



# Durham Rotary Club Bulletin

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2007-2008 RI Theme

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- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration

### THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### DRC PROGRAM CALENDAR

07/02 – *No Rotary – Holiday Observance*

07/09 – Bill Kalkhof, President

Downtown Durham, Inc.

Introduction: Alan DeLisle

07/16 – Floyd Laisure, Executive Director

John Avery Boys & Girls Clubs

07/23 – Gerry Musante, Author

“The Structure House Weight Loss Plan”

Introduction: Beth Breaux

07/30 - Roz Grace, Director of Outreach

International Medical Core

Introduction: Don Stanger

08/06 – District Governor Barry Phillips

District Governor’s Address

Introduction: Toby Barfield

08/13 – Kelly Hunter

Girls on the Run

Introduction: Beth Breaux

08/20 - Randy Lanou, Michele Myers

“Introduction to Building Green”

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

	7/09	7/16
Musician:	Seth Warner	Verne Lanier
Invocation:		
S-a-A Report:	Earl Tye	Earl Tye
Program Write-up:		



**DRC Raffle** - Supports the RI Foundation Programs and Projects

**Voluntary Contribution:** \$1/ticket; \$5/6 tickets  
Proceeds: 1/2-RI Foundation; 1/2-Winner  
6/25 Total: \$101.00

**The CART Fund** – 6/25 Total: \$37.12

(Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust)

### 06/25/07 – “HANDS (Health Arts Network at Duke)” -- Linda Belans

For our program on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Doug Zinn reintroduced Linda Belans, the Director of Health Arts Network at Duke “HANDS,” and Ms. Belans presented the program that a fire drill cancelled during her previous visit with us. Ms. Belans, an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine at Duke University Medical Center shared with us the documentary film on HANDS that won her a 2007 Gracie award.

The film is a luminous paean to the arts enrichment of the human spirit. The program offers patients and staff at Duke Hospital a path to understanding, compassion and food for that soulful enrichment. As Ms. Belans so eloquently said, art can “give people a place to grieve.” From the opening shots of the American Dance Festival performers, Eiko & Koma, who in Ms. Belans words filled a need people have to feel something other than lightness to the faces of patients and staff experiencing the performances, the film makes it clear, this is a program to touch the heart.

It was a fitting finale to Past President Susan Ross’ year as our President.

... *Respectfully submitted, Ted Corvette*

### President’s Yearend Review

Last July, I started my year buoyed by my experience at the Rotary International Convention, to which you sent Tom and me in Copenhagen. I came back with big ideas inspired by the vision of RI, and I couldn’t wait to get started. Your other officers – Toby, Newman, and Kurt – shared my enthusiasm and so did the Board, for which I’m most grateful. We are a club blessed by leaders who, despite their busy professional lives, choose to put Durham Rotary on their priority lists. I will mention only a few of the dozens and dozens whose work ensures that Rotary remains a vibrant, meaningful part of our lives and of the bigger life of the Durham community.



Under President Dean’s leadership, this Club decided we wanted to make a difference in two big arenas: international issues and education. Figuring out exactly how to turn this thought into concrete programming fell to us over the past Rotary year.

Sam Miglarese and Phil Hutchings focused broadly on our community/philanthropy decisions. Abel Ekpunobi and Bijoy Sahoo helped us look at international opportunities, especially our decision to make a major commitment to the Million Meals project. Our club ended up packaging more meals than any other in the district: over 220,000, thanks to the incredible leadership of our three Rotarians of the Year: Mitzi Viola, Brian Scott, and Lloyd Schmeidler.

But we did other things internationally as well, including a grant to support the African Children’s Choir’s visit to Durham and a grant to help build a water filtration system in India. In addition to our charitable work, we welcomed the GSE team from France with a great week organized by Alan DeLisle and George Habel; hosted a Youth Exchange Student from Venezuela thanks to Chip Denton, Ted Corvette and B.C. Dash, sponsored both a 2007 and 2008 cultural ambassador from the Durham area, and had folks involved with the Rotary Peace Scholars program at Duke.

