



Rotary Club of Durham



Thursday, April 3, 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

Club Leaders



Robinson O. Everett Jr.
President



Sara S. Stephens
President-Elect



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Vice President



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Secretary



Mark Miller
Treasurer



John Cross
Club Director



David Tulloch Durack
Club Director



Russell Haddad
Club Director

Rich Haney
Club Director

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 4.7.2025 -- Guest Speaker Luke Smith, MD

DURHAM ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING
MONDAY, 4.7.2025 -- 12:30PM -- 1:30PM
DURHAM BULLS PNC TRIANGLE CLUB, 3RD FLOOR -- DURHAM
GUEST SPEAKER: LUKE SMITH, M.D.
PRESENTATION TOPIC: IMMIGRANT PARADOX



LUKE SMITH, M.D.

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 3.31.2025 Guest Speaker Cicely Mitchell

THANKS TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR
MONDAY MEETING, 3.31.2025!
GUEST SPEAKER: CICELY MITCHELL
MISSY LANE'S ASSEMBLY ROOM

President Rob Welcomes Rotarians & Guests To Our Monday Meeting!



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



Piano Prelude: By Vince Simonetti



Invocation & Pledge: Led By: Jenny Levine



Guest Speaker: Cicely Mitchell



Guest Speaker: Cicely Mitchell & PE Sara Stephens



New Member Induction -- Led By: iPP Elisabeth Wiener



***A Warm Durham Rotary Welcome To Our Newest Club Member--Niraj Kumar
Pictured Above Left To Right:
Sponsor, Jane Frances Brown, New Member, Niraj Kumar, & iPP Elisabeth Wiener***



Announcement By: Sherry DeVries Re: Mike Woodard



Past-President, Todd Taylor -- Flags For Heroes & Time To Vote On "The Dog's" Name!



WINNER FOR THE DOG'S NAME IS --- **RALPH!!!**
[ROTARIANS ALL LOVE PERSONAL HEROES]
Pictured Above Is: PP Todd, Ralph, & PE Sara

**NEW MEMBER INDUCTION -- ANGELIQUE STALLINGS,
MONDAY, 4.7.2025**

**WE WILL WELCOME NEW MEMBER
ANGELIQUE STALLINGS,
VICE-PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
DURHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ON MONDAY, 4.7.2025!**



ANGELIQUE STALLINGS
**VICE-PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
DURHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**SPECIAL INVITATION TO CELEBRATE MIKE WOODARD'S
PUBLIC SERVICE!**

Special Event To Celebrate Mike Woodard's



Public Service

Monday, April 7th - Join The Durham Arts Council, Durham Legislative Delegation, Durham Democrats, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, and other sponsors to honor the service of former State Senator and City Council Member Mike Woodard. The Program begins at 5:30p.m. at Durham Arts Council in PSI Theatre, with arts performances, recognition from the Governor's office, followed by a Reception. Then, at 6:45p.m., there will be an Arts Procession from DAC to City Hall for a recognition and proclamation by City Council and the Mayor at 7:00p.m.

Please Sign Up On The Link Below.

This Is A Free Event.

Donations/Sponsorships Are Welcome.

Monday, April 7, 2025

5:30p.m.: Durham Arts Council - Program, Speakers, Award, Reception - 120 Morris Street, Durham

6:45p.m.: Arts Procession From DAC To City Hall

7:00p.m.: Proclamation at City Hall By Mayor and City Council

PLEASE RSVP AT THE LINK BELOW:

<https://members.durhamchamber.org/events/details/arts-council-program-honoring-mike-woodard-april-2025-8930>

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sherry L. DeVries, CFRE
Executive Director
Durham Arts Council
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www.durhamarts.org

James Michael Woodard has been a dedicated Public Servant to the City of Durham for over two decades. He served in the North Carolina Senate from the 22nd District for twelve years, from 2013 to 2025, and represented most of Durham County.

