



Rotary Club of Durham



Thursday, September 29, 2022

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 10.3.2022 Dale Folwell, Treasurer For The State of North Carolina

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, August 23, 2022

**Weekly Rotary Meeting -- Monday, 10.3.2022 -- 12:30 p.m. -- 1:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Dale Folwell, Treasurer For The State of North Carolina**

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

October 03, 2022

Dale Folwell, Treasurer For The
State of North Carolina
Presentation Topic: TBA

October 08, 2022

Heidi Smith, President -- Rotaract
Club of Duke University
Root Causes Meal Packing Event

October 10, 2022

Reminder No Meeting On
10.10.2022 -- In Observance of
The Columbus Day Holiday
Reminder: No Meeting On Monday,
10.10.2022 In Observance of The
Columbus Day Holiday

October 12, 2022

Ted Benson & Erik Benson
(Fundraising Chairs)
DURHAM ROTARY CLUB FIRST
EVER OKTOBERFEST!

October 17, 2022

PDG Newman Aguiar
Presentation Topic: Rotary
Foundation

October 22, 2022

Heidi Smith, President -- Rotaract
Club of Duke University
Yam Jam Event

October 24, 2022

NC House, Senate & Sheriff
Candidates
Presentation Topic By: NC House,
Senate & Sheriff Candidates

Club Leaders



Emilee J. Collins
Stewardship Committee
Chair
Past President



DALE FOLWELL

Tar Heel Born. Tar Heel Bred.



Kenneth Andrew Cutshaw
Club Director
Interact and Rotaract
Committee Chair



Christopher Gergen
Innovations Fellows
Committee Chair



Jennifer Levine
Secretary
Green Team Committee
Chair



Katina Axiotes Rogers
Fellowship Chair



Kate Shirah
Grants Chair



Geraud Staton
President



Elisabeth Harper Wiener
President-Elect



Craig Brown
Vice President



Kim Shaw
Scholarships Committee
Chair
Club Director



Reginald Dean Oakley
Treasurer



David Tulloch Durack
Club Director



Robinson O. Everett Jr.
President-Nominee



Rich Haney
Club Director



Ralph L. Haynes
Club Director



Emily K. Hill
Club Director



William G. Ingram
Club Director
YES Committee Co-Chair



Lauren Phillips
Club Director
Communications
Committee Chair



Sara Shea Stephens
Club Director
Membership Chair



Barry C. Curtis
Club Finance Advisor
Second Century Committee
Chair

Russell Haddad
YES Committee Chair

Dale Folwell's career achievements and legislative track record clearly demonstrate the traits that North Carolinians say they want in their North Carolina State Treasurer:

A conservative who consistently finds conservative and common sense solutions.

A leader who is committed to putting North Carolinians first.

A strong legislative track record.

An ability to clearly demonstrate the intellectual and policy risks that are necessary to fix North Carolina.

Dale's record is unmatched in his ability to get meaningful legislation passed; even while sitting in the opposition, he gets things fixed! His entire career has been focused on doing what's right for his family, his clients, his community, and the State of North Carolina. Like the vast majority of North Carolinians, he comes from a modest background. When reflecting on his childhood, Dale often remarks,

"I was poor in resource, but rich in opportunity"

Dale Folwell has achieved decades of experience as a highly successful investor and financial consultant. In addition, he has served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce, two years as Speaker Pro Tempore of the North Carolina House of Representatives, four terms as Representative to the NC House, and eight years on the WSFC School Board. Dale has spent many hours volunteering his time helping others and working for charities. He is known across the state as an intelligent, honest person with a big heart. A man of his word, Dale Folwell has a proven track record of working hard and getting things fixed.

