

# Durham Rotary Club Bulletin

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2007-2008 RI Theme

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The mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- 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

12/03 - Lloyd Schmeidler, Urban Ministries

*"Homelessness in Durham: Myths, Realities & Ending It"*

Introduction: Mark Higgins

12/10 - Radio Media Panel

Walter Sturdivant, General Manager - WCHL

George Boosey, Program Director - WUNC

Billy McClatchey - McClatchey Broadcasting

Moderator: Professor Philip Meyer, UNC

12/17 - Board Meeting - 11:30am

12/17 - Holiday Program

By Durham Public Schools:

*Khori Bledsoe, Pianist - Neal Middle School*

*DPS Spotlight Cabaret Singers*

Introduction: Mary Casey

12/24 - No Meeting - Holiday Observance

12/31 - No Meeting - Holiday Observance

01/07/2008 - TBD

01/14 - Richard & Scott Hill

Sister Cities International of Durham, Inc.

Introduction: Don Stanger

### SERVICE SCHEDULE:

	12/03	12/10
Musician:	Seth Warner	Seth Warner
Invocation:		
S-a-A Report:	Terri Canada	Terri Canada
	Lloyd Schmeidler	Lloyd Schmeidler
Program Write-up:	Peter Tompkins	Peter Tompkins

### DRC Raffle - Supports The RI Foundation

Programs and Projects



Voluntary Contribution: \$1/ticket; \$5/6 tickets

Proceeds: 1/2 to RI Foundation; 1/2 to Winner

11/19 Total Receipts: \$79.00

Winner: Troy Livingston

The CART Fund - 11/19 Total Receipts: \$40.21

(Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust)

11/19/07 -

THANKSGIVING - 'Thanks A Lot'

Reverend Donovan Drake

Those of you who actually read these write-ups know that when it's my turn to do one I try to have some fun with it. But this is a tough one.

Sam Nichols introduced Donovan Drake, his pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church to give the Thanksgiving program. If you weren't there you missed something and there is no way that I could recreate his reflections with the same effect.



My scribbled notes record that he commented on revisionist history. Marie Antoinette didn't really say "Let them eat cake!" Van Gogh didn't cut off his whole ear and Nero wasn't really fiddling while Rome burned. I think he also mentioned that the Pilgrims in 1621 weren't really celebrating with the Indians as much as planning their Christmas decorations and their shopping on "Black Friday" the day after Thanksgiving when the local merchants' accounts finally went into the black after a bountiful harvest. So I guess I'm not the only one who has noticed that the seasonal aisle at the drugstore seems to go right from Halloween to Christmas skipping over Thanksgiving altogether.

Or that the Thanksgiving stories interspersed with the depressing news of wars, cyclones, nuclear proliferation, and recession are all about airline delays, soaring gas prices on the biggest travel day of the year and the dangers of turkey farming.

Donovan explained how the hustle and bustle had pushed Thanksgiving services off the calendars of most churches. His point, of course, is that none of this sounds like the spirit of Thanksgiving which to him was reflected in a story from his boyhood of a visit to his Grandparents' home for the holidays.

He admitted the story really happened at Christmas but was his Thanksgiving story anyway and it involved Apollo 8 and his grandfather who had a face like the surface of the moon and when poked evoked strange sounds. Other details of the story included the basement of his grandfather's house that smelled of motor oil and Old Spice and was home to an old Lionel train set and a rock collection that glowed in black light and a coin collection whose centerpiece was a gold medallion that was really aluminum that went missing, then returned and was finally gifted to the young Donovan.

The message was about grace...grace in its broader meaning, of course, not the short prayer before digging in. I suspect we had been artfully led to reflect at this point on the Thanksgiving stories in our own lives that encompassed this grace. For me it was about my mother who battled cancer long enough to share one more Thanksgiving with her children and their families. During the meal she fell asleep and laid her head down gently in her plate. She died peacefully early the next morning without waking up.

My notes ended there. Maybe I was imagining things but every face in the meeting room seemed to be frozen in rapt attention like happens sometimes at the end of a sad movie when you don't want to reveal that your eyes are glistening and you're afraid that if you meet someone's gaze a tear would roll down your nose and you would have to give yourself away with a sniff and a quick wipe of your fist.

I'm sorry. I tried but I can't do this program justice. You had to be there.

*Respectfully submitted by Jay Zenner*

### Proposed Slate of Officers & Directors - To date:

2008-2009 President-elect (Assumes presidency 2009-2010) - Sam Miglarese

2008-2009 Secretary - Arthur Rogers

2008-2009 Treasurer - (Under Consideration)

3 Directors for 2008-2011 - (Under Consideration)

### For your calendar - Rotary District 7710 Newsletter

Rotary Leadership Institute Jan 26, 2008 - Wake Tech Community College, Raleigh, NC

Rotary Day at the Boys & Girls Home -- Feb 10, 2008 - Lake Waccamaw

District Conference Apr 18-19, 2008 - Friday Center, Chapel Hill

RYLA Apr 18-20, 2008 - Browns Summit, NC

For a complete District 7710 calendar of events, go to the District Web site and click on District Calendar

**DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH.....www.rotary.org**



It is often said that children are the future of the world. Healthy and happy children are key to achieving Rotary's goal of building international understanding and peace in the world. There is no better place to nourish a young mind than in a family whose basic needs have been met and who can spend time together.

