



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

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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February 19, 2024

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

February 26, 2024

Guest Speaker: John Schelp
Presentation Topic: Booker Spicely
Memorial

Club Leaders



Erik Benson
Fundraising Committee Co-
Chair



Mary Kate Shirah
Grants Chair



Elisabeth Harper Wiener
President



Robinson O. Everett Jr.
President-Elect

Friday, February 2, 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 Schelp—Presentation: Booker Spicely Memorial

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
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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
Program Committee Chair



Anna Jenkins

If You Did Not Receive Your Invoice (Via Email)

Please Contact Sharon Immediately

Thank You!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT!

QUESTIONS: CONTACT SHARON

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



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

- Durham Crime Cabinet
- GoTriangle 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

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

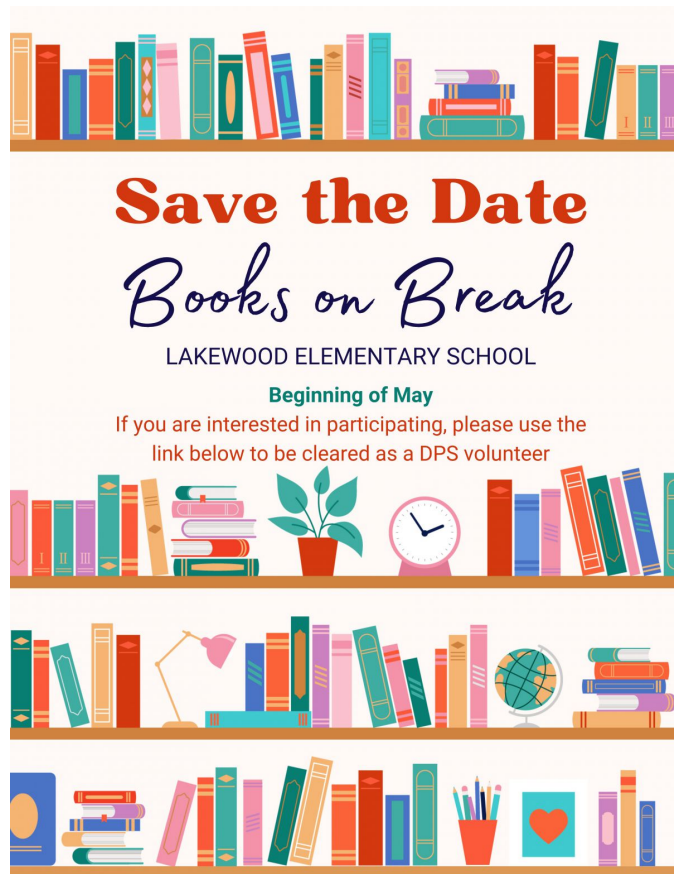
All proceeds support Rotary's work here in Durham!

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

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



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).

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&oid=101424572602817550928&rtpof=true&sd=true>

QUESTIONS?

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

Public Image Committee Is Looking For Members With Experience Using WordPress



PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE

An Important Message From Club Public Image Committee Chair, Cecily Kalkhof!

Our Club's Public Image Committee is looking for Club Members with experience using the "Word Press" Website Design Platform.

If you have experience using Word Press and are interested & available to help, please contact Cecily, at: Cecily@kalkhofconsulting.com



Durham Rotary Club Public Image Chair, Cecily Kalkhof

Thank You

Congratulations To iPP Geraud Staton --- Start-Up Lumiere Strategies

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS TO
iPP GERAUD STATON
ON NEW START-UP!



STRATEGIES

Are you an aspiring entrepreneur seeking to elevate your income to six figures while reducing overwhelm and disorganization in your business? Look no further! Lumiere Strategies is here to help you untangle the complexities of your business, providing you with clear strategic roadmaps and infusing each step with excitement and passion. We believe in making your entrepreneurial journey a joyous and prosperous one, and we invite you to become a valued client. Immerse yourself in strategic planning and success coaching with us to unleash your business's full potential.



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Geraud Staton
Entrepreneur. Artist. Success Coach. Multipotentialite.

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**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**

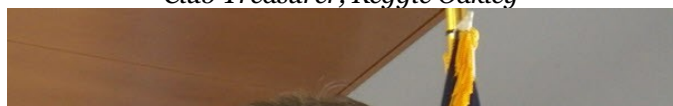
*President Elisabeth Wiener Welcomes Rotarians & Guests To Our Monday Meeting
President Elisabeth Also Kicks Off Our Meeting With Mid-Year Updates & Reports*



Foundation Chair, Ed Pikaart



Club Treasurer, Reggie Oakley





Grants Committee Chair, Kate Shirah



President-Elect, Robinson Everett



Introduction of 2 More New Members Who Were Inducted On 1.8.2024!

*NEW MEMBER KATHLEEN COLLIER,
Sponsored By: Mimi O'Brien*



*NEW MEMBER, TAL LEWIN-WITTLE
Sponsored By: Sergeant-at-Arms Chair, Rodney Clapp*



Ted Benson Announces Mardi Gras -- 2.8.2024





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 8:15 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

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 2.12.2024 County Commissioner Candidate Forum

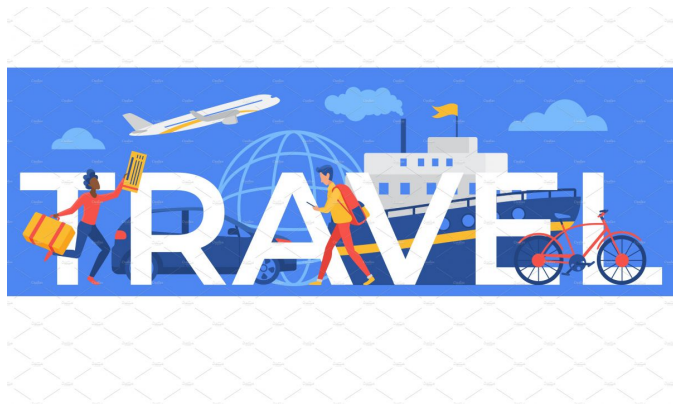
Weekly Rotary Meeting
Monday, 2.12.2024 -- 12:30 pm -- 1:30 pm
Durham Bulls PNC Triangle Club, 3rd Floor, Durham

COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE FORUM

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

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 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



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Birthdays



[Vitalina Dzutseva](#)
February 4th



[Christopher Ginger](#)
February 4th



[Martin W. Morris](#)
February 10th



[Nichole Gantshar](#)
February 10th



[Kim Shaw](#)
February 12th



[Joe Webster](#)
February 12th



[Mark T. Higgins](#)
February 17th



[Matthew James Babaian](#)
February 19th



[James M. Woodard](#)
February 20th



[Russell L. Hauver](#)
February 21st



[Robert J. Stevens](#)
February 27th



[David Colner](#)
February 29th



[Kenneth W. Lundstrom](#)
March 1st



[Kay P. Gresham](#)
March 2nd



[Marlon Torres](#)
March 3rd



[Tania Hossain](#)
March 3rd