



Rotary Club of Durham



Friday, April 11, 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

April 14, 2025

Guest Speaker: Luke Smith, M.D.
Presentation Topic: Immigrant
Paradox

May 05, 2025

Guest Speaker: Eric Mlyn, Ph.D. &
Fellow Rotarian, John Aldrich
Presentation Topic: The History of
The National Involvement In
Making Higher Education Happen
(John); and The Current Crisis
(Eric) "HISTORY OF US POLITICAL
PARTIES"

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

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 4.14.2025 -- Guest Speaker Luke Smith, MD

DURHAM ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING
MONDAY, 4.14.2025 -- 12:30PM -- 1:30PM
DURHAM BULLS PNC TRIANGLE CLUB, 3RD FLOOR -- DURHAM
GUEST SPEAKER: LUKE SMITH, M.D.
PRESENTATION TOPIC: THE IMMIGRANT PARADOX



LUKE SMITH, M.D.

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 4.7.2025 -- Guest Speaker Jason A. Carter, MBA

**THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR
MONDAY MEETING ON 4.7.2025 FOR
A VERY INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION!**
GUEST SPEAKER: JASON A. CARTER, MBA
INTERIM PRESIDENT & CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
DUKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL
PRESENTATION TOPIC: DUKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

President Rob Welcomes Guests & Rotarians To Our Meeting



Piano Prelude -- By: Andy Esser



Club Director



David Tulloch Durack
Club Director



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



Invocation & Pledge -- Led By: Sam Nichols



Introduction of Our Guest Speaker -- By: Valarie Jarvis



Guest Speaker: Jason Carter



Congratulations To PHF Award Recipients

Pictured From Left To Right:

Foundation Chair, Ed Pikaart

PHF Recipients -- Bill Stokes, Shannon Leskin & Joan Mueller

Incoming Foundation Chair, John Taylor



***Welcome To Our Newest Club Member
Angelique Stallings -- Durham Chamber***

Pictured From Left To Right:

PE Sara Stephens, Angelique Stallings & President Rob Everett

Angelique Is Co-Sponsored By:

President Rob Everett & Incoming VP Brandon Pinnix



Announcement -- Public Image Chair, Cecily Kalkhof



**FREE Learning Seminar Followed By After-Hours Fellowship
4.24.2025**

What do people think when they click on your LinkedIn profile?

Join us for a **FREE** learning session
Thursday, April 24th at 3:30 pm to:



- Create a compelling picture of you and increase your credibility.
- Walk away with actionable tips to elevate your LinkedIn presence—whether you're a LinkedIn pro or just getting started.
- And more!

Your presenters:

Rotary Member, **De Cutshaw**, Cutshaw Coaching and Consulting, LLC/Point Road Group

Guest, **Alyssa Gelbard**, CEO Point Road Group, LLC

Seminar Location:

Durham County Main Library
Conference Room 3214
300 North Roxboro St. Durham, NC

After Hours Location:

Missy Lane's Assembly Room
310 E. Main St. Durham, NC

Please RSVP to decutshaw@gmail.com or text
404-312-5533 by April 18th

JOIN THE GREEN TEAM!

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Join the Green Team at one or every second-Saturday (10 am to noon) work day at The Museum of Life and Science! We will remove invasive plant species and work under the direction of Museum Staff to expand its pollinator garden and MORE!

Sign up [here](#).

KIWANIS PROJECT KICKOFF!



Rotary District 7710 and Kiwanis 12 is excited to sponsor a very unique service opportunity, joining the global movement to end hunger with Rise Against Hunger. Join us in packaging over 10,000 meals to support nutrition, education and health for children and families facing hunger right now around the world. Register on the page below for this fun, high-impact event and consider a donation towards our event goal!

On May 10, we're teaming up for a Rise Against Hunger meal-packing challenge at their Raleigh facility.

- * Needed: 50 volunteers
- * Goal: 10,000 meals
- * Commitment: 2 hours



Let's see who brings the most hands, the most energy, and the most funds to fuel the fight against food insecurity!

Please share this information with your club members. The link for registration is below. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/Rotary7710>

Happy Rotary-ing!
Debra

Debra DeCamillis

District 7710 Community Engagement Chair
919-417-0660

Invitation From Luke Checchio, VP of The Duke Rotaract Club

INVITATION FROM LUKE CHECCHIO VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE DUKE ROTARACT CLUB

Hello, Durham Rotary! My name is Luke Checchio, and I am the Vice-President of The Duke Rotaract Club. I am reaching out to invite you to our Duke Rotaract's Annual Service Above Self Event, which will take place on 4.17.2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM EST at Wilkinson Building Room #130. This primary purpose of this Event is to connect Rotarians, Rotary Peace Fellows, and Duke Rotaract Members, fostering a deeper understanding of how we can embody the altruistic spirit of the Rotary Organization. The Event is structured as follows:

Brief introduction by our President

10-Minute Presentation from each invited Speaker. They will share their journeys, experiences, and aspirations for the future.

