



Rotary Club of Durham



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

August 15, 2022

Dr. Pascal Mubenga
Presentation Topic: Renaissance:
Building A New Future for OUR
Public Schools

August 22, 2022

Ernie Dollar, Director of Raleigh
Museum of History
Presentation Topic: Hearts Torn
Asunder: Trauma in the Civil War's
Final Campaign in North Carolina

August 29, 2022

Presiding: Geraud Staton,
President
Rotary Club of Durham Board
Meeting.

August 29, 2022

Kim Shaw & Adrienne Clark -- The
Triangle Non-Profit & Leadership
Center
Presentation Topic: 50 Years of
Community Impact

September 05, 2022

Reminder No Meeting On 9.5.2022
Labor Day Holiday
Reminder: No Meeting On Monday,
9.5.2022 In Observance of The
Labor Day Holiday

Club Leaders



Emilee J. Collins
Stewardship Committee
Chair
Past President



Kenneth Andrew Cutshaw
Club Director
Interact and Rotaract
Committee Chair
Christopher Gergen
Innovations Fellows

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 8.15.2022 Dr. Pascal Mubenga

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Monday, August 8, 2022

Durham Rotary Club Weekly Meeting

Monday, 8.15.2022 --- 12:30 p.m. -- 1:30 p.m.

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

Speaker: Dr. Pascal Mubenga

Presentation Topic: Renaissance: Building A New Future for OUR Public Schools



DR. PASCAL MUBENGA

Dr. Pascal Mubenga was sworn in as superintendent of Durham Public Schools on November 27, 2017. He has enjoyed a successful career in public education spanning



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Jennifer Levine
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Kate Shirah
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President-Elect



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Club Director



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Communications
Committee Chair



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Club Director
Membership Chair



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Club Finance Advisor
Second Century Committee
Chair



Russell Haddad
YES Committee Chair



Jeffry Benjamin Hendriks
Polio Committee Chair

over 25 years in North Carolina. Prior to joining DPS, he served as Superintendent of Franklin County Schools. He also served as educational consultant with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for four years. Immediately preceding his work with NCDPI, he was the principal at Jones Senior High School in Jones County, North Carolina, from 2007 through 2011. Dr. Mubenga also served as an assistant principal in Franklin County and math teacher in Johnston County. He was a math teacher at Chewning Middle School in Durham for three years. He began his career in public education as a math teacher at Rocky Mount Senior High in Rocky Mount.

Dr. Mubenga earned his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership in 2007. He also holds a Master's in Secondary Education from Liberty University and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Shaw University. He has served as an adjunct professor at North Carolina State University and is the author of several peer-reviewed articles. He is a member of the College Board's Superintendents Advisory Council, made up of approximately 30 superintendents across the country who share ideas and best practices about educational improvement.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR DISABLED VETERAN!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, August 4, 2022

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAY FOR SEVERELY INJURED VETERAN IN DURHAM



Homes For Our Troops
Invites You to Join Us!

Community Sponsor



VOLUNTEER DAY

Marine Cpl Derrick Sharpe

Please join us as we landscape the property of a new, specially adapted custom home for Marine Cpl Derrick Sharpe in Durham, NC.

DATE: Saturday, August 13, 2022

TIME: Check-In at 8:30 a.m., Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

RSVP: www.hfotusa.org/sharpe

SHUTTLE LOCATION: Ebenezer Baptist Church
1210 Pleasant Green Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278

Volunteer shirts and lunch will be provided!

For more information or to get involved, please contact **Kelsey Woodhouse, Community Engagement Coordinator:**

kwoodhouse@hfotusa.org or Cell: 774-218-1444



OUR MISSION: To build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives.

www.hfotusa.org/Sharpe
Building Homes, Rebuilding Lives



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club Photographer



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Community Service Chair



Steed Rollins Jr.
Club Programs Chair



John J. Zenner III
Club Photographer



Indira M. Everett
iPast President

A Message From Vanessa Leite *Community Engagement Coordinator* *Homes For Our Troops*

Dear Rotary Club of Durham, On September 23, 2006, Marine Cpl Derrick Sharpe lost his right leg at the hip; sustained multiple fractures in his back, severe internal injuries, and a traumatic brain injury (TBI) while serving in Iraq. I am excited to announce that Homes For Our Troops is near completion of his custom home, right in your community!

Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) is a privately funded 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that builds and donates specially adapted, custom homes nationwide for severely injured post 9/11 Veterans. Veterans choose the community where they wish to focus on recovery, and rebuilding their lives. Since inception in 2004, HFOT has built more than 330 homes in 42 states, with an additional 82 projects underway!

To celebrate, we will be hosting a very special event:

Volunteer Day- Bring your gardening tools and roll up your sleeves as we beautify the property around the home! All volunteers receive an HFOT t-shirt and lunch!

