



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

December 11, 2023

Brett Blair

Presentation Topic: Love is the
Way – A Rotarian’s Message
for the Holidays

December 18, 2023

Holiday Lunch Celebration

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Friday, December 8, 2023

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 12.11.2023 Brett Blair

Durham Rotary Club Weekly Meeting

Monday, 12.11.2023 -- 12:30 p.m. -- 1:30 p.m.

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

Guest Speaker: Brett Blair

Presentation Topic: Love is the Way – A Rotarian’s Message for the Holidays



BRETT BLAIR, Founder and President of Best Life Global, LLC

Dr. Brett Blair is the founder and president of Best Life Global, LLC. Best Life Global is a high-performance coaching and consulting firm. Brett is also the founding partner of Sanford Rose Associates, an executive search firm based in Brighton, Michigan.

Brett holds a Ph.D. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology, an MBA from Tennessee State University, and a BS in Industrial Engineering from the University of Missouri. Brett also studied at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. Before founding Best Life Global, Brett enjoyed a 25-year corporate career in international business. Brett’s passion is helping people, and he has real-world experience and practical perspectives from which to help entrepreneurs and professionals in various industries and during all seasons of life. He is recognized for his ability to lead others to maximize their potential through living a life of purpose, balance, and significance.

Brett is a member of the Rotary Club of Research Triangle Park, where he was President from 2018 to 2019. He is a member of the RTP Capital Angel Investment Group and a board member of NewHope Church in Durham.

Brett has published three books: *From Autopilot to Authentic*, *Living at the Summit*, and the



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recently published memoir *Born â€“ Love â€“ Die*. He can be contacted at bblair@bestlifeglobal.com, and through his website at www.brettblairphd.com.

As I was finishing up my PhD in psychology, Kim was diagnosed with ALS. The love of my life was handed a death sentence. The year of caregiving for my beloved Kim during her journey with ALS was transformational, and forged me into a better human. I am uniquely aware of the fragility of life and I carry an urgency for each of us to live our best lives, each and every day.

Today, I am blessed to be able to combine my life experience, work experience, education and passions to help my clients flourish in their personal and professional lives. My journey in both corporate America and entrepreneurial endeavors brings real-world experience to our conversations. Iâ€™ve loved. Iâ€™ve lost. Iâ€™ve lived it.

My experience with being coached completely transformed my life, and it was this experience that moved me into the profession of coaching as my career. With a unique bias for action, I work one-on-one with high performing people as their coach to help them achieve their goals - faster and better than they would do on their own.

As a certified coach, I tailor the specifics of each coaching relationship to the unique needs of my clients. I continue to be amazed by the growth, impact and joy that my clients experience through their coaching journey.

I remain optimistic, energetic and excited to embrace each day. I love what I do for a living, and am excited to help as many people as possible with the time I have left.

**Holiday Rotary Singers Rehearsal This Coming Monday
12.11.2023 -- 11:30 a.m.**



*Sounds
of The
Season*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SINGING WITH OUR ROTARY SINGERS



Sharon



John J. Zenner III
Club Photographer



Geraud Staton
iPast President



Newman C. Aguiar
Past District Governor

**AT OUR HOLIDAY LUNCH CELEBRATION MEETING ON 12.18.2023,
PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR REHEARSAL
THIS COMING MONDAY, 12.11.2023 AT 11:30 A.M.!!
QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT SHARON**

Your Dues Invoice Is Coming! For The 1.1.2024 -- 6.30.2024 Billing Period

TO: DURHAM ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS

**YOUR DUES INVOICE IS COMING!
FOR THE 1.1.2024 -- 6.30.2024 BILLING PERIOD**

**DUES INVOICES WILL COME TO YOU VIA EMAIL ONLY
NO MAILED INVOICES.**


THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT!

QUESTIONS: CONTACT SHARON

LET'S RING THE BELL!



Let's™ Ring Again This Year For The Salvation Army!



Durham Rotary Club

Let's ring for the Salvation Army!

RH Rich Haney

Let's ring again this year for the Salvation Army.

The location will be the Sams Club at 4005 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham, NC 27707.

We will ring Tuesday, December 12th - Saturday, December 16th.

Questions: Please contact John Cross or Rich Haney.

Let us ring again this year for the Salvation Army. Our sign-up sheet this year is at [Durham Rotary Club Annual Bell Ringing](#).

On the sign-up sheet you could look for someone you know (or, better yet, don't know!) and join them for an hour or two. (We also have some slots

that are completely open.)

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>

*ANY
Questions?*

CONTACT JOYCE McKINNEY, AT: 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



Pending New Member -- PRALHAD KHATRI

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



**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

Pending New Member -- KATHLEEN COLLIER

PENDING NEW MEMBER

KATHLEEN COLLIER

Sponsored By: Mimi O'Brien

Induction Date: 1.8.2024



KATHLEEN COLLIER

The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation Program Associate

Congratulations To Past-President Indira Everett -- Career Change & New Adventure!

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Congratulations

TO

PAST-PRESIDENT, INDIRA EVERETT!!



***A MESSAGE FROM KEVIN McLAUGHLIN
VICE-PRESIDENT,***

NC GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & EXTERNAL RELATIONS

As 2023 comes to a close, Iâ€™d like to share that after 26 years of service, John Elliott, will retire at the end of this year.

