



Rotary Club of Durham



Friday, April 18, 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

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"

May 12, 2025

Guest Speaker: Laura Gutman
Presentation Topic: Army Bratt

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

REMINDER -- No Meeting 4.21.2025 Spring Break

REMINDER

*In Observance of Spring Break and
The Easter & Passover Holidays,
No Monday Meeting On 4.21.2025*



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

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

THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR
MONDAY MEETING ON 4.14.2025 FOR
HIS INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION!
GUEST SPEAKER: LUKE SMITH, M.D.
PRESENTATION TOPIC: THE IMMIGRANT PARADOX

Caleb Baker Leads Our Invocation & Pledge For Today's Meeting



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



Past-President Sam Miglarese Introduces Our Guest Speaker



Guest Speaker: Luke Smith, M.D.



The following from Guest Speaker Luke Smith of El Futuro to questions from members about how to support immigrants:

Below are some actionable ways to get involved with El Futuro's work moving forward.

1 Attend our Community Fiesta (aka Kermes) is on May 4th from 4-7pm. There is food, music, dance, and culture! This is a great way to show solidarity with the Latino community, supporting them with our presence and by purchasing food and crafts. The flyer is below and also attached.

2 Consider being an Enterprise Sponsor for May Mental Health Month. This is a great option for groups like Rotary or faith communities or businesses. I'm attaching more information or you can click here<<https://elfuturo-nc.org/may-mental-health-month/>>.

3 Consider being a Mental Health Month Ambassador and helping us to fundraise during May Mental Health Month by setting up your very own fundraiser. More information here<<https://elfuturo-nc.networkforgood.com/projects/248982-2025-may-mental-health-month-campaign>> information here

4 Sign-up for our monthly newsletter at this link<<https://elfuturo-nc.dm.networkforgood.com/forms/newsletter-sign-up>>.

PI Chair, Cecily Kalkhof, Leads Our New Member Induction



Welcome To Our Newest Club Member

CLAY BROWN

Co-Sponsored By: President Rob Everett & Jane Frances Brown



President Rob Everett, New Member Clay Brown & PI Chair, Cecily Kalkhof



*Announcement By: De Cutshaw
Re: Free Learning Seminar + After-Hours*



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:

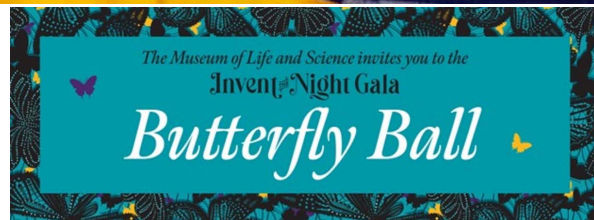
Durham County Main Library
Conference Room 3214
300 North Roxboro St. Durham, NC

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

*Announcement By: Carrie Heinonen
Re: Butterfly Ball*



*Announcement: Past-President Todd Taylor
Re: Flags For Heroes -- RALPH*



RALPH



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

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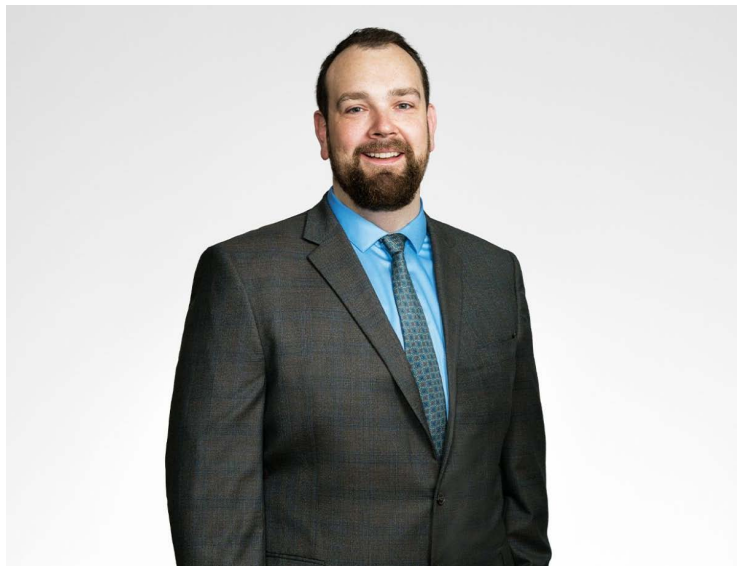
Pending New Member -- **RYAN GRAY**