Enclosed please find the invitation for this event, please feel free to copy and share with others in your community. Let's bring a warm welcome to Derrick and his family as they



Sharon Kay Lassiter
Club Executive Secretary

start their new journey.

To learn more about this veteran, and Homes For Our Troops, or to RSVP for these events visit www.hfotusa.org/sharpe. If you are unable to attend, please consider donating to this project with a charitable gift honoring this deserving service member. With a commitment to excellence, have trust knowing your investment will be utilized to its maximum.

Thank you in advance for your support and welcoming Derrick Sharpe and his family to your community. We are honored to be part of his journey. I hope you will consider joining our mission: *Building Homes and Rebuilding Lives*. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I may be of further service.

I look forward to seeing you in Durham!

Vanessa Leite

Community Engagement Coordinator

Homes For Our Troops

CENTERFEST -- 9.17.2022 & 9.18.2022

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Monday, August 8, 2022



CenterFest Arts Festival

Saturday, 9.17.2022 -- 10am – 6pm

Sunday, 9.18.2022 -- 11am – 5pm

The Durham Arts Council is bringing **The 47th Annual CenterFest Arts Festival** to Downtown Durham, and you can be a big part of making it happen!

The Rotary Club of Durham is playing a big role in helping make

CenterFest Arts Festival a wonderful event for our community again this year! Durham Rotary Club is a sponsor of the event and helps by providing volunteer Rotarians who are asked to sign up for a 2-hour volunteer shift to help at CenterFest Entrance Gates and Coke Booths. Your role is to greet visitors, accept gate donations, and sell Coca-Cola Beverages (donated by Durham Coca-Cola Bottling Co.) Additionally, 2 Rotarians per shift will be assigned to staff the Rotary promotion booth.

Over 110 visual artists from near and far will showcase their work, and 70 performing arts groups will provide continuous music, dance and entertainment. Add in yummy local food trucks, festival foods, hands on activities and Durham's inspiring nonprofit and government services booths and you have the best way to kick off the fall season! Bring the family, bring your friends, bring the neighborhood!

Questions: Please Contact Rotarian, Sherry DeVries!

Sherry DeVries

Executive Director

Durham Arts Council

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www.durhamarts.org

DURHAM ROTARY FIRST EVER OKTOBERFEST!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, August 4, 2022



Guten Tag, Durham Rotarians!

Would you like us to have our first-ever Oktoberfest?

Beer, food, games and fun – all for charity!

We're starting to plan for this coming October...

We've got possible venues, and now we need to see how much volunteer people-power we have to help run it. So:

If you're interested in helping, please ...

Contact Fundraising Co-Chairs Ted Benson or Erik Benson,
or show up at 11 am August 15, before the Rotary lunch
meeting ...!

We'll talk more then....

Cheers!

LET'S TAKE SOME KIDS TO THE DPAC!!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, July 12, 2022

LET'S TAKE SOME KIDS TO THE DPAC!!!



**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE
FOR DINNER AND A SHOW!!**

Rotarians and their family and friends
are invited to purchase tickets
for the evening of Friday, 9.30.2022!!

We will gather together for dinner
at Tobacco Road, at 6:00 p.m.!



After dinner, we will proceed to THE DPAC
for the 8:00 p.m. showing of FROZEN!!!



Before the Show, we will have the opportunity
to mingle and fellowship with our guests
from Durham Children's Initiative for a
brief reception at THE DPAC.
We will then be seated together during the Show!

Tickets are \$80.00 Per Person.
To Purchase Tickets, Please Contact:
Fellow Rotarian, Carver Weaver
(Text or Call: 919.623.7888)

OR

Email Carver, At: weavercarver@gmail.com

For each Ticket purchased, we can donate one ticket.
Only 25 Tickets are available For Sale!
CONTACT CARVER TODAY!!

Questions: Please Contact Carver Directly!

Thank You

Pending New Member -- SHELLY GREEN

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, August 3, 2022

**PENDING NEW MEMBER
SHELLY GREEN**

**SPONSORED BY: SUSAN ROSS
INDUCTION DATE: 8.22.2022**



SHELLY GREEN

Following a 30-year career in destination marketing including leading visitor bureaus in Asheville, Chapel Hill, and Durham, NC, Shelly retired from Discover Durham in the fall of 2019. With more than three decades of experience spanning the public, private and nonprofit sectors she launched a consulting business that same year to assist tourism organizations with strategic planning, organizational effectiveness, policy development and governance.

During her tenure in Durham, she oversaw the organization's accreditation and re-accreditation process earning 26 exemplary citations for best practices. She oversaw the creation of a new visitor information center on Main Street, and help found the Durham Sports Commission and managed it through its startup phase.