Celebrate Rotary's commitment to family in December. Consider bringing together the mothers, fathers, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and members of your Rotary family into shared activities. Participate in a community service project that will help strengthen families in your community by:

- ◆ Sponsoring a seminar for new parents on child development
- ◆ Organizing a father/daughter or mother/son dinner
- ◆ Promoting a family literacy project which emphasizes parents reading to their children
- ◆ Raising awareness of child abuse prevention programs in your community
- ◆ Chaperoning a safe and fun weekend activity for the community's teenagers
- ◆ Volunteering at a shelter for homeless families
- ◆ Assisting the elderly in nursing homes with simple crafts that they can give as gifts to their families
- ◆ Creating a park or recreational area where parents can spend time with their children
- ◆ Providing materials and support to a daycare facility or orphanage
- ◆ Creating an after-school activities program for older children which will give them a safe place to go while their parents are at work

**Celebrate your extended family in December – the Family of Rotary!**

The [2004-05] Family of Rotary Task Force supports clubs in efforts to care for Rotarians and members of Rotary's extended family (spouses, children, and parents) and to remember spouses of deceased Rotarians. Strengthen the Family of Rotary by:

- ◆ Recognizing the contributions of members of the Family of Rotary at a club meeting
- ◆ Encouraging spouses, children, and parents of Rotarians to participate in service projects



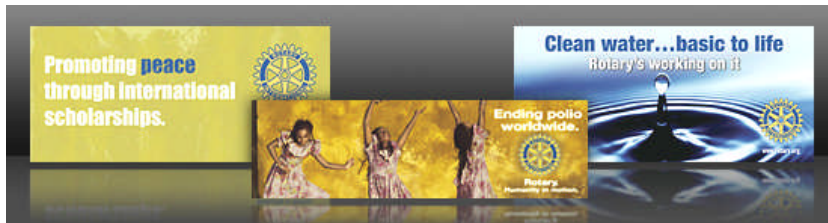
**Bell Ringing – an Annual Club Tradition**

Gather family members and help fill the Red Kettle by signing up to man one or two shifts. The club has committed to ringing 4 days with 9 hour shifts each day needing 2 persons per shift. The dates are **December 14, 19, 20 and 21**. Contact Tom Kerns at [Thomas.Kerns@MorganStanley.com](mailto:Thomas.Kerns@MorganStanley.com) or Seth Jernigan at [sjernigan@realestatesassoc.com](mailto:sjernigan@realestatesassoc.com) to add your name to the schedule. A fantastic way to execute Rotarian *'Humanity In Motion.'*

**Rotary's Humanity in Motion**

television, radio, print, internet and billboard public service announcements (PSAs) also focus on Rotary volunteer efforts to address critical community issues including literacy, water, hunger, and at-risk youth. Whether funding scholarships, creating neighborhood centers, or ridding the world of one of its most horrible diseases, Rotary members believe anything is possible.

Focusing on a variety of volunteer efforts, *Humanity in Motion III: Best of Collection's* four-disc DVD and CD-ROM set contains PSAs for print, Internet, billboards (sample below), radio, and television.



**Million Meals Project: Who has received the food?**

In 2006-2007, Rotary District 7710 packaged nearly 1.4 million meals through Stop Hunger Now's Operation Sharehouse program. The meals were distributed among Haiti, Ghana, Guatemala, and Bolivia.

**★ Birthdays – December**

01 Bill Stambaugh	13 Gus Werner	18 Sam Miglarese
02 Anna Jones	14 Kat�y Assem	18 Marilyn Walls
03 George Deaton	14 Frank Perry	19 Bill Kalkhof
03 Dieter Mauch	17 Bryan Huffman	19 Verne Lanier
05 Cam Glenn	17 Peter Tompkins	29 Bob Yowell
11 BC Dash	17 Bucky Waters	30 Phil Hutchings

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT -11/19**

**Speaker: Reverend Donovan Drake**

**Guests of Members:**

- Kathy Lundstrom* ..... Ken Lundstrom
- Connie McLeod* ..... Randall McLeod
- Robb Cadwallader* ..... Dave Ross

**November 19 – Attendance Report**

Total Members	209
Active Number used for attendance	185
Members Present	106
Attendance	57.30

**Proposed, Approved and Posted New Members:**

**Emric 'Rick' Jorgensen, CPA**

Hutchings & Hutchings, CPA  
 Classification: CPA  
 Sponsor: Phil Hutchings

**Jose L. Lopez, Sr. – Chief of Police**

City of Durham  
 Classification: Municipal Government – Administration  
 Sponsor: Steve Chalmers

**Meg Solera**

(Formerly of Los Altos, CA Rotary Club)  
 Classification: Community Volunteer (Girl Scouts)  
 Sponsor: Susan Ross

**Jose Solera – IT Program Director**

Symantec Corporation  
 Classification: Information Technology  
 Sponsor: Susan Ross

**Bruce E. Smith – Director/Minister**

The Salvation Army  
 Classification: Non-profit Management  
 Sponsor: Howard Clement

**2007-2008 RI & DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

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

**2007-2008 DRC OFFICERS**

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 Jerry O'Keeffe 6/08 Marilyn Walls 6/09  
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 Abe; Ekpunobi 6/10  
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