On the education front, Peter Tompkins and Bud Reiter-Lavery (both 2<sup>nd</sup> year members) designed a School Partnership program that is going to have legs for years to come. We used the good professional services of Communities in School to manage this, and some 20 volunteer Rotarians got involved with Southern and Hillside High Schools by speaking in their classrooms and participating in the AVID recognition lunch we sponsored in April. One of the best “feel good” moments of my year was when Hillside’s AVID teacher told me a couple of weeks ago that we had no idea of the impact we’d had on her classroom -- she told me about a young man – one of the three Durham kids we sent to RYLA, the District Youth Leadership program – who was just selected as Drum Major and whose initiative and self-confidence she believes were greatly impacted by the ways Durham Rotary touched his life.

We did other things in the public schools as well. With Monica Barnes’ guidance, we launched an Interact Club at Riverside and are poised to start one this fall at Hillside. We continued our long-standing support of college scholarships, thanks to Carolyn Titus and Kay Gresham and their committee. We also made a grant to support public school music, sponsored a Drug Abuse essay contest at Jordan, and provided supplies to the Durham Public Education Network.

Outside of our focus areas, we touched lives as well. Our club won the Salvation Army award for bell-ringing success by raising \$4300 last December. We sent numerous boxes of books to servicemen in Iraq through our own Kevin Rumsey. We contributed funds to help the Durham Rescue Mission rebuild from their fire and sent money to Florida for tornado recovery efforts. And we began collecting for Alzheimer’s’ research through the CART buckets. Tom Krakauer and Marilyn Walls surveyed the membership to see how you wanted to the Club to move forward with these varied activities.

Ongoing business of Rotary requires attention too, of course, and one cannot take for granted the hard work that goes into making sure you members receive good value for time invested at our Monday meetings. I was fortunate to have Bernadette Jones as my professional sidekick this year, answering hundreds of questions from me and all of you, taking care of the bulletin, and handling nearly all our RI liaison. I was also lucky to have Seth Jernigan and Malcolm White serve as our Program Chairs for the second year, leading to fabulous speakers all year long.

The room was usually full for our meetings – a testament to people’s commitment to attendance as well as an ever-growing membership (now 209 including our 21 “honorary” members). Mike Burdick and Troy Livingston’s Fellowship and Sergeant-at-Arms Committees kept things moving forward smoothly, and our percentage of attendance went up from 48% to 57%.

While we were saddened by the passing of four longtime members (Dr. Tom Kerns, Phil Hutchings Sr., Bob Alexander, and Gene Staples), we only lost 9 members for relocation or other reasons. Membership Chair Arthur Rogers received the District’s top award for membership growth by bringing in 25 new members, all duly oriented by Anna Jones and her committee, welcomed by Ernie Roessler and our 25 mentors, and already blending into the fabric of Durham Rotary and making us better.

My conversations with our new Rotarians, informally at Dean’s home and at meetings all year long, have convinced me that they joined Rotary for more than just networking, though I’ve often been grateful for the professional connections I have made with so many of you over the last 18 years. What we HOLD in common is a belief in Rotary’s motto: Service Above Self, a commitment which plays itself out in both our service activities and our philanthropic support, locally and internationally.

Ken Lundstrom was an excellent Rotary Foundation chair for us, leading to a successful year with over \$16,000 contributed and 20 new Paul Harris Fellows. This money helps Rotary serve the world through the Foundation but also comes back to the District for club-level grants. We were pleased that both of our proposals to the District were approved this year, giving us \$1000 grants for both the NCCU-Duke Million Meals day and the AVID Awards Lunch. Barry Curtis worked with us on tracking and spending funds from our local endowment, the Durham Rotary Community Fund, the balance of which is up to \$165,000 thanks to the completion of our Centennial Campaign. Members gave \$8,000 in Centennial Campaign contributions and \$4,500 in direct local contributions during the year. Lois Cranford made a record-setting \$3200 profit with our December poinsettia sale and we raised more than \$7000 in outside monies for Million Meals. Altogether, we were responsible for grants of \$38,000 to our various causes this year, and total contributions well over \$30,000.