If time permits, we will conclude with a Q&A Session for all attendees

Please let me know if you would be interested and available to join us! I would be happy to provide any additional details or answer any questions you may have. Even if you are not available, we would love it if you could distribute the details to other Members of Durham Rotary who might be interested in joining us.

Thank you so much for considering this invitation, and all the work you do for Rotary!

Best,

Luke Checchio

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Books On Break





Books on Break is Back!

Join us from May 12th to May 14th at YE Smith for a special event that brings the magic of books to kids in our community! Help them pick out the perfect summer reads and fuel their imaginations all season long.

Sign up here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 9040A48A4AE2BA13-56014913- books](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A48A4AE2BA13-56014913-books)

If you're planning to volunteer, don't forget to complete the DPS Background Check – let's make sure every page turned is safe! [https://ec.samaritan.com/custom/1343/volunteer_ registration](https://ec.samaritan.com/custom/1343/volunteer_registration)

If you have any questions, please contact Sasha Zarzour, [executive_director@ caringhouse.org](mailto:executive_director@caringhouse.org)

District Spring Assembly -- 4.26.2025 -- Register Now To Attend



ROTARY BEST PRACTICES FORUM

[Learning Assembly]

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

7000 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh

9:00 AM - Noon

Registration Opens at 8:30

Light refreshments will be served. Donation \$5

A Raffle Will Be Conducted To Support

The Winning Club's Projects. \$1/Ticket

See Sharon If You Need Assistance In Getting Registered To Attend!

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!

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

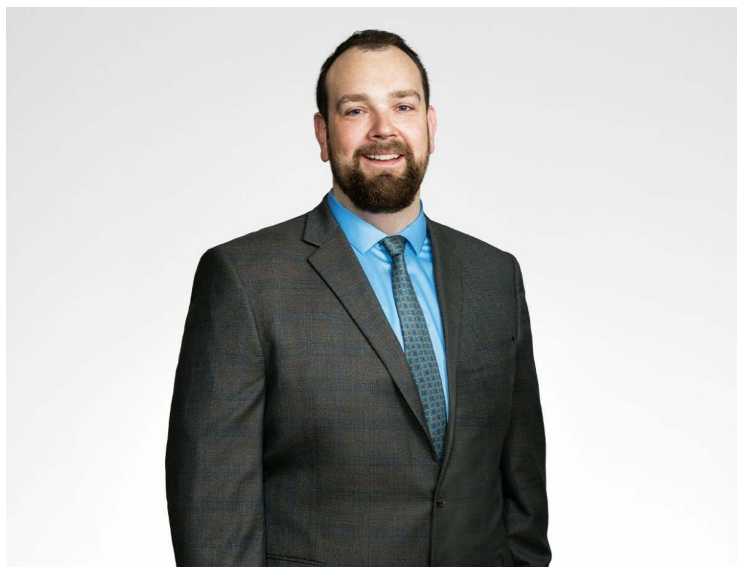
Pending New Member -- RYAN GRAY

PENDING NEW MEMBER

RYAN GRAY

Sponsored By: President Rob Everett

Induction Date: TBD



RYAN GRAY

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



Durhamrotaryclub.org



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**REMINDER -- No Meeting 4.21.2025 In Observance of The
Easter Holiday & Spring Break**

REMINDER

No Monday Meeting On 4.21.2025


Happy Spring Break



**Make Plans To Join Us For
Our Next Monday Meeting On Monday, 4.28.2025
Durham Bulls PNC Triangle Club, 3rd Floor, Durham
Speaker: Nick Tennyson & Panel
Presentation Topic: Transportation Panel**

**Reminder To The Rotary Club of Durham
Board of Directors, Officers & Committee Chairs
Board Meeting, Monday, 4.28.2025 -- Beginning at 11am
Durham Bulls PNC Triangle Club, 3rd Floor, Suite # 8, Durham**

Birthdays



[William G. Ingram](#)
April 13th



[Jennifer Levine](#)
April 15th



[Tanika Bunbury](#)
April 16th



[Sarah Davis](#)
April 17th



[Richard H. Brodhead](#)
April 17th



[Wendy Jacobs](#)
April 20th



[William A. Stokes Jr.](#)
April 20th



[James B. Brame Jr.](#)
April 21st



[Michelle L. Burton](#)
April 23rd



[Narayana Bandhi](#)
April 24th



[Carrie M. Heinonen](#)
April 24th



[Keith B. Artin](#)
April 27th



[Todd E. Taylor](#)
April 30th



[Arthur Henry Rogers III](#)
April 30th



[Cheryl Parquet](#)
May 1st



[Sherry DeVries](#)
May 3rd



[L. L. Hank Hankla](#)
May 4th



[Darlene Fiscus](#)
May 6th



[Karrie Dixon](#)
May 6th



[Kimberly Martin
Rehberg](#)
May 10th



[John H. Taylor](#)
May 11th