PENDING NEW MEMBER

RYAN GRAY

Sponsored By: President Rob Everett

Induction Date: 4.28.2025



RYAN GRAY

Durham Rotary New Corporate Member Robert Birnbach

DURHAM ROTARY NEW CORPORATE MEMBER

ROBERT BIRNBACH

CO-SPONSORED BY:

PRESIDENT ROB EVERETT

&

JANE FRANCES BROWN

INDUCTION DATE: 4.28.2025



Robert Birnbach

**Creative Strategist and Leader, Commercial Photographer
& Jazz Lover. Partner at Curious Ant**

**Congratulations To Senator Mike Woodard -- Celebration Event
Held On 4.7.2025**

CELEBRATION EVENT HELD ON MONDAY, 4.7.2025

Durham Arts Council

IN HONOR OF

FELLOW ROTARIAN, SENATOR MIKE WOODARD!

Congratulations







RYLA

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Over the warmest weekend this month, April 4 - 6, Club members Connor Kirkpatrick and Jenny Levine devoted their time and talents to supporting the always-lively RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy). As onsite Senior Staff, along with nine other Rotarians from our district, we acted as mentors, cheerleaders, and guides to the amazing high school students (nearly 100) who participated this year. Whether we were supervising 'free time' at the gym, being entertained by students' creativity, or managing s'mores by the fire pit, these brilliant students kept us on our toes and showed us there is hope for the world. Please ask us about our experience any time! There will be a RYLA

table at DisCon this year, so bring us your questions and support. We'd love to see even more students apply next year!





GREEN TEAM PROJECT WORK AT THE MUSEUM OF LIFE & SCIENCE

**ROTARY CLUB OF DURHAM
GREEN TEAM PROJECT WORK
THIS PAST SATURDAY, 4.12.2025
THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO SERVE!**





Flags For Heroes Anchors In! 57 Anchors!

**ROTARY CLUB OF DURHAM
OUR SMALL & MIGHTY CREW GOT TO WORK
THIS PAST WEEKEND AND GOT THE LONG
PARADE OF HEROES ANCHORS IN THE GROUND!**

57 ANCHORS!!

THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK!





RALPH REQUEST!

TO DURHAM ROTARY
RALPH REQUEST!!



RALPH

RALPH ("ROTARIANS ALL LOVE PERSONAL HEROES") reminds us of Amundsen and his dog sled teams making 15 kilometers per day to reach the goal of the South Pole. RALPH asks --- "*have you told 15 people about Flags For Heroes?*" How Cool it is to have 500 Flags dedicated to special people!

So -- take the RALPH challenge and talk to 15 people -- or pull a sled 15 kilometers --- but --- talking is easier.

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

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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

Books On Break



BOOKS ON BREAK
MAY 12-14

For more information,
contact Sasha Zarzour
executive_director@caringhouse.org.



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#/>

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

If you have any questions, please contact Sasha Zarzour, 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](#).

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 4.28.2025 Speaker Fellow Rotarian Nick Tennyson

**Rotary Club of Durham Weekly Meeting
Monday, 4.28.2025 -- 12:30pm -- 1:30pm
Durham Bulls PNC Triangle Club, 3rd Floor, Durham
Speaker: Fellow Rotarian, Nick Tennyson
Presentation Topic: Transportation Panel**



NICK TENNYSON

Board Meeting Reminder -- Monday, 4.28.2025 -- 11am

reminder

**TO: ROTARY CLUB 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**

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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Birthdays



[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



[Robert T. Cadwallader
Jr.](#)
May 14th



[Mark Simpson](#)
May 17th