



Rotary Club of Durham



Friday, May 9, 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 12, 2025

Guest Speaker: Laura Gutman
Presentation Topic: Army Bratt

May 19, 2025

Reminder: No Meeting On
5.19.2025

May 26, 2025

Reminder: No Meeting On
5.26.2025

In Observance of The Memorial
Day Holiday

June 02, 2025

Speaker: Fellow Rotarian, Carrie
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Presentation Topic: Museum of
Life & Science Update

Club Leaders



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Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 5.12.2025 Guest Speaker Laura Thurston Gutman

Rotary Club of Durham

Weekly Rotary Meeting

Monday, 5.12.2025 --- 12:30pm -- 1:30pm

Durham Bulls PNC Triangle Club, 3rd Floor, Durham, North Carolina

Guest Speaker: Laura Thurston Gutman

Presentation Topic: Army Brat



Author Laura Thurston Gutman lived deeply embedded within the US Armed Forces from before the United States' earliest entry into World War II through the Vietnam era. Chronicling pivotal events during those years, this historical autobiography describes a life inextricably intertwined with the military. From her birth at West Point's hospital, to her cobbled-together education, and witnessing her father's many military honors, Laura's childhood was one of intense awareness of the danger her father faced and the courage her mother displayed. As she grew older, she lurked in the background during long evenings of intense discussions of policy. Through the constant upheaval and disruption so familiar to military families, Laura developed a radical independence, a determination to gain control over her life, and a fearless approach to her own education.

Chronicling the experiences of a strong military family as they witness and participate in the unfolding of history in a dangerous and challenging world, *Army Brat* identifies consequential insights into the critical importance of a strong religious foundation; an



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educational system dedicated to core concepts of nation and loyalty; and leadership that prioritizes sovereignty, national defense, and military support.

Laura Thurston Gutman is a retired pediatrician now living in Durham North Carolina. She lived her childhood as an Army Brat from birth and saw the onset of World War II. Her family remained at the core of the US Army through the Vietnam era and was often stationed in postings that included events of deep historical consequence.

She is happily married, also to a physician, and has two daughters with whom she is on close terms. Both daughters emerged into adulthood having escaped the calamities that now so common waylay the young. She looks back at her early life as an Army Brat with intense gratitude.

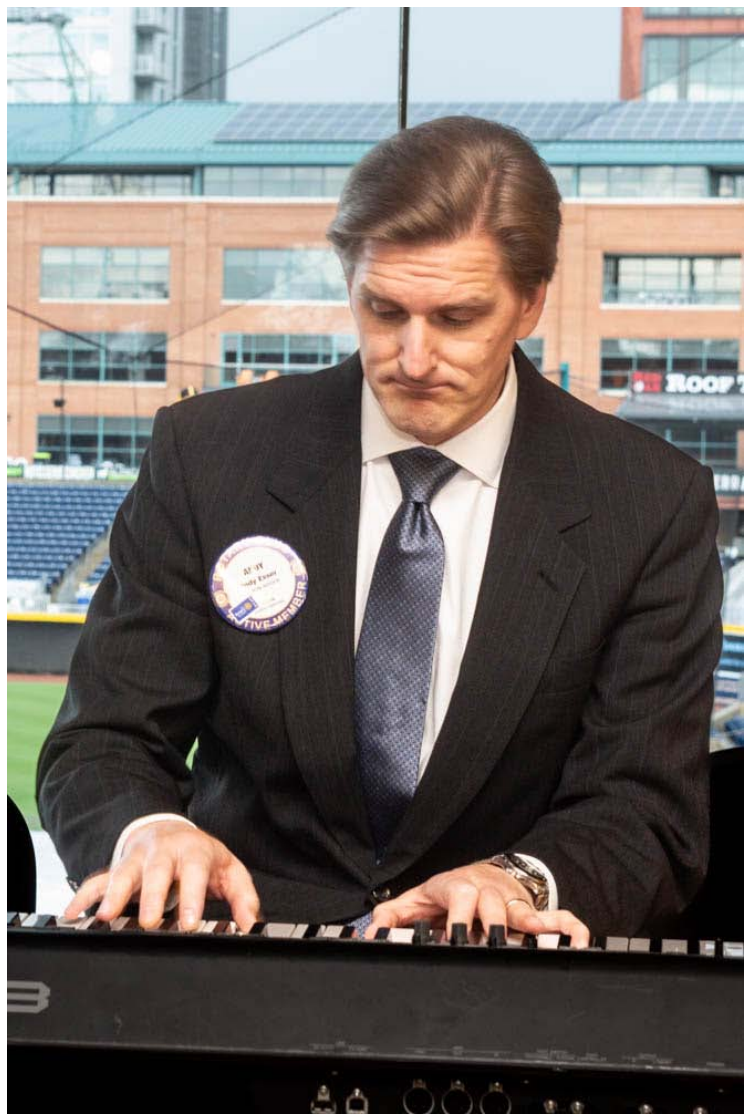
Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 5.5.2025 Guest Speaker Eric Mlyn & Fellow Rotarian John Aldrich

Thank You To Our Speakers For Today's Meeting For An Informative Presentation Re: Higher Education: The Emergence of The Current Crisis

PRESIDENT ROB WELCOMES GUESTS & ROTARIANS TO OUR MEETING



PIANO PRELUDE: ANDY ESSER



INVOCATION & PLEDGE: LED BY CLAY BROWN



**INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUEST SPEAKER
BY: PAST-PRESIDENT SAM MIGLARESE**



SPEAKER: FELLOW ROTARIAN, JOHN ALDRICH



GUEST SPEAKER: ERIC MLYN



OUR SPEAKERS: ERIC MLYN & JOHN ALDRICH



**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD RECOGNITION
LED BY: FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEMBER, JOHN TAYLOR**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO BECCA JOHNSON
ON RECEIVING PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD!!
BECCA JOHNSON & JOHN TAYLOR PICTURED BELOW**