Pending New Member -- DAVID CRITE

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Friday, September 9, 2022

PENDING NEW MEMBER
DAVID MARSHALL CRITE
Sponsored By: Treat Harvey
Induction Date: 10.3.2022



Jeffrey Benjamin Hendriks
Polio Committee Chair



Liz McFarlane
Sergeant-at-Arms



Edward H Pikaart Jr.
Rotary Foundation Chair



Dallas T. Stallings Jr.
Invocations Committee Chair



Tom Bagby
Club Photographer



Ray E. Benson III
Club Fundraising Chair



Dieter Mauch
Community Service Chair



Steed Rollins Jr.
Club Programs Chair



John J. Zenner III
Club Photographer



Indira M. Everett
iPast President



Sharon Kay Lassiter
Club Executive Secretary



Doris Wallace
Asst Governor



DAVID CRITE

I am originally from Greenville, SC. I have lived in various places within the United States, ranging from as far west as Texas, to as far north as Pennsylvania. Moving back to the Carolinas has been a long-time goal of mine and I am excited to now live in the Triangle area. I received my bachelor's degree in management from Clemson University (2006) and my master's degree in political science from Southern New Hampshire University (2020). I have a professional background in operations and currently work for Duke CE, as the North American Facilities Manager.

I enjoy staying physically active by playing basketball, hiking and occasionally riding my bike. I also consider myself to be the ultimate entertainer in karaoke (not much of a singer though lol). Coming from a big extended family and being the youngest of 5 siblings, I naturally developed a love for people. My passion is connecting with people and building strong networks. I have a strong desire to be engaged in the community, to make a positive and lasting impact. For this reason, I believe that being a member of the Rotary Club of Durham, will help me continue to stride in these efforts.

Pending New Member -- ZOEY ELLEN BEST-WAFFLE

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Sunday, September 18, 2022

PENDING NEW MEMBER
ZOEY ELLEN BEST-WAFFLE
Sponsored By: President Geraud Staton
Induction Date: 10.3.2022



ZOEY ELLEN BEST-WAFFLE was born and raised in Durham, North Carolina, and completed her B.S. in Biology at Duke University. Her goal in life was to “save the sea turtles,” so she went on to complete her M.S. in Marine Biology at Nova Southeastern University in South Florida. After failing to find a job in her field and struggling to pay back her student loans, Zoey turned to entrepreneurship in an effort to pay her bills. With no savings or formal business training (and in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic), she and her family created Da Kine’s Kava, Durham’s only non-alcoholic bar. Because of her experience building a business from the ground up, Zoey joined the board of directors for the Helius Foundation and is the current Board Chair. Her Masters Degree is now collecting dust in a closet, and her new goal in life is to help other Millennials and Gen Z embrace entrepreneurship as a viable career option. In her spare time Zoey enjoys SCUBA diving, latin dancing with her husband, and finding new and interesting ways to annoy her two cats.

Pending New Member -- COLIN MYER

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, September 21, 2022

**PENDING NEW MEMBER
COLIN MYER**

**Sponsored By: Kenneth Cutshaw
Induction Date: 10.17.2022**



COLIN MYER

Colin Myer works for AIG Investments originating assets for the company's bond portfolios. He joined them 10 years ago and before that he worked for several large banks; Bankers Trust, Bank of America, Key Bank and CIBC Wood Gundy.

In addition, he is an active member of the Carolina Angel Network which provides seed funding for several UNC affiliated start-ups including The Looma Project, Good United, Next Century Spirits and Second Nature. He has been part owner of two ethanol plants since 2009 both of which are in the process of taking advantage of new technology to sequester their CO2 emissions.

Colin and his wife Laurie moved to the Triangle in 2010 from Kansas and before that lived in New York, Boston, and London, where they met. They are happy to report that they are done moving. They have three children, two married and the youngest marries in April 2023- a special Easter present. No, not yet.

While raising our children, we hosted four different exchange students and have remained close to them ever since. Three were from Germany and one from South Korea and they all became members of our family, so much so that they were invited to both of our children's weddings. The exchange program added immeasurably to our children's lives and to ours.

