



Rotary Club of Durham



Thursday, March 13, 2025

REMINDER -- NO MEETING 3.17.2025 SERVICE PROJECT DAY

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 17, 2025

No Meeting

No Meeting: Service Project Day

March 24, 2025

Fellow Rotarian Sasha Zarzour

Presentation Topic: Caring House
Grows & The Caring Industry

Club Leaders



Robinson O. Everett Jr.
President



Sara S. Stephens
President-Elect



Susan Cranford Ross
Vice President



Robert L. Wiley III
Secretary



Mark Miller
Treasurer



John Cross
Club Director

David Tulloch Durack
Club Director



**NO REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING
ON MONDAY, 3.17.2025!
(SERVICE PROJECT DAY)**

Rotary Before Hours + Day of Service 3.17.2025

**ROTARY CLUB OF DURHAM
BEFORE HOURS + DAY OF SERVICE**

Breakfast & Card Writing

AT

The Mad Hatter's Cafe and Bakeshop

1802 West Main Street Durham, North Carolina 27705

Monday, March 17 @ 8am

10-12 Volunteers To Drive Cards To DPS Bus Drivers
The Rest of Us Hang Out Over Breakfast & Coffee!



Russell Haddad
Club Director



Rich Haney
Club Director



Rebecca Anne Johnson
Club Director



Cecily Kalkhof
Public Image Chair
Club Director



Matthew Patrick McDowell
Club Director



Shemecka McNeil
Club Director



Kim Shaw
Club Director



Allison O'Shea
Sergeant-at-Arms



Edward H Pikaart Jr.
Rotary Foundation Chair



Crystal Ellice Taylor
Membership Chair



Elisabeth Harper Wiener
iPast President



Newman C. Aguiar
Past District Governor



Flags For Heroes -- Medallion Master Needed!

ATTENTION DURHAM ROTARY!

Do you love spreadsheets, mail merges, and organizing a heroes' roll call with your skills in Excel? Well, we want **YOU!** Help Flags for Heroes and become our Medallion Master and celebrate our honorees by helping make the medallions for our fields of honor. If you're interested, reach out to Erik or Todd for details and step up today!



Press Release Re Flags For Heroes

March 11, 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Rotary Club of Durham announces launch of Flags for Heroes 2025

Contact: Cecily Kalkhof
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Durham, NC – The Rotary Club of Durham has announced that the second annual Flags for Heroes project will open to the public today - Tuesday, March 11, 2025. The two Fields of Honor remain located in the heart of HubRTP in Research Triangle Park and will host hundreds of 10-foot American flags – each ready to be adorned with a medallion in honor of a local hero.

“We are thrilled to be able to bring this community partnership back to RTP,” said Rotary Club of

Durham President-Elect Sara Stephens. “We are so grateful to the Durham community for its swift and heartfelt response to the opportunity to honor their heroes last year, and now everyone will have the opportunity to build on that success”, she said.

A new website dedicated to the project is unveiled today at <https://www.flagsforheroes-durham.org>.

The site will allow the community to honor their heroes by purchasing flag (s), tell their story on a new “Hero Gallery”, and sign up for volunteer opportunities leading up to the celebration events (see below).

Last year’s Flags for Heroes project raised \$15,000 and delivered donations to local organizations dedicated to veteran support. The VA Hospital’s program for local veteran housing, NCCU’s Veterans Affairs department, and the Thomas Mentor Leadership Academy each received \$5,000.

All net proceeds from Durham’s 2025 Flags for Heroes project will benefit the Durham Rotary Club’s Second Century Fund projects with a focus on educators, first responders, medical providers, and veterans.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED!

Flags for Heroes Upcoming Events

HubRTP

300 Park Offices Drive

Research Triangle Park/Morrisville, NC 27709

Sunday, May 18 (Flag Raising)

Saturday, June 14 (Flag Ceremony – Flag Day)

Please see website for details

www.flagsforheroes-Durham.org

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 3.10.2025 Flags For Heroes Presentation

**A GREAT PRESENTATION OF OUR
FLAGS FOR HEROES PROJECT**

WAS SHARED TODAY WITH MEMBERS AND GUESTS!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

PRESENTATION: FLAGS FOR HEROES

Presenters: President Rob Everett, President-Elect, Sara Stephens

Public Image Chair, Cecily Kalkhof,

Past-President, Todd Taylor & F4H Committee Member, Ray Trapp

President Rob Welcomes Rotarians & Guests To Our Monday Meeting!



Piano Prelude By Vince Simonetti



Invocation & Pledge Led By Kim Glenn



***Special Guest Jackson Lemmons
District 7710 Rotaract Representative***



***Fellow Rotarian Roz Grace Shares An Announcement
Re: Durham Women's Club & Dress For Success Tea & Fashion Show***



President-Elect, Sara Stephens In Her Purty Hat!



Past-President, Todd Taylor "Being" PP Todd!



Flags For Heroes Team Member, Ray Trapp



Public Image Chair/President-Designate, Cecily Kalkhof



Fellow Rotarian, Keygan Mayfield



A Warm Durham Rotary Welcome To New Member

Major David Repass

Sponsored By: iPP Elisabeth Wiener



A Warm Durham Rotary Welcome To New Member

Diana Graham

Sponsored By: President Rob Everett



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*From Left To Right:
President Rob, New Member, Diana, iPP Elisabeth & New Member, David*



Rotary Fellowship With Friends
Bob Wiley, Melissa Mills & PP Todd Taylor



Books On Break



**IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO VOLUNTEER,
PLEASE COMPLETE THE DPS BACKGROUND CHECK:**

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. 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)

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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/>

Pending New Member -- NIRAJ KUMAR

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NIRAJ KUMAR

Sponsored By: Jane Frances Brown

Induction Date: 3.31.2025



NIRAJ KUMAR

Pending New Member -- THOMAS HOWARD

PENDING NEW MEMBER

THOMAS HOWARD, JR.

Sponsored By: Vice-President/PP Susan Ross

Induction Date: TBD



THOMAS HOWARD, JR.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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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Downtowndurhamrotary
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Birthdays

	<u>Ernie C. Mills Jr.</u> March 13th		<u>Ralph Snyderman</u> March 13th		<u>Brett Alan Blair</u> March 13th		<u>Guy T. Solie</u> March 17th
	<u>John Staddon</u> March 19th		<u>Mary Kate Shirah</u> March 23rd		<u>Crystal Ellice Taylor</u> March 25th		<u>Aleksandra Zarzour</u> March 26th
	<u>Robinson O. Everett Jr.</u> April 1st		<u>Gerard John Musante</u> April 3rd		<u>Diane Dracos Cutshaw</u> April 4th		<u>Stephen E. Hancock</u> April 4th
	<u>Scott Eblin</u> April 4th		<u>Matthew Patrick McDowell</u> April 6th				