**PAST-PRESIDENT & BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT 2024-25, SUSAN ROSS
ANNOUNCES DANCING WITH THE STARS FUNDRAISER
TO BE HELD AT THE CAROLINA THEATRE ON 5.21.2025
SUSAN WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT AND
ENCOURAGES FELLOW ROTARIANS TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT!**



**SASHA ZARZOUR
REMINDS CLUB MEMBERS -- BOOKS ON BREAK!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**



HERO HIGHLIGHT
ANNOUNCED BY: PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE, KIM SHAW



**FLAGS FOR HEROES UPDATE
BY: PRESIDENT ROB EVERETT**

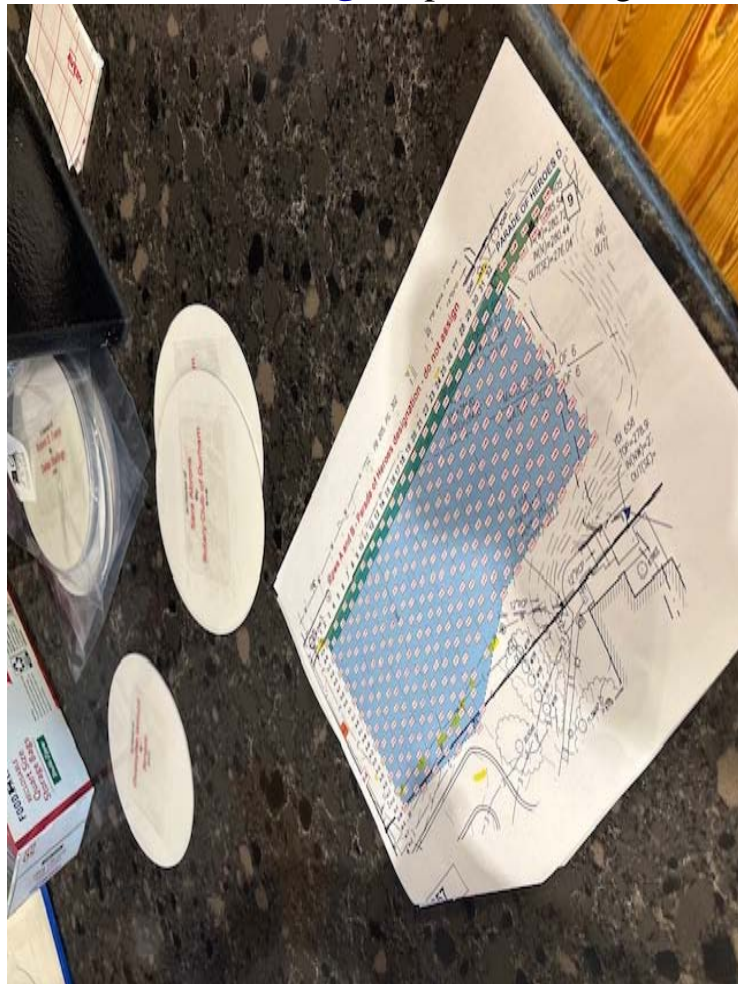


Assembling Medallions!

13 DAYS & COUNTING!

13 days and counting until The Rotary Club of Durham's 2025 Flag Raising Event @ Hub RTP! Members of the Club gathered today after our regular weekly Monday Meeting to assemble 128 Medallions for sponsored flags that represent local heroes honored in this Project.

Visit flagsforheroes-durham.org to sponsor a flag or to volunteer!





Paul Harris Society Members Recognition On Thursday Evening

Congratulations

TO

DURHAM ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS
RECOGNIZED ON THURSDAY EVENING
AS NEW PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBERS



*Pictured Above (From Left To Right):
Foundation Chair, Ed Pikaart
Richard McCleery & Clayton Brown*

**REMINDER -- No Meeting 5.19.2025 -- FLAG RAISING EVENT
ON 5.18.2025 INSTEAD**

REMINDER

NO REGULAR MONDAY MEETING ON 5.19.2025

FLAG RAISING ON 5.18.2025 INSTEAD!

**Reminder -- To Board of Directors -- 5.19.2025 Virtual Board
Meeting**



BOARD MEETING

TO: THE ROTARY CLUB OF DURHAM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, 5.19.2025 --- 11AM
AGENDA IS FORTHCOMING
LINK TO LOG IN TO THE MEETING WILL BE SENT.

REMINDER -- No Meeting 5.26.2025 In Observance of The
Memorial Day Holiday



REMINDER

NO MEETING ON MONDAY, 5.26.2025
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY



Do You Know Someone Interested In Joining Our Durham
Rotary Club?

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, November 26, 2024



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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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Birthdays

[Kimberly Martin
Rehberg](#)
May 10th



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



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



[Mark Simpson](#)
May 17th



[Forrest Perry](#)
May 19th



[Christopher Hyland](#)
May 27th



[Raymond L. Trapp](#)
June 5th



[Keygan Mayfield](#)
May 20th



[Tabitha Blackwell](#)
June 1st



[Charles L. Steel IV](#)
June 6th



[Jeremiah O'Keeffe](#)
May 21st



[William M. LeFevre](#)
June 1st



[Stelfanie Williams](#)
June 8th



[Willis P. Whichard](#)
May 24th



[Andrew Borresen](#)
June 3rd