Colin has been an active participant in American Corporate Partners which brings together a retiring Veteran with a mentor from the civilian world for a year to help the Veteran more easily transition to a full-time job. He has been doing this since AIG joined the program in 2016 and working with his sixth veteran, he is happy to report that all of them are working and developing their "second" careers. Colin also works actively for a non-profit called Families Advocating for Campus Equality which assists students trying to manage their way through the often-incomprehensible University disciplinary process. With retirement looming and wishing to stay active and involved in this great community, Colin wants to join Rotary to take advantage of the service opportunities and to provide mentorship, when he can, to the next generation.

SAVE THE DATE! Durham Rotary Holiday Evening Celebration Event 12.5.2022!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, September 29, 2022



Durham Rotary Club 2022 Holiday Evening Celebration Event!! Monday, 12.5.2022 -- 6pm Durham Bulls PNC Triangle Club -- 3rd Floor *Additional Details To Be Announced!*

Now Accepting Nominations for Our 5th Cohort of Innovation Fellows!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Friday, September 23, 2022

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR OUR 5TH COHORT OF INNOVATION FELLOWS

The Downtown Durham Rotary Club is seeking nominations of a diverse group of high-impact entrepreneurial leaders for our fifth cohort of Innovation Fellows.

Nominations are due Friday, October 14, 2022.

Please send the Nominee's Name, a Brief Bio, and a Short Rationale behind the Nomination to Christopher Gergen: cgergen88@gmail.com. The next Fellowship Class will be selected and announced by the Rotary Innovation Fellowship Advisory Board on November 14, 2022 and will be welcomed into Rotary in early January 2023 for their 18-Month Fellowship.

Nominees Should:

- Represent the rich diversity of Durham
- Be an innovative change-maker having a direct and positive impact in our community (ideally connected to or leading a local non-profit)
- Be committed to attending at least 50% of Rotary lunches and all

Fellowship experiences

- Commit to doing two Rotary Service Projects over the course of the Fellowship
- Be willing to pay \$150 to participate in the Fellowship.

Questions: Contact: Christopher Gergen at: cgergen88@gmail.com

Armenia and Georgia? Sign Me Up!

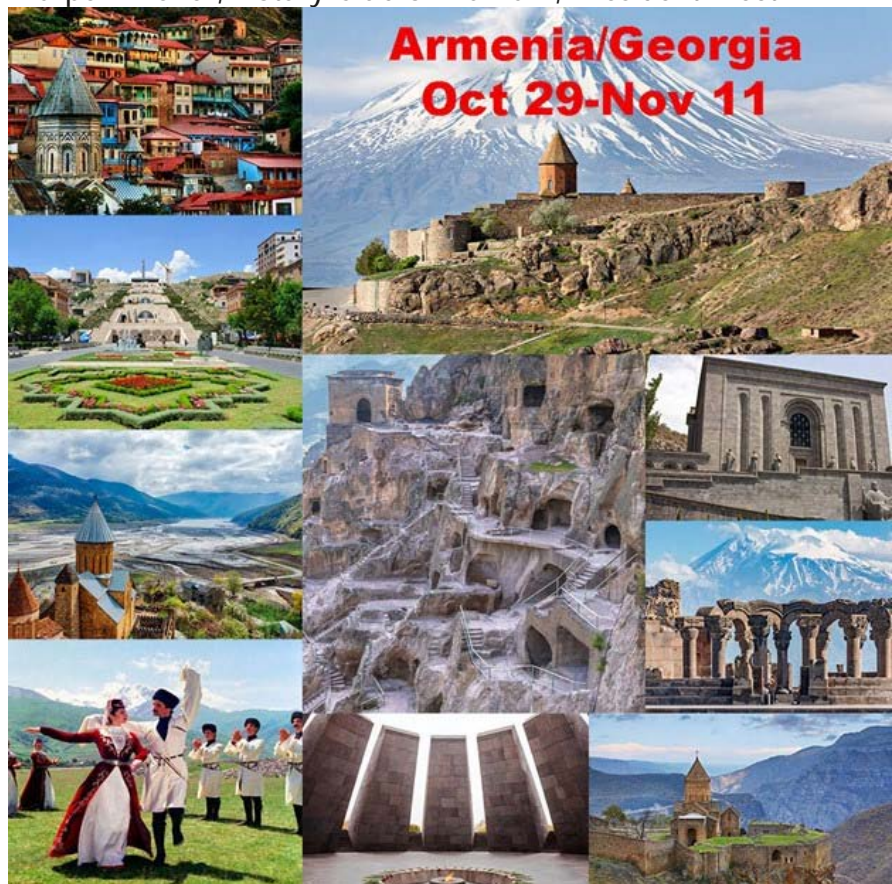
By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, September 27, 2022

