



# Rotary Club of Durham



Thursday, December 28, 2023

## Club Meeting

Durham  
Meets at Durham Bulls Athletic Park  
PNC Triangle Club -- 3rd Floor 409  
Blackwell Street Durham, North  
Carolina 27701  
409 Blackwell Street  
Durham, NC 27707  
Time: Monday at 12:30 PM

## Events

No Events found

## Speakers

### January 01, 2024

Reminder: No Meeting On Monday,  
1.1.2024

Reminder: No Meeting On  
1.1.2024 In Observance of The  
New Year Holiday

### January 08, 2024

D7710 Polio Plus Representative,  
Lynne Carpenter  
Presentation Topic: Polio Plus

### January 15, 2024

Reminder: No Meeting On Monday,  
1.16.2024

Reminder: No Meeting On  
1.15.2024 MLK Service Day

## Club Leaders



Erik Benson  
Fundraising Committee Co-  
Chair



Mary Kate Shirah  
Grants Chair



Elisabeth Harper Wiener  
President



Robinson O. Everett Jr.  
President-Elect



Craig Brown  
Vice President



Robert L. Wiley III  
Secretary

**REMINDER -- No Meeting 1.1.2024!**

**TO: ROTARY CLUB OF DURHAM MEMBERS**

reminder

**NO MEETING ON 1.1.2024!!**

HAPPY  
Holidays

**Durham Rotary Club January 2024 Calendar!**





Reginald Dean Oakley  
Treasurer



Allie Balling  
Public Image Committee  
Member



John Cross  
Club Director



Kenneth Andrew Cutshaw  
Club Director



Nina Morley Daye  
Public Image Committee  
Member



David Tulloch Durack  
Club Director



Darlene Fiscus  
Public Image Committee  
Member



Nichole Gantshar  
Public Image Committee  
Member



Rich Haney  
Club Director



Cecily Kalkhof  
Public Image Chair



Matthew Patrick McDowell  
Club Director



Shemecka McNeil  
Club Director



Lauren Phillips  
Club Director



Crystal Roberts  
Public Image Committee  
Member



Kim Shaw  
Club Director



Sara Shea Stephens  
President-Nominee



Rodney Clapp  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Barry C. Curtis  
Club Finance Advisor  
Second Century Fund



William G. Ingram  
Program Committee Chair



Anna Jenkins  
Fellowship Committee  
Chair



Edward H. Pikaart Jr.  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Crystal Ellice Taylor



## JANUARY 2024

**01.01.2024:** No Meeting (In Observance of The New Year Holiday)

**01.08.2024:** Guest Speaker: D7710 Polio Plus Representative, Lynne Carpenter

**01.15.2024:** No Meeting: MLK Service Project Day

**01.22.2024:** Guest Speaker: Leland Little – Presentation: An Auctioneer's World  
We Will Also Be Voting On Club Officers On 1.22.2024.

**01.29.2024:** Mid-Year Update/District Grants/Flags For Heroes Project

**Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 1.8.2024 Guest Speaker Lynne Carpenter, D7710 Polio Plus Chair**

**The Rotary Club of Durham Weekly Meeting**

**Monday, 1.8.2024 -- 12:30 p.m. -- 1:30 p.m.**

**Durham Bulls PNC Triangle Club, 3rd Floor, Durham**

**Guest Speaker: D7710 Polio Plus Chair, Lynne Carpenter**

**Presentation Topic: Polio Plus**





Membership Chair



Tom Bagby  
Club Photographer



Ray E. Benson III  
Fundraising Committee Co-Chair



John J. Zenner III  
Club Photographer



Geraud Staton  
iPast President



Newman C. Aguiar  
Past District Governor



**LYNNE CARPENTER**  
**DISTRICT 7710 POLIO PLUS CHAIR**

## **VA RECEIVED THE GIFT CARDS!**



## **THE VA RECEIVED GIFT CARDS!!!**

12/22/2023  
Rotary Club Of Durham

In Reply Refer To: 558/135

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Durham VA Health Care System (558) patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of 56 \$50 Gift Cards and 10 \$25 gift cards for HUD-VASH.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Kendra Monden, MS, LRT/CTRS, Chief, Center for Development and Civic Engagement



