



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

January 29, 2024

Mid-Year Update / District Grants /
Flags For Heroes Project
Presentation Topic: Mid-Year
Update/District Grants/Flags For
Heroes Project And We Will Be
Voting On 2024-25 Club Officers

February 05, 2024

Guest Speaker: Durham Mayor,
Leo Williams
Presentation Topic: Black History
Month

February 08, 2024

Mardi Gras Event
Durham Rotary Club Mardi Gras
Event

February 12, 2024

County Commissioner Candidate
Forum
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Forum

February 19, 2024

Reminder: No Meeting 2.19.2024
Reminder: No Meeting On
2.19.2024 In Observance of The
President's Day Holiday!

Club Leaders



Erik Benson
Fundraising Committee Co-
Chair



Mary Kate Shirah
Grants Chair



Elisabeth Harper Wiener
President

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Durham Rotary Club February 2024 Calendar Monday Meeting Dates!



FEBRUARY 2024

02.05.2024: Guest Speaker: Durham Mayor, Leo Williams—Presentation: Black History Month

02.12.2024: County Commissioner Candidate Forum

02.19.2024: No Meeting: In Observance of The President's Day Holiday

02.26.2024: Guest Speaker: John Shelp—Presentation: Booker Spicely Memorial

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 1.29.2024 Mid-Year Update-District Grants-Flags For Heroes Project

WEEKLY ROTARY MEETING

MONDAY, 1.29.2024 -- 12:30 P.M. -- 1:30 P.M.

DURHAM BULLS PNC TRIANGLE CLUB, 3RD FLOOR, DURHAM

PRESENTATION TOPIC:

MID-YEAR UPDATE/DISTRICT GRANTS/

FLAGS FOR HEROES PROJECT

REMINDER -- BOARD MEETING -- Monday, 1.29.2024 -- 11AM

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, January 23, 2024



MONDAY, 1.29.2024 --- BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M.
LOCATION: DURHAM BULLS PNC TRIANGLE CLUB
3RD FLOOR -- SUITE # 8
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA



Robinson O. Everett Jr.
President-Elect



Craig Brown
Vice President



Robert L. Wiley III
Secretary



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



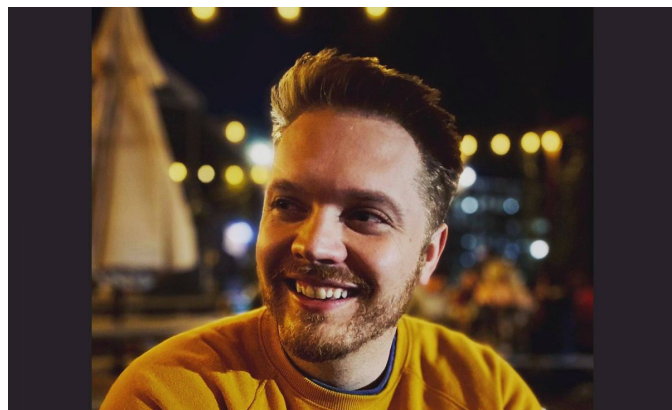
Barry C. Curtis
Club Finance Advisor
Second Century Fund



William G. Ingram

Pending New Member -- RICHARD WILLIAM GITTINGS

PENDING NEW MEMBER
RICHARD "RICH" WILLIAM GITTINGS
SPONSORED BY: iPP, GERAUD STATON
INDUCTION DATE: TBD





Program Committee Chair



Anna Jenkins
Fellowship Committee
Chair



Edward H. Pikaart Jr.
Rotary Foundation Chair



Crystal Ellice Taylor
Membership Chair



Tom Bagby
Club Photographer



Ray E. Benson III
Fundraising Committee Co-
Chair



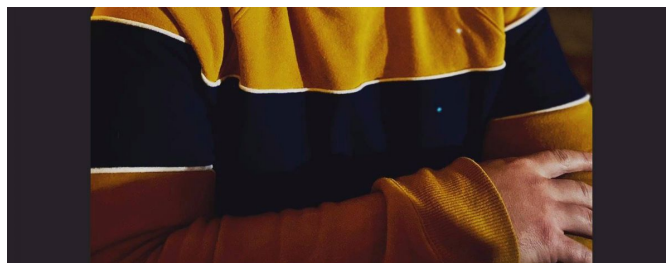
John J. Zenner III
Club Photographer



Geraud Staton
iPast President



Newman C. Aguiar
Past District Governor



Rich Gittings is the Founder and Executive Director of Bull City Legal Services, a non-profit law firm addressing the income gap in access to legal services. He grew up in Mesa, Arizona and moved to North Carolina in 2015 to attend law school at The University of North Carolina and to earn a Masters of Public Policy Degree at Duke University. In his free time Rich likes to go to the gym, try new things, travel, and spend time with friends and loved ones.