ARMENIA AND GEORGIA?

Sign
ME
UP!

I'm convinced Vitaliy Bezrodnov (Fuqua-Varina Downtown Club) knows everyone in the world! After an amazing trip Morocco, he has organized another Rotary trip to Armenia and Georgia. You are invited to join us. Traveling as a Rotarian in foreign countries, you are truly treated like royalty. It is an amazing experience and I am looking forward to going.

Elisabeth Harper Wiener, Rotary Club of Durham, President-Elect



Here's a peek at some of the places we will visit, see and experience:
<https://vimeo.com/749269827>

Several Armenian student groups visited the US and District 7710 in the past 3 years.

These young people are fired up about Rotary! We will be VIP guests to the ROTARACT Club in Yerevan, Armenia during the visit.

Additionally, we will visit up to 10 Rotary Clubs in Georgia and Armenia and hope to make connections to begin exchange programs between these countries and District 7710. Various site attractions, cultural shows, lots of socials with the clubs have been arranged by the host clubs. To be clear, visiting the clubs typically does not mean attending a meeting but having a social, dinner or visiting a site together.

In Georgia, a unique and exotic country, we will experience beautiful nature, their fabulous traditions of dancing and singing and learn everything about Georgian wine in addition to touring the old town of Tbilisi.

Armenia was the first official Christian country. We will visit historical and Christian sites that have been treasured and preserved including the Matenadaran Institute of Ancient Manuscripts and the Aram Khachaturian (the most famous Armenian Composer) Museum [Sabre Dance](#)

The tour will not approach the potential southern conflict zone.

Cost for the trip: \$3000 per person + round trip airline tickets. Transportation and hotels are in place.

Your \$3000 donation to RCF 501(c)3 covers travel and accommodations during the trip

Rotarians from NC, NY, CA already signed up.
Group size to travel: 14

To reserve your place in this trip:
Call/Text Vitaliy Bezrodnov at 216-214-0828
Email: RCFGoldenGates@Gmail.com



Rotaract Club of Duke University Root Causes Meal Packing Event 10.8.2022!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Friday, September 23, 2022

Rotaract Club of Duke University Root Causes Meal Packing Event

Saturday, 10.8.2022 --- 8:30 a.m. -- 11:30 a.m.

Contact Person: Heidi Smith, President
Rotaract Club of Duke University

**We will travel to nearby Root Causes
to pack meals for families in need.**

For More information --- [website](#). Sign up [here](#).

Questions: Please Contact: Heidi Smith, President,
Rotaract Club of Duke University
heidi.a.smith@duke.edu | 330.324.5557

Rotaract Club of Duke University Yam Jam Event 10.22.2022!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Friday, September 23, 2022

Rotaract Club of Duke University Yam Jam Event

Saturday, 10.22.2022 --- 8:00 a.m. -- 12:00 Noon

Contact Person: Heidi Smith, President
Rotaract Club of Duke University

This is one of our favorite yearly events, wherein we travel to a nearby field to glean sweet potatoes that cannot be sold at market to donate them to food insecure individuals.

Sign up [here](#).

Questions: Please Contact: Heidi Smith, President,
Rotaract Club of Duke University
heidi.a.smith@duke.edu | 330.324.5557

DURHAM ROTARY FIRST EVER OKTOBERFEST!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, September 22, 2022



**Help us raise funds for homeless veterans
in conjunction with the Durham VA**



ALSO, THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE ROTARY MEMBER WHO BRINGS THE MOST GUESTS!!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Wednesday, August 24, 2022



GREEN TEAM SERVICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!