Shelly has worked as an Executive Consultant for MMGY NextFactor since 2019. She has produced long-term strategic and destination management plans and organizational reviews for organizations such as Daytona Beach, Lake Placid, Outer Banks, and Nassau/Paradise Island. She also enjoys working with Susan Ross with moss + ross as an affiliate contractor helping with communications, strategy and projects for clients such as the Town of Cary, El Futuro, and the NC School of Science and Math.

Shelly has served in many leadership roles in the tourism and nonprofit sectors, as well as those that serve her local community. In recognition of her service and accomplishments Shelly was recently inducted into the Destinations International Hall of Fame. She also received a Barrentine Award from her peers in the Destination Marketing Association of NC for significant contribution toward state and national tourism initiatives and the Bill Sharpe Public Service Award from the NC Travel Industry Association.

Before moving to North Carolina and embarking on a career in destination marketing, Shelly served as a public-school music teacher, choral director, and administrator at a fine arts college in Florida. She earned a bachelor's and master's degree in music from the University of Miami, and she is a certified destination marketing executive (CDME). She and her partner recently relocated back to Durham after selling their idyllic retirement home on Mayo Lake near Roxboro.

Rotarian Spotlight -- KENNETH LUNDSTROM

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Saturday, August 6, 2022



THIS WEEK'S ROTARIAN SPOTLIGHT
Honorary Rotarian
KENNETH LUNDSTROM



Ken Lundstrom

FUN FACT: *We received a wedding gift of Club Aluminum from Gloria*

and Herb Taylor.

FIRST CONCERT: *Stan Kenton and his Orchestra.*

TRAVEL BUCKET: *Hanover, NH For My 70th Reunion In 2025.*

ROTARY MEMBER: *27 Years.*

WHY: *For participating and serving in the Durham Community and the enduring fellowship of the Club Members and Rotary Worldwide.*

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 8.8.2022 Fellow Rotarian, John Staddon

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, August 3, 2022

**Thank You To Fellow Rotarian, John Staddon,
For His Presentation At Our 8.8.2022
Weekly Monday Rotary Meeting!
Presentation Topic: Science In An Age of Unreason
To View Today's Meeting, Please Click On The Link Below:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lbyKeH54iM>**

Program Committee Chair, Steed Rollins, Introduces Our Speaker For Today's Meeting



Fellow Rotarian, John Staddon -- Today's Speaker



Membership Chair, Sara Stephens, Introduces Our Newest Club Member, Stephanie Fennell



Welcome To Our Newest Club Member, Stephanie Fennell!



From Left To Right Pictured Below:
Membership Chair, Sara Stephens, New Member, Stephanie Fennell &
President Geraud Staton



Past-President, Seth Jernigan, Presents Paul Harris Fellow Awards!



Congratulations To Paul Harris Fellow Award Recipients!
Congratulations To President Geraud Staton



Congratulations To Vince Simonetti!



Congratulations To Sam Nichols!



Pictured From Left To Right Below:
President Geraud Staton, Sam Nichols, Vince Simonetti &
Past-President, Seth Jernigan



Carver Weaver Reminds Rotarians To Purchase Frozen at DPAC Tickets!



2 Informational Links Re The Anthony Scott DHA CEO Presentation On 8.1.2022

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Saturday, August 6, 2022

USEFUL LINKS

**TWO INFORMATIONAL LINKS
IN RE: OUR 8.1.2022 PRESENTATION
BY: ANTHONY SCOTT
Chief Executive Officer
Durham Housing Authority
Presentation Topic: Durham Housing**

Durham Housing Authority and the Downtown Durham Neighborhood Plan

[https://www.durhamhousingauthority.org/dha-downtown-and-neighborhood-planning-\(ddnp\)](https://www.durhamhousingauthority.org/dha-downtown-and-neighborhood-planning-(ddnp))

<https://www.durhamnc.gov/4593/Forever-Home-Durham>



Guest Speaker, Anthony Scott



Durham Rotary Club -- SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, April 21, 2022

DURHAM ROTARY CLUB SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES



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@durhamrotary

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

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, November 10, 2021

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN JOINING DURHAM ROTARY?



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

slassiter38@nc.rr.com

[Or pick up an Application at a Monday Meeting]

Birthdays



[Geraud Staton](#)
August 12th



[Dallas T. Stallings Jr.](#)
August 13th



[Hugh Wade Gresham Jr.](#)
August 16th



[Ernest E. Wooden III](#)
August 24th



[Tom Bagby](#)
August 26th



[Susan R. Miller](#)
August 29th



[Roslyn Grace](#)
August 29th



[Seth J. Jernigan](#)
August 31st



[Carver Camp Weaver](#)
August 31st



[Vandana Dake](#)
September 1st



[Kenneth Andrew Cutshaw](#)
September 2nd



[Dan W. Hill III](#)
September 3rd



[Lillian Deloris Deloatch](#)
September 4th



[Arles Allen Taylor Jr.](#)
September 5th