**Rotary After-Hours Fellowship Event -- Plum Southern Kitchen --
Thursday, 2.1.2024**



Rotary
Club of Durham



after hours



501 Washington Street -- Durham, North Carolina 27701

**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US
FOR DURHAM ROTARY
AFTER-HOURS FELLOWSHIP EVENT!**

**Thursday 2.1.2024
5:30- 7:30pm**



Contact Fellowship Chair, Anna Jenkins
Anna@westandwoodall.com

Mardi Gras! 2.8.2024

Mardi Gras 2024

WITH DOWNTOWN DURHAM ROTARY

* **Cajun Food** * **Craft Brews** * **Cornhole** * **Raffle** *
* **LIVE Zydeco Music!** *

Thursday, February 8, 2024, 6-9 PM
@ Durham Bottling Company
506 Ramseur St., Durham

TICKETS - \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door

RAFFLE TICKETS - \$10 apiece, 6 for \$50

All proceeds support Rotary's work here in Durham!

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

For more info - go to <https://www.durhamrotaryclub.org/?p=events>



Register Now To Attend The 2.17.2024 District Assembly In Cary

DURHAM ROTARIANS!
REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND THE PRE-PETS & DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
ON SATURDAY, 2.17.2024
REGISTRATION CHECK-IN OPENS AT 8AM
ADJOURNMENT IS PROMPTLY AT NOON!

To: All D7710 Rotarians

Join Us On Saturday, 2.17.2024 For Pre-PETS/District Assembly.

Location: Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

110 SE Maynard Road

Cary, North Carolina 27511

919.467.0481

To Register To Attend:

[Click Here To Register For The 2.17.2024 Pre-PETS & District Assembly Event](#)

Check-In Registration for our Pre-PETS/District Assembly will open at 8:00 a.m.

At 8:45 a.m. all President-Elects, President-Nominees, and Assistant Governors in attendance will go with DGE Jeff Blass to the room upstairs at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church to begin Pre-PETS.

Pre-PETS will be the first opportunity for those in attendance to meet each other and begin collaborating as leaders of our D7710 Clubs for the upcoming Rotary Year.

After introductions, DGE Jeff will introduce the 2024-2025 Rotary International Theme, as well as discuss Rotary's Action Plan. DGE Jeff will also discuss what to expect at PETS to be better prepared for the 2-Day Event in March 2024. Pre-PETS will adjourn at 10:00 a.m., where all Pre-PETS Attendees will then rejoin the other participants in the District Assembly.

District Assembly will adjourn promptly at noon.

If You Have Questions, Please Contact District Executive Secretary, Sharon Lassiter, at **slassiter38@nc.rr.com**

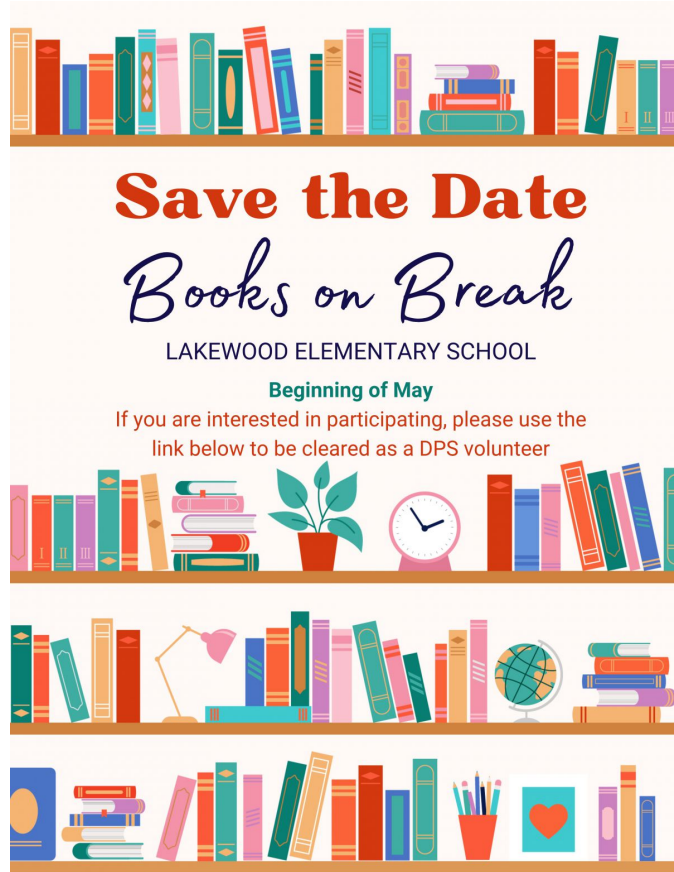
We Look Forward To Seeing Each Of You On 2.17.2024 at 8:00 a.m.!