Greetings from the Green Team! Are you ready to remove some invasive plant species in our community? The Green Team has been hard at work to identify volunteer opportunities for our members and the club! Please join us for one of these events:

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022: 10 a.m.--1 p.m.

Second Saturday Workday: The Museum of Life and Science

Sign up here: volunteersignup.org/F8QQQ

Saturday, Dec 10, 2022, 9:30 a.m.--12:30 p.m.

Second Saturday Workday: Beaver Marsh Nature Preserve (ECWA)

Sign up here: https://ellerbecreek.secure.force.com/Volunteer_Event_Signup_Page?cid=7018b000001Ix43AAC

Saturday, Feb 11, 2023, 9:30 a.m.--12:30 p.m.

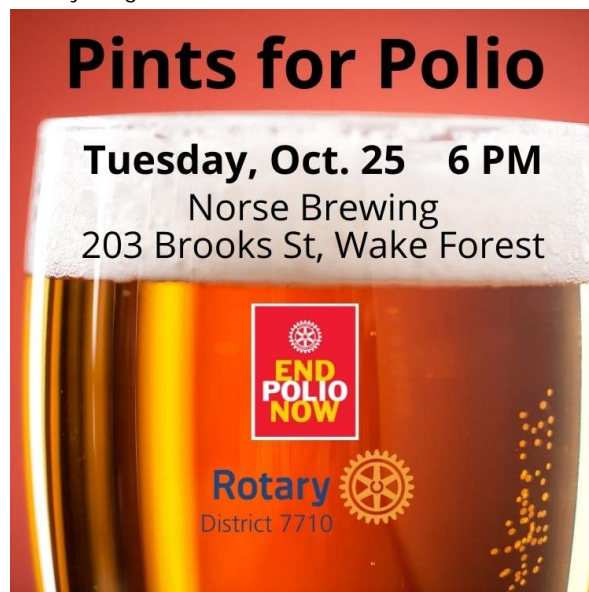
Second Saturday Workday: Beaver Marsh Nature Preserve (ECWA)

Sign up here: https://ellerbecreek.secure.force.com/Volunteer_Event_Signup_Page?cid=7018b000001Ix3uAAC

Tools, instructions, and fellowship will be provided. Just bring your work gloves, sturdy shoes, and a water bottle to stay hydrated! Family members welcome, too. See Jenny with questions: jenny.levine@gmail.com / 919-260-2462

District Event -- Pints For Polio!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Friday, August 26, 2022



D7710 FIRST ANNUAL PINTS4POLIO!!!

WHEN: Tuesday, 10.25.2022 -- 6pm -- 8:30pm

WHERE: NORSE BREWERY



203 Brooks Street

Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587

Light Appetizers Provided
Cash Bar

Recommended Minimum -- \$6.00 Donation At The Door
(\$6.00 Fully Protects 2 Kids From Polio!)
COME HAVE FUN WHILE RAISING FUNDS FOR POLIO PLUS!!

No Zoom Option.

Questions: Contact D7710 Polio Plus Chair, Lynne Carpenter at:
Lynne@phicare.com

**SAVE THE DATE -- Durham Rotary Clubs -- VOLUNTEER DAY!
12.3.2022!**

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, September 20, 2022

SAVE THE DATE



Durham Rotary Clubs Volunteer Day **Saturday, 12.3.2022 --- 9am -12 Noon** **West Point on the Eno**

Join to install educational interpretive signs and a bench along the 0.5 mile Laurel Cliffs Nature Trail. Help with trail maintenance and litter pick-up. Medium- to light-duty jobs available. All training and tools will be provided. Please bring your own work gloves and water.

Sign-up: <https://dprvolunteers.ivolunteer.com/rotaryeno>

Open to members of The Downtown Durham Rotary Club, Southwest Durham Rotary Club, Sunrise Rotary Club, Rotaract, etc. plus their invited guests.