VA | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
VA Center for Development & Cost Engagement

Temporary Receipt  
for Funds

Facility: Durham VA Health Care System (558)

Rotary Club Of Durham

Donation Date: 12/22/2023

Donation Type: Item

Check Number:

E-Pay Tracking #:

CC Type:

CC Confirmation:

Donation Amount: \$3,393.70

GP Fund #:

Donation ID: 3188718

Reference:

Donation Remarks: 56 \$50 Gift Cards and 10 \$25 gift cards for HUD-VASH

2023 *Krista D. Monahan* December 22,  
Signature and Title of Employee Issuing Temporary Receipt Date  
Signature of Employee Accepting Funds Subsequent to Temporary Receipt  
*Elaine M. Hays* Date 12-22-2023

VA FORM 10-2815

TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED  
OUR OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER ...

Thank  
you

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING FUN -- 2023!







FELLOW ROTARIAN, MIKE ROMANUS' CHILDREN  
RINGING THE BELL THIS YEAR!

Michael (age 14) and Stephie (age 10)

Mike assures us that Stephie is having a great time  
-- she just didn't want her picture taken!

*Additional Photos Are Forthcoming!*

## MLK Meal Packing Event 2024

# MLK MEAL PACKING EVENT!

## DURHAM ROTARIANS!

Below you will find the sign-up genius link for **THREE LOCATIONS** for the MLK Meal Packing Event. The sign-ups will be open to **ROTARY CLUBS ONLY until December 9**. After that, the sign-ups will be opened up to members of our community and will fill up very quickly. You can also sign up friends/family members that would like to volunteer with you.

### DURHAM Set-Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AAAE2AA0FC1-46190872-mlkday>

**\*\*This is on Sunday evening**

### DURHAM Main Shift:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AAAE2AA0FC1-46275349-mlkday>

### CLAYTON Main Shift:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AAAE2AA0FC1-46275982-mlkday>

### RALEIGH Registration/Main Shift:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AAAE2AA0FC1-46275845-mlkday>

<sup>ANY</sup>  
*Questions?*

**CONTACT JOYCE McKINNEY, AT: [jcmckinn@gmail.com](mailto:jcmckinn@gmail.com)**

**Mardi Gras! SAVE THE DATE!**

**Mardi Gras 2024**

**Thursday February 8, 2024, 6-9 PM**

**@ Durham Bottling Company**

**\* Food \* Beer \* Raffle \* LIVE Music\***

\$20 in advance/ \$25 day of event

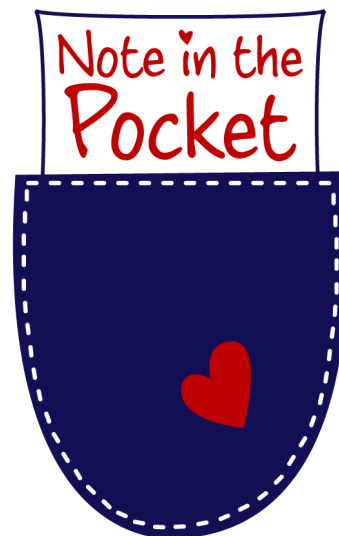
RAFFLE TICKETS \$10 apiece, 6/\$50

**ADVANCE TICKETS ON SALE NOW  
BE AN EVENT SPONSOR WITH YOUR  
COMPANY!**

Questions? See Geraud Staton @ Lumiere Strategies



**Note In The Pocket Opens Durham Location!**



**DURHAM LOCATION TO OPEN SOON!!!**

***A Message From Sarah Caldwell***

Our Durham location is moving along and our signage was installed this week-very exciting. As we prepare to open our Durham site, we have some immediate volunteer needs to help assemble shelves, furniture, and other set-up tasks. These opportunities start next Monday, 12.18.2023 and go through the next couple of weeks.





**Click The Link Below To Register To Volunteer:**

[https://volunteer.noteinthepocket.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=881311](https://volunteer.noteinthepocket.org/need/detail/?need_id=881311)

After you register, you will receive more details. If you have any questions please let me know and thank you!

Also, we are hosting our Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Friday 1.12.2024, at 10am.