Veronica Bent, DG
2023dg@rotary7710.org

Jeff Blass, DGE
2024dg@rotary7710.org

Sharon Lassiter, DES
slassiter38@nc.rr.com

Books On Break -- Save The Date Beginning In May 2024



Link: <https://ec.samaritan.com/recruiter/index.php?class=VolunteerRegistration&recruiterID=1343>

For any questions, contact Sasha Zarzour
(executive_director@caringhouse.org) or
Russ Haddad (russgh831@gmail.com).

Congratulations To Andy Esser!

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Congratulations



Winner!

**Best Financial Advisor Nod
From WRAL For The Second Year In A Row!**

*From Your Durham Rotary Fellow Rotarians & Friends--
CONGRATULATIONS, ANDY!*

Congratulations To Crystal Taylor!

Congratulations





Fellow Rotarian Crystal Taylor has been recognized as one of the Triangle Business Journal's 25 Women in Business Award winners for 2024.

The program recognizes 25 Triangle women who have proven to be dynamic and outstanding leaders with established track records of significant accomplishments in business and/or community service. TBJ Publisher Jason Christie said, "We are proud to honor these women for what they have done and continue to do in the Triangle and beyond." This year's winners will be recognized at an awards luncheon on March 21 at the Embassy Suites in Cary.

Crystal, a native North Carolinian and 2005 NCCU grad, was recognized for one of her many entrepreneurial endeavors, The Underground Collective (UGC). UGC crafts immersive experiences that celebrate the essence of hip-hop music while honoring the profound contributions of the African-American community. Crystal is also Founder of Durham's Black Farmer's Market, Black August in the Park, and Get Happy. Learn more at her website: <https://crystaltaylor.com>

District Grants Application Information

DISTRICT GRANTS APPLICATION INFORMATION

THE BELOW LINK INCLUDES ALL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A PROJECT FOR A DISTRICT GRANT.

CLUB MEMBERS MUST SUBMIT SERVICE PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR DISTRICT GRANTS BY 5 PM ON FEBRUARY 23, 2024. THE BELOW LINK INCLUDES ALL INFORMATION FOR CLUB MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A SERVICE PROJECT.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j697M6rg-8r56LGyvTbcjKBqaJS1VnPT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101424572602817550928&rtpof=true&sd=true>

QUESTIONS?