John started his career at Carolina Power and Light in Florence, South Carolina in the Economic Development department and has held a variety of positions in the company, most recently as the Vice President of NC Government and Community Relations. His time as Vice-President has been one of significant accomplishments for the GCR team including local support for North Carolina's H951, for the first-ever Carbon Plan, and for new generation and investments into our communities. Moreover, John helped me operationalize our goals and objectives with targeted local work plans and a more robust Storm Plan improving our brand at the local level.

With Johnâ€™s retirement, effective January 1, 2024, Indira Everett will become Vice President of NC Government and Community Relations and report directly to me. Jimmy Flythe, Martha Wegner, and Lisa Parrish will report to Indira, and we will backfill Indira's role as East Director and Durham-Area Manager.

Indiraâ€™s energy career began over 30 years ago in the Legal department at Carolina Power & Light. She later joined the Public Affairs team at Progress Energy where she provided legislative support to lobbyists in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Washington, DC. She also had responsibility for cultivating mutually beneficial relationships with third party allies, coalition groups, and members of the environmental justice community. Before the merger with Duke Energy, she oversaw a two-year campaign election cycle and managed the Political Action Committee (PAC) for North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida. Most recently, Indira led our NC Environmental Justice strategy transforming our corporate goals into action across North Carolina.

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- Link to Rotary Direct donation page
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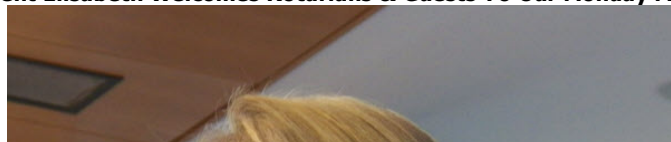
[Rotary Direct Tutorial](#)

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

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 12.4.2023 Past-President, Don Stanger

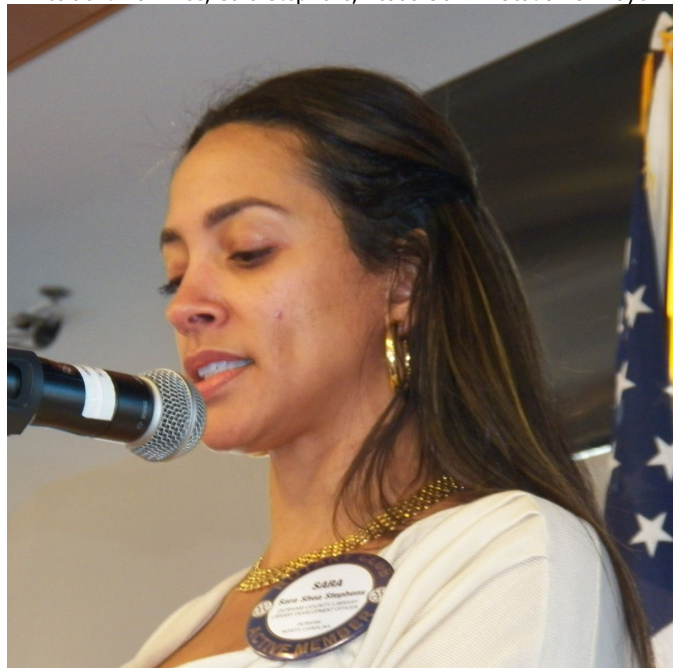
**Thank You, Past-President, Don, For Your
Informative Presentation On 12.4.2023!
Presentation Topic: Microchip Industry Overview**

President Elisabeth Welcomes Rotarians & Guests To Our Monday Meeting!





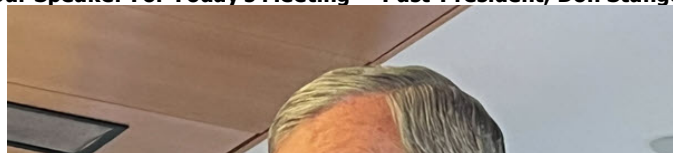
President-Nominee, Sara Stephens, Leads Our Invocation & Prayer



Rotarian, De Cutshaw, Shares A Foundation Project Review



Our Speaker For Today's Meeting -- Past-President, Don Stanger





Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 12.18.2023 -- HOLIDAY CELEBRATION LUNCH!

HAPPY Holidays

**DURHAM ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING
MONDAY, 12.18.2023 --- 12:30 P.M. -- 1:30 P.M.
DURHAM BULLS PNC TRIANGLE CLUB, 3RD FLOOR -- DURHAM
MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR OUR
HOLIDAY LUNCH CELEBRATION MEETING!**

OUR SPECIAL GUESTS!
The Durham Fellows,
Part of The Chamber Orchestra of The Triangle



Information about them is at [The Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle Presents: The Durham Fellows \(part of the UpClose Chamber Orchestra Series\) - Ackland Events](#)

AND

OUR DURHAM ROTARY CLUB SINGERS!



Please Let Sharon Know (ASAP)

If You Are Planning To Invite

A Guest To Attend With You!

Guest Lunch Cost: \$30.00 (Check or Cash Only)

*Checks Are Made Payable To: The Rotary Club of
Durham*

**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



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Birthdays



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December 8th



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December 8th



[Bhabesh C. Dash](#)
December 11th



[Erik Benson](#)
December 12th



[Scott Warren](#)
December 13th



[Frank Perry](#)
December 14th



[David M. Crite](#)
December 17th



[R. C. Waters](#)
December 17th



[Sam R. Miglarese](#)
December 18th



[David Tulloch Durack](#)
December 18th



[Ralph L. Haynes](#)
December 23rd



[Peter deGreeff Jacobi](#)
December 26th



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



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



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



[Kurt Preble](#)
January 7th