Durham Mayor Leonardo Williams will be our Guest Speaker. [You can RSVP and view details here.](#)

We hope to see several Members from The Durham Rotary Club there to celebrate with us.

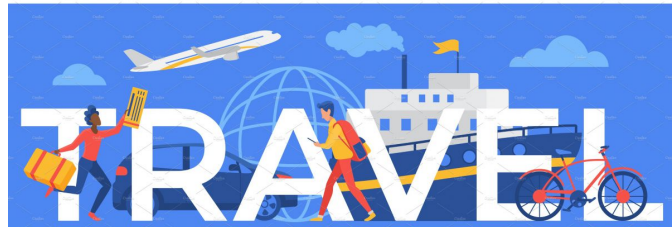
Happy Holidays!

Sarah

**Sarah Caldwell**  
**Note In The Pocket**  
*Development Director*  
[sarahc@noteinthepocket.org](mailto:sarahc@noteinthepocket.org)

## **Rotary Travel Schedule**

### **2024 UPCOMING ROTARY TRAVEL SCHEDULE!**







## A Message From Vitaliy V. Bezrodnov

If you like to join on one or all the trips, please email me or add your info as comment to the google document.

We had fantastic trips in the past year, met with many great Rotarians and had wonderful time traveling together.

Photos Albums From Past Trips:

[Morocco](#)

[Armenia](#)

[Georgia](#)

[Belarus](#)

[Greece](#)

[Germany](#)

[Italy](#)

**Vitaliy V. Bezrodnov**

Founder/Coordinator

(216) 214-0828

[RotaryCF@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryCF@gmail.com)

President of Downtown Fuquay-Varina Rotary Club

District 7710 International Service Chair 2024

RCF 501c3 International Cultural Exchange

RCF - Connecting the World!

Inspired, Funded and Run by Rotarians!

## 1. SPAIN

Mar 23 - Apr 2, 2024  
(Madrid, Zaragoza, Barcelona, Valencia, Murcia, Madrid)  
[Itinerary and team info \(Google Doc\)](#)

## **2. SERBIA**

Apr 17-27, 2024  
(Belgrade, Nis, Novi Sad, Subotica, Belgrade)  
[Itinerary and team info \(Google Doc\)](#)

## **3. MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE-INDONESIA**

May 15-25, 2024  
(ends in Singapore for Rotary International Convention 2024)  
[Itinerary and team info \(Google Doc\)](#)

**AND**

## **THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP!!**

### ***A Message From PDG Rick Carnagua & Martin Tetreault***

Once again, Rotarians from D7710 will be traveling to Santiago, Dominican Republic to construct three houses. This will be the 12th year of the DR Project. We will be working with Fellow Rotarians from The Santiago Monumental Rotary Club. The 2024 trip will be from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Over the years, over 100 different Rotarians and family members from 20 different district clubs have gone on the trip. This project is funded by District Grants. The 2023-24 project had the support of eleven different clubs.