Senator Mike Woodard attended Duke University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1981. He returned to his Alma Mater in 1996 to serve as an Administrator at Duke University and The Duke University Health System. Before being elected to the State Senate, Woodard served on The Durham City Council from 2005 to 2012. He was heavily involved in committees across the City to address cultural, structural, and financial needs: such as the Citizen Capital Improvement Panel, a group that examines the capital needs of the City and makes recommendations about project funding, and The Durham Arts Council, where he served as a Trustee, as well as its President.

As a State Senator, Woodard championed bills related to the environment, economic development, and housing. The environment remained a top priority for Woodard, as he sponsored bills relating to PFAS cleanup, wildlife protections, and renewable energy. In 2014, he negotiated with both sides of the aisle and Duke Energy to handle the cleanup of Duke Energy's Dan River facility coal ash spill. In 2018, Woodard helped codify the bipartisan North Carolina Clean Energy Plan to get North Carolina to carbon neutral by 2050.

As a champion for the Arts across North Carolina, Senator Woodard began serving as The Chair of The Arts Caucus in The North Carolina Legislature in 2019. He filed a Bill for The Arts High School graduation requirement, and he worked to ensure that every County would receive Arts Relief from The Cares Act. This \$9.4 Million Dollars was critical to stabilizing North Carolina's Arts Sector during the Pandemic. Today, he continues to serve on the Boards of South Arts and Durham Arts Council.

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

**FROM DURHAM SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB -- Join Us For A Taste
of Spring For Backpack Buddies**

FROM DURHAM SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR:
A TASTE OF SPRING FOR BACKPACK BUDDIES!**

Durham Sunrise Rotary Club

Saturday, 4.5.2025 --- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The Kitchen Specialist,

3407 University Drive

Durham, North Carolina 27707

For Additional Information Or To RSVP, Please Email Us At:

durhamsunrise@gmail.com<<mailto:durhamsunrise@gmail.com>>

Or Call Caroline Cooper, at: 919.490.4922

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@ carinhouse.org](mailto:executive_director@carinhouse.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 -- CLAYTON BROWN

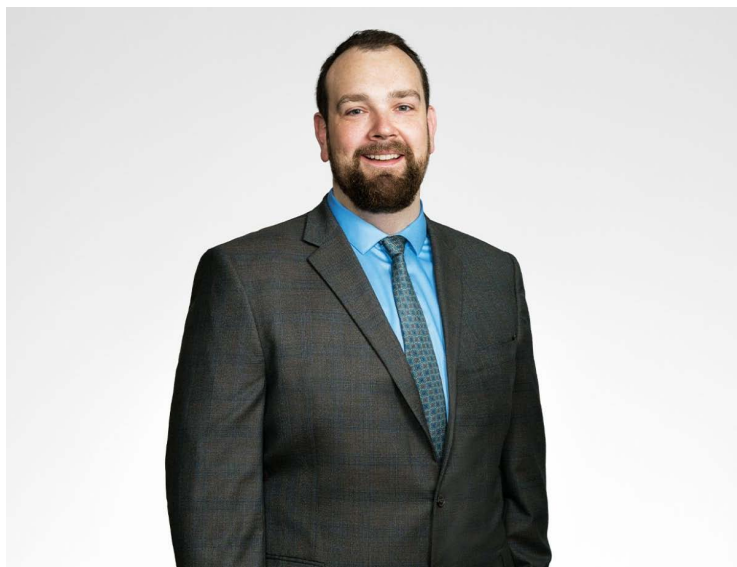
**PENDING NEW MEMBER
CLAYTON "CLAY" BROWN
SPONSORED BY: PRESIDENT ROB EVERETT
INDUCTION DATE: TBD**



CLAYTON BROWN

Pending New Member -- RYAN GRAY

**PENDING NEW MEMBER
RYAN GRAY
Sponsored By: Crystal Taylor
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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@durhamrotary

Birthdays



[Gerard John Musante](#)
April 3rd



[Diane Dracos Cutshaw](#)
April 4th



[Stephen E. Hancock](#)
April 4th



[Scott Eblin](#)
April 4th



[Matthew Patrick McDowell](#)
April 6th



[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