

Club Meeting

Raleigh International (E-Club)
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Rotary@24

Raleigh, NC
Time: Saturday at 09:00 AM

Events

March 2nd
[March WASH Fundraiser for Lister Mair/Gilby High](#)
April 1st
[April WASH Fundraiser for Lister Mair/Gilby High](#)

Speakers

March 29, 2025
[Valarie Jarvis](#)
Sustainable farming in an urban setting.
April 05, 2025
[Vib Shah](#)
What is PETS?
April 12, 2025
[Camille Drake Brassfield](#)
RECRI member, Camille Drake Brassfield will share her story.
April 19, 2025
[No program today](#)
No meeting today in celebration of the Easter holiday.

Birthdays

Melody Keel
April 10th
Oforka Anstem
April 12th

Wedding Anniversaries

Clare A Matti
April 27th
David King Howard
April 28th
Marie Shoemaker Howard
April 28th

After the 1st Birthday, what's next?

By Camille Drake-Brassfield on Sunday, March 23, 2025



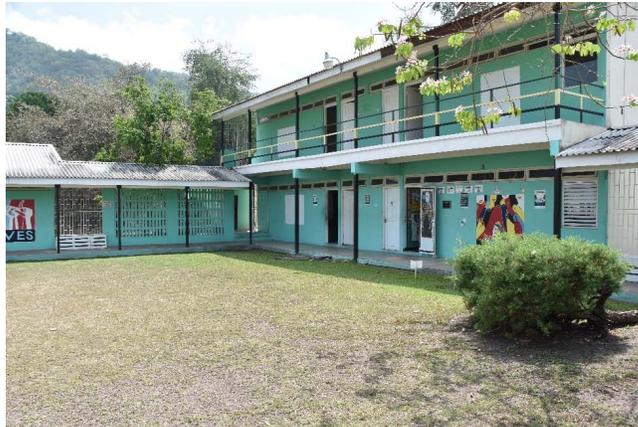
The **Rotary E-Club of Raleigh International (RECRI)** was formally chartered as a Rotary club just one year ago on March 25, 2024. RECRI is a cause-based Rotary club that meets online, and our cause is to serve at the Lister Mair/Gilby High School for the Deaf in Jamaica.

So the anniversary was celebrated: trumpets sounded, the caviar circulated and champagne toasts marked the momentous occasion. A good time was had by all, and then it was time to reflect on what could be accomplished in the 2nd year. One thing agreed on by all members and celebrants was that the 2nd year will have to be twice as impactful in service and selflessness.

In the pipeline are a few things as shared in the weekly meeting of March 22 by President Marie. Those plans include renovations to the May Pen campus, a work experience program for students, continuation of the current hygiene program, and an entrepreneurship class. All this work is projected to cost some \$33,000.

Of course, RECRI will continue to support the deserving students of LMG. Each year, the E-based club members of the Rotary E-Club of Raleigh International **travel** to Jamaica annually to learn about the culture and to conduct hands-on service projects at the school and with other Rotary Clubs. The next trip is expected to be in February 2026.

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It's His Birthday!!

Guess who has a birthday? Founder Paul Harris has a birthday in April. He was born on April 19, 1868, in Racine, Wisconsin.

Some Harris Highlights:

- On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in downtown Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.
- Harris recognized the need to form a national association with an executive board of directors. In August 1910, Rotarians held their first national convention in Chicago, where the 16 existing clubs unified as the National Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International). The new association unanimously elected Harris as its president.



Jean and Paul Harris board a ship after visiting Rotary members in Bermuda, 1925.

District 7710 Spring Best Practices Forum [Learning Assembly]

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Saturday April 26, 2025 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Register



Speaker: DG Jeff Blass & DGE Lisa Higginbotham

Topic: District 7710 Spring Best Practices Forum [Learning Assembly]

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81909693794?pwd=M700QIXND4ZhQF9PPrThTB71ryQDSs.1>

Description:



ROTARY BEST PRACTICES FORUM [Learning Assembly]

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7000 Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh

9:00 AM - noon

Registration opens at 8:30

Light refreshments will be served. Donation \$5

A raffle will be conducted to support the winning club's projects. \$1/ticket

Hybrid Option Available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81909693794?pwd=M700QIXND4ZhQF9PPrThTB71ryQDSs.1>
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Upcoming Conference

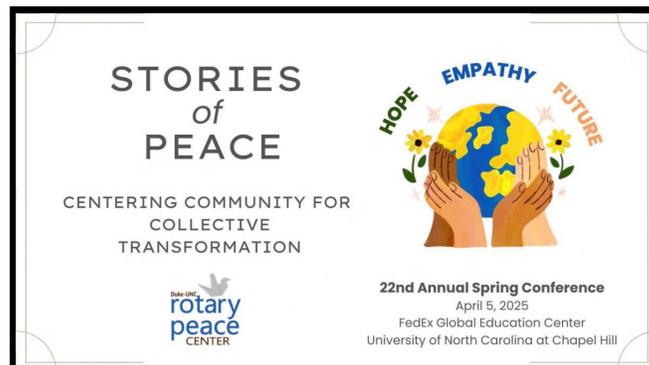
By Camille Drake-Brassfield

Please join fellow Rotarians on Saturday, April 5th for the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center's 22nd Annual Spring Conference. The theme this year will be **Stories of Peace: Centering Community for Collective Transformation**. Class 22 Rotary Peace Fellows will present their research, exploring new ways of thinking about peacebuilding, international development, and conflict transformation in many regions of the world.

The conference will take place at the FedEx Global Education Center on UNC-Chapel Hill's campus from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p. m. Doors will open at 8:00am, and attendees are encouraged to check in and view a special exhibition of research posters created by Class 23 fellows as part of the Peace Innovation Showcase at Duke University last December. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

If you are traveling from out of town and need to book a hotel room, for your convenience, we have reserved blocks of hotel rooms at discounted rates. Information on how to reserve one of these rooms can be found [here](#).

Can't attend in person? A livestream and Zoom webinar will be offered for those who would like to participate in the conference remotely. Those that register to attend virtually will receive a link and instructions on how to attend in advance of the conference.





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Protecting the Environment

April is Rotary's Environment Protection Month April 1 - 30

As Rotarians, we are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

HOW IT HAPPENS

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future.



HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT

Will climate change bring more poverty? Will we be able to stop its worst effects? Former Rotary scholars and peace fellows who studied environmental issues offer their thoughts.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Rotarians understand that the whole world is their backyard. See what members are doing now to protect the environment.

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SAVING HABITATS

Rotary members pledge to restore the monarch butterfly's disappearing habitat.

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