I believe that the future of Durham Rotary is just as strong as our 90-year history, because we truly are a club that welcomes new people with new ideas and new passions. It has been a privilege to be your president this year.

*Susan C. Ross, President 2006-2007*

**Coverage of the 2007 RI Convention**

*Gates asks Rotarians to think big and reach out to global neighbors  
By Marla Donato Rotary International News -- Photos by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images*



Praising Rotarians for their "mind-boggling efforts" to "dramatically change millions and millions of lives," honorary Rotarian William Gates Sr. called on Rotarians to "think big" and finish the job of polio eradication.

"Now, due mostly to your astounding, 20-year campaign, the world is right on the brink of eliminating polio entirely," said Gates, the co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, closing the third plenary session Tuesday in the packed Salt Palace auditorium. Just moments before Gates

gave his speech, Foundation Chair Luis Giay and 2006-07 President William B. Boyd presented Gates with a Polio Eradication Champion Award.

Gates, a retired Seattle attorney and father of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, introduced himself as "just a guy from the little town of Bremerton, Washington. Yet somehow, I have spent the last decade traveling around the world, thinking about monstrous problems."

Since its inception in 2000, the Gates Foundation has helped fight polio alongside Rotary, contributing US\$150 million to the polio eradication initiative.

"All the money in the world doesn't matter if it isn't spent the right way," Gates said. "[Rotary] gives people a way to convert their resources into results for the people who need them most."

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**Peace Scholar Host Counselors: District 7710 needs nine Rotarians to serve as host counselors for the graduate students arriving for two-year study programs at the Duke - UNC Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution. Assignments will be made in the next several weeks. Nine host counselors are needed, but just 2 people have signed up at present. Please contact PDG Carol Allen, Host Area Coordinator at [caallen@nc.rr.com](mailto:caallen@nc.rr.com) or by phone at 919-552-7124.**

**★ Birthdays – Month of July**

02 George Maddox	11 Terri Mazingo	20 Bobby Haywood
02 Kevin Rumsey	11 Joe Murray	20 Pelham Wilder
07 Carolyn Titus	11 Seth Warner	23 Art Pappas
08 Reyn Bowman	14 Jim Sackett	24 K. v.R. Dev
10 Bill Kerns	14 Milton Whaley	25 Wes Crabtree
10 Matthew Ramadan	15 David McQuaid	30 David Ross
10 Jay Zenner	18 Ken Joyner	31 Carolyn Aaronson

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT - 6/25**

**Speaker:** Linda Belans

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Craige Summers – SW Durham  
Jim Garman – RTP  
Chris Crawford -- Cary  
Lincoln Steffens – Guest of Chris Crawford

**Guests of Members:**

Anders Hall ..... Arthur Rogers  
Ken Brockenbrough ..... Mitzi Viola  
Tom Hadzor, Sarah Ross ..... Susan Ross  
Harriett Ross, Bobby Ross ..... Susan Ross  
Virginia Guilfoile ..... Susan Ross

**Proposed Member – 1ST Posting**

***J. Benjamin Blankenship***  
***CFO & Director of Operations***  
Triangle Community Foundation  
Classification:  
Sponsor: Troy Livingston

**June 25 – Attendance Report**

Total Members	209
Active Number used for attendance	185
Members Present	95
Attendance	51.35%
Month of June	50.36%

**2007-2008 RI & DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

**RI President: Wilfrid J. Wilkinson**  
**District 7710 Governor: Barry Phillips**  
**ADG-Area 7: Karen E. McMahan**

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**Rotary – Humanity In Motion**

Rotary International: 1.2 million Rotarians  
32,000 Clubs;  
200 Countries  
District 7710: 1858 Rotarian - 42 Clubs  
Durham Rotary Club: 209 Rotarians