent Lewis  
Sponsored By: iPP Elisabeth Wiener*



*New Members & Their Sponsors  
From Left To Right:  
PP Bill Ingram, Sarah Davis, Brent Lewis, iPP Elisabeth Wiener, Devin Freeman*



*New Members & Their Sponsors  
Brent, Elisabeth, Devin, Sarah, Bill & Andrew*



## Passing of Past District Governor Leigh Hudson

*Passing of Past District Governor Leigh Sessoms Hudson*



**PDG LEIGH SESSOMS HUDSON**  
**6.10.1953 -- 2.24.2025**

It is with an extremely heavy heart announcing the passing of Leigh Hudson. Leigh passed away the evening of February 23, after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Karen ("Happy").

Leigh Hudson was our District Governor from 2013-2014, and in 2021 earned Rotary's most prestigious Service Above Self Award. Leigh was indeed an

outstanding Rotarian, introducing countless numbers of people to Rotary, serving as a leader for many years in both his Clayton Club and in our District, and generously supporting our Rotary Foundation as a member of The Arch Klumpf Society. He was a staunch believer in the importance of continuous learning as a Rotarian, through RLI, District events, and club onboarding.

His Obituary has been posted on The Bryan Lee Funeral Home Website. There will be a visitation on Thursday, February 27, from 5-8 pm at The Bryan Lee Funeral Home, 1200 Benson Road, Garner. A Memorial Service will be held the following day, February 28, at 11:00am at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 3000 East Garner Road, Raleigh.

For those who might want to send a note or card to his wife Happy, her address is 7021 Farmdale Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jeff Blass  
District Governor, District 7710  
[2024dg@rotary7710.org](mailto:2024dg@rotary7710.org)

### Books On Break



**IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO VOLUNTEER,**



PLEASE COMPLETE THE DPS BACKGROUND CHECK:

[https://ec.samaritan.com/custom/1343/volunteer\\_registration](https://ec.samaritan.com/custom/1343/volunteer_registration)

## 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](#).



## 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)**

**Mobile: 919.605.1700**

## **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 overstressed 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 -- THOMAS HOWARD**

### **PENDING NEW MEMBER**

### **THOMAS HOWARD, JR.**

**Sponsored By: Vice-President/PP Susan Ross**

**Induction Date: TBD**



**THOMAS HOWARD, JR.**

**KIDZNOTES  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Pending New Member -- DIANA GRAHAM**

**PENDING NEW MEMBER  
DIANA GRAHAM  
Sponsored By: President Rob Everett  
Induction Date: TBD**



**DIANA GRAHAM**

**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

**Pending New Member -- NIRAJ KUMAR**

**PENDING NEW MEMBER**  
**NIRAJ KUMAR**  
**Sponsored By: Jane Frances Brown**  
**Induction Date: TBD**



**NIRAJ KUMAR**

**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)  
Durham Rotary Club  
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**Birthdays**



[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



[Crystal Ellice Taylor](#)  
March 25th



[Aleksandra Zarzour](#)  
March 26th