Questions: Email Emily@enoriver.org

Weekly Rotary Meeting -- 9.19.2022 Guest Speaker: Peter Schubert

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Tuesday, August 23, 2022

**Thank You To Our Guest Speaker,
Peter Schubert, For A Very Interesting Presentation!**
Presentation Topic: What's Wrong With Invasive Plants?
[Click Here To View The 9.19.2022 Rotary Meeting](#)

Guest Speaker, Peter Schubert



Sherry DeVries Thanks All Who Served At Centerfest This Past Weekend!





Nichole Gantshar -- Announces Oktoberfest Coming Up In October!



Marcy Lowe -- Announces Green Team Volunteer Opportunities Coming Up!



Rotarian Spotlight!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, July 7, 2022



Reminder Durham Rotarians!
Don't forget our Rotary Member Spotlight!!

What Is Needed:

Headshot or fun picture of yourself

Answer Three (3) of The Following Questions:

- What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?
- What's the last book you read?

What is your favorite hobby?

- What is the first concert you ever attended?
- What is the next place on your travel bucket list?
- Are you currently binge-watching any shows?
- How long have you been a Member of Durham Rotary?
- Why did you join Rotary?
- What is your favorite part of being a Member of Durham Rotary?
- Who inspires you?
- If you could choose anyone as a Mentor, who would you choose, and why?

We hope you will participate! Send your headshot photo and your answers to three of the above-listed questions to either Membership Chair, Sara Stephens or to Sharon!

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]

Durham Rotary Club -- SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, April 21, 2022

DURHAM ROTARY CLUB SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES





Durhamrotaryclub.org



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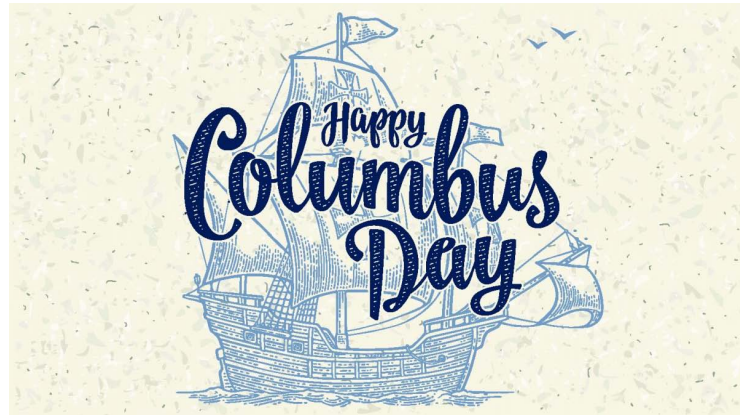
Downtowndurhamrotary



@durhamrotary

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REMINDER -- BOARD MEETING -- Monday, 10.24.2022 -- 10:45 AM Start Time!

By Sharon Kay Lassiter on Thursday, September 29, 2022



Rotary
Club of Durham




Board meeting

MONDAY, 10.24.2022



BEGINNING AT 10:45 A.M.
DURHAM BULLS PNC TRIANGLE CLUB, 3RD FLOOR

Birthdays

	<u>Shelly A. Green</u> September 29th		<u>Aubrey Dea Zinaich</u> October 6th		<u>Barry C. Curtis</u> October 7th		<u>Kimberly Glenn</u> October 8th
	<u>Michael McLawhorn</u> October 10th		<u>Karen Wells</u> October 12th		<u>Stewart Parks Alexander III</u> October 13th		<u>George Lucaci</u> October 16th
	<u>Shemecka McNeil</u> October 17th		<u>Jodee Ann Nimerichter</u> October 18th		<u>Allie Balling</u> October 20th		<u>Sheldon Mitchell</u> October 22nd
	<u>Rebecca Anne Johnson</u> October 22nd		<u>Mimi O'Brien</u> October 22nd		<u>James A. Leak III</u> October 22nd		<u>William Barker French</u> October 25th
	<u>Katherine S. Gill</u> October 29th						