**Questions:** Please Contact PDG Rick Carnagua at: [rlcarnagua@gmail.com](mailto:rlcarnagua@gmail.com).

**Pending New Member -- BRETT BLAIR**

**PENDING NEW MEMBER  
BRETT BLAIR  
SPONSORED BY: PRESIDENT ELISABETH WIENER  
INDUCTION DATE: 1.8.2023**



**BRETT BLAIR**

**Pending New Member -- CHRISTOPHER GINGER**

**PENDING NEW MEMBER  
CHRISTOPHER GINGER  
SPONSORED BY: TYLER SOMMERS  
INDUCTION DATE: 1.8.2023**



CHRIS GINGER

**Pending New Member -- MATT BABAIA**

**PENDING NEW MEMBER  
MATT BABAIA  
SPONSORED BY: PDG NEWMAN AGUIAR  
INDUCTION DATE: 1.8.2023**







MATT BABAIAN

**Pending New Member -- PRALHAD KHATRI**

**PENDING NEW MEMBER  
PRALHAD KHATRI  
SPONSORED BY: PHIL APOSTOLICO  
INDUCTION DATE: 1.8.2024**



**PRALHAD KHATRI**

**PRALHAD KHATRI  
OWNER/GENERAL MANAGER -- SKYZONE**

**Pending New Member -- JANE FRANCES BROWN**

**PENDING NEW MEMBER  
JANE FRANCES BROWN  
SPONSORED BY: PRESIDENT-ELECT ROB EVERETT  
INDUCTION DATE: 1.8.2024**



**JANE FRANCES BROWN  
Mission Multiplier -- CEO & Managing Director  
Consultant**

**Pending New Member -- TAL LEWIN WITTLE**

**PENDING NEW MEMBER  
TAL LEWIN-WITTLE  
SPONSORED BY: RODNEY CLAPP  
INDUCTION DATE: 1.8.2024**



**TAL LEWIN-WITTLE  
Durham Habitat For Humanity  
Assistant Director of Institutional Giving -- Fundraising**

**Pending New Member -- DR. MELANIE S. PITCHFORD**

**PENDING NEW MEMBER  
DR. MELANIE S. PITCHFORD  
SPONSORED BY: CRYSTAL TAYLOR  
INDUCTION DATE: 1.8.2024**



**DR. MELANIE S. PITCHFORD  
Founder of Principal Blueprint Academy, LLC**

**Pending New Member -- KATHLEEN COLLIER**

**PENDING NEW MEMBER  
KATHLEEN COLLIER  
Sponsored By: Mimi O'Brien  
INDUCTION DATE: 1.8.2024**



**Induction Date: 1.8.2024**



**KATHLEEN COLLIER**  
**The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation Program Associate**

**Your Dues Invoice For The 1.1.2024 -- 6.30.2024 Billing Period**

**TO: DURHAM ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS**

**YOUR DUES INVOICE  
FOR THE 1.1.2024 -- 6.30.2024 BILLING PERIOD**

**DUES INVOICES HAVE BEEN SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL  
(NO MAILED INVOICES)**

**If You Did Not Receive Your Invoice (Via Email)**

**Please Contact Sharon Immediately**

**Thank You!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT!**

**QUESTIONS: CONTACT SHARON**

## Giving Through Rotary Direct Is Easy!

### Recurring Giving through Rotary Direct is Easy!

- Choose any **amount**  
\$10 or more
- Choose any **frequency**  
monthly, quarterly or annually
- Choose the **fund**
  - **Annual Fund – SHARE**  
support our grants
  - **Polio Plus**  
support Rotary's #1 humanitarian project

#### 3 Ways to Enroll

- **Phone:** 866-976-8279
- **Mail** form
- **Online:** **Sign In** to My Rotary, then click **Donate** button

### Rotary Direct Makes Giving Easy

- Link to Rotary Direct donation page
- How to enroll in Rotary Direct 1-min. video tutorial





## Rotary Direct Makes Giving Easy

â€¢ Link To Rotary Direct Donation Page

<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>

â€¢ How To Enroll In Rotary Direct 1-Minute Video Tutorial

[Rotary Direct Tutorial](#)

[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

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

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, October 5, 2022

### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN JOINING DURHAM ROTARY?



Contact Sharon For A Copy Of  
The Club's Membership Application

[slassiter38@nc.rr.com](mailto:slassiter38@nc.rr.com)

*[Or pick up an Application at a Monday Meeting]*

## Durham Rotary Club -- SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, October 5, 2022

# DURHAM ROTARY CLUB SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES



[Durhamrotaryclub.org](http://Durhamrotaryclub.org)



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## Birthdays



[Sarah S. Hill](#)  
December 30th



[Michael O'Foghludha](#)  
January 1st



[Newman C. Aguiar](#)  
January 1st



[Kurt Preble](#)  
January 7th



[M. Lee Barnes Jr.](#)  
January 8th



[Nancy Marks](#)  
January 8th



[Joseph S. Harvard](#)  
January 8th



[Ari Medoff](#)  
January 10th



[Geri Lail](#)  
January 16th



[Pascal Mubenga](#)  
January 16th



[Robert A. Gutman](#)  
January 23rd



[Rodney Clapp](#)  
January 24th



[Tammy Kay Baggett](#)  
January 25th



[Meg Solera](#)  
January 25th



[Sharon Kay Lassiter](#)  
January 25th



[Mercer Stanfield](#)  
January 26th



[Colin Myer](#)  
January 26th