**PLEASE CONTACT DISTRICT GRANTS COMMITTEE CHAIR,
KATE SHIRAH @ kshirah@foxfoundation.org**

DURHAM ROTARY CLUB SLATE OF OFFICERS 2024-25



DURHAM ROTARY CLUB

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2024-25

President: Robinson Everett

Immediate Past-President: Elisabeth Wiener

President-Elect: Sara Stephens

President-Nominee: Kim Shaw

Vice-President: Susan Ross

Treasurer: Mark Miller

Secretary: Bob Wiley

Sergeant-at-Arms Chair: Allison O'Shea

Board Member: David Durack

Board Member: Rich Haney

Board Member: John Cross

Board Member: Shemecka McNeil

Board Member: Matt McDowell

Board Member: Cecily Kalkhof

Board Member: Russ Haddad

Board Member: Becca Johnson

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)**

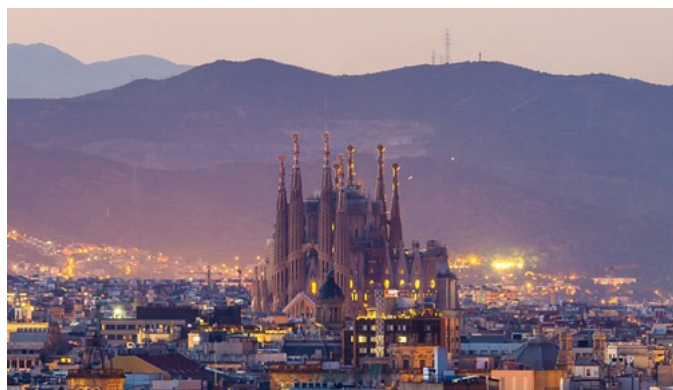
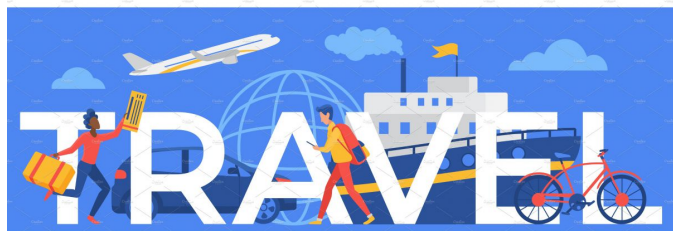
**If You Did Not Receive Your Invoice (Via Email)
Please Contact Sharon Immediately
Thank You!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT!

QUESTIONS: CONTACT SHARON

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.

Vitaliy V. Bezrodnov

216.214.0828

RotaryCF@gmail.com

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

Once again, Rotarians from D 7110 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 2nd to March 9th, 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.

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

[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



[Durham Rotary Club](#)



Durham Rotary Club



Downtowndurhamrotary



@durhamrotary

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 2.5.2024 Guest Speaker: Durham Mayor Leonardo Williams

**Durham Rotary Club Weekly Meeting
Monday, 2.5.2024 --- 12:30pm -- 1:30pm
Durham Bulls PNC Triangle Club, 3rd Floor, Durham
Guest Speaker: Durham Mayor, Leonardo Williams
Presentation Topic: Black History Month**



DURHAM MAYOR, LEO WILLIAMS

Elected November 2023, Term Expires 2025

Mayor Leonardo (Leo) Williams is a former teacher, school administrator, small business owner, and Durham City Council member. He attended North Carolina Central University where he earned a BA in Music Education and Master's in Educational Leadership. While at NCCU, he met his wife, Zweli Williams. They are the proud parents of a thriving high schooler.

Mayor Williams was a two-time Teacher of the Year in Durham Public Schools, and was recognized by the Triangle Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Awards for producing innovative practices in education that impacted the community economically. He transitioned from full-time educator to full-time small business owner when he and his wife opened Zweli's, the only full-service authentic Zimbabwean restaurant in the United States.

Mayor Williams served on the Durham City Council from his election in 2021, where he applied his experience and passion in education, entrepreneurship, and commitment to addressing deep social issues in making Durham a united community that provides safety and prosperity for all. He looks forward to continuing that work as Mayor of Durham.




















CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- Audit Services Oversight Committee
- Durham Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee
- Durham Crime Cabinet
- GoTriangle Board of Trustees



- GO Triangle Board of Trustees
- Joint City-County
- Durham Public Schools-City-County Leadership Committee
- Triangle COB Mayors and Chairs
- US Conference of Mayors
- Violent Crime Reduction Roundtable
- Council Legislative Committee

Birthdays

	<u>Tammy Kay Baggett</u> January 25th		<u>Meg Solera</u> January 25th		<u>Sharon Kay Lassiter</u> January 25th		<u>Jane Frances Brown</u> January 25th
	<u>Colin Myer</u> January 26th		<u>Mercer Stanfield</u> January 26th		<u>Lauren Phillips</u> January 29th		<u>Elizabeth Pritchett</u> January 30th
	<u>Michael J. Kriston</u> February 1st		<u>Vitalina Dzutseva</u> February 4th		<u>Christopher Ginger</u> February 4th		<u>Martin W. Morris</u> February 10th
	<u>Nichole Gantshar</u> February 10th		<u>Joe Webster</u> February 12th		<u>Kim Shaw</u> February 12th		<u>Mark T. Higgins</u> February 17th
	<u>Matthew James Babaian</u> February 19th		<u>James M. Woodard</u> February 20th		<u>Russell L. Hauver</u> February 21st		