



# Durham Rotary Club Bulletin

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2006-2007 RI Theme

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## RI MISSION STATEMENT

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

8/14 - Club Goods Donation Collection

8/14 - John Herrera

“Latino Community Credit Union”

Introduction: Malcolm White

8/21 - Tom Howe, Executive Director

“WUNC-TV”

Introduction:

8/28 - TBA

9/04 - No Rotary - *Holiday Observance*

9/11 - Carl Harris, Superintendent

Durham Public Schools Update

Introduction: Seth Jernigan

9/18 - Club to meet at *The Museum of Life & Science on Murray Avenue - Details to follow*

9/25 - TBD

10/2 - Land for Tomorrow Legislation

Introduction: Tom Krakauer

10/9 - No Rotary - *Holiday Observance*

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 14                      August 21

Musician:

Invocation:

S-a-A Report: Troy Livingston



**DRC Raffle** supports the RI Foundation

Programs and Projects.

Voluntary Contribution: \$1/ticket or \$5/6

8/7 Total raised: **\$85.00**

Proceeds: 1/2 to RI Foundation and 1/2 to Winner.

Cash Winner: Don Stanger

## 8/7 - “ROTARY MILLION MEALS KICKOFF PROGRAM”

Tim Mannix, District 7710 Governor

Tim Mannix, District 7710 Governor, outlined his vision for the coming Rotary year and Rotary International’s focus on hunger, literacy, clean water and the family of Rotary.

Tim demonstrated that he is a dynamic leader and a very engaging speaker. He ended the meeting by bursting into a song about achieving peace that had everyone in the room on their feet holding hands and singing along.

But first he urged the club to “be the best club that you can be.”

He made an interesting distinction between just being a member of a club and being a Rotarian. Success, he pointed out, is a journey and not an end. It’s not what you get at the end of the journey, it’s what you have become. And that takes involvement and engagement. He suggests that you learn something along the way and leave a legacy by recruiting, not just to expand the rolls but to increase the spirit of Rotary. His second wish is that each club get involved with the schools and, third, to embrace the “internationality” of Rotary, urging us again to get involved in the Million Meals program that Ray Buchanan had outlined the week before.



[Cathy Mannix, DG Tim Mannix, Susan Ross]

Tim made another colorful point by breaking down the \$244 billion spent every year in this country for snacks, candy, soda, beer, pets, etc., and how just a fraction of that could eradicate hunger, or immunize for all diseases, or wipe out illiteracy. He could have also made the point that \$244 billion is just a fraction of what the world spends annually for armament.

It was an uplifting presentation coming after several weeks of truly depressing news coming out of the Middle East. It occurred to me as I tried to summarize Tim’s points that Rotary and the ideals it embodies are the ultimate anti-terrorist weapon. The peace we sang about so robustly can only come about if we pursue those ideals with even greater passion than the passion of the nihilists who would destroy us.

- Jay Zenner

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **WELCOME** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



We readily welcome the presence and participation of the new members inducted at the August 7, 2006 meeting: **Charles Cury**, Senior Vice-president Piedmont Investment Advisors, LLC - Classification: Investment Advisor presented by Mike Woodard, Sponsor; **Bryan Huffman**, Executive Director - Durham YMCA, Classification: Non-profit Management presented by Arthur Rogers for Chris Hughes, sponsor; **Don Stanger**, Owner & Principal Business Consultant, The Transnational Group, LLC, Classification: Business Consultant presented by Arthur Rogers for Wayne Hays, sponsor.

## Paul Harris Fellow Award

**Harrison Shannon** has become a PHF under the auspices of *Linda and Dennis McLain* his membership sponsors and benefactors who contributed the funds in Harrison’s name.

## DRC Million Meals - Leading the Way

Volunteer teams of nine people assemble packed bags of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a chicken/vegetable stock which includes 20 vitamins. Each bag contains six meals at a cost of about 20 cents per meal. Each team member can assemble on average 100 bags team per hour. In a two hour shift, that is 200 bags per person. A nine person team can assemble 1800 bags!! At 6 meals per bag, that is 10,800 meals per team!! How rewarding is that??



You and eight of your best friends can get together for one two hour shift, make 1800 bags and feed 10,800!!! Who would not want to do this!!

What is our role? To lead the way for Rotary District 7710 in meeting the One Million Meal challenge set by District Governor Tim Mannix.

**When? Saturday, September 23, 2006**

**What time? 9:00 - 11:00; 11:30-1:30; 2:00-4:00 shifts**

**Where? Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church**

If you want to assemble a team or have questions, please contact Mitzi Viola at 919-730-4690 or email: [mviola@durhamhabitat.org](mailto:mviola@durhamhabitat.org).

## AUGUST is MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

**A conversation with Chris Offer, Chair of the Rotary International Membership Development and Retention Committee -- *The Rotarian***

Chris Offer, a member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown, B.C., Canada, is a police administrator who joined Rotary after traveling to India in 1981 on a Group Study Exchange. His wife, Penny, is a Rotarian in the same club. We interviewed Offer for Membership and Extension Month.

**How did you first hear about Rotary?** - I was a police officer in Vancouver, minding my own business, and this notice appeared on our bulletin board that this group called Rotary was looking for people to go to India. They were going to pay, and I thought that was a pretty good deal. Also, there was a lot of political agitation and some violence in Vancouver's South Asian community at the time, so the police needed to understand the culture. So off I went to India, on a GSE. It's one of those things that change your life.

**How so?** - I went to a school where the kids sang to us. Rotarians had built the school, so we were heroes to those kids. I thought, this is what that Rotary stuff is about.

**What else did you learn on the GSE trip?** - We stayed in Hindu homes, and you could have an honest discussion around cultural differences. You could say, "Look, you've got all these people starving, and you've got all these cows, why can't you go over and whack a couple of them over the head and eat them?" The thing I always remember that they didn't understand in our culture was, do you really put your parents in homes? At that time, my mother was going into a nursing home. And they thought this was terrible, because [in Hindu culture] your parents stay with you, no matter what.

**Why did you join Rotary?** - My experience was so positive that when I came back, I wanted to join as soon as I could. But I joined Rotary for professional reasons too. The police department encouraged people to be involved with the community. Not everybody joins for altruistic reasons, for Service Above Self, and there's nothing wrong with that.

**Did Rotary help advance your career?** - Yes, I really believe it did. Rotary gave me a much broader view of the community, good contacts, and a better appreciation for what community leaders were thinking about the police department.

**How can clubs increase diversity?** - We're rightfully proud of the internationality of Rotary. But do clubs reflect the community? I think we have to consciously go out and recruit. There are programs you can use, such as GSE, or you can partner on a project.

**Do politics belong at Rotary meetings?** - Oh, yes, as long as [the discussion] is balanced. Nothing wrong with politicians speaking at Rotary, and that includes during election years, as long as you invite the main political parties. Rotary cannot and should not ever endorse a candidate.

**Should Rotary loosen up attendance requirements?** - No. We're at a good balance. There's more discretion for make-ups, and we have online meetings through e-clubs. We have to ask, what makes Rotary different from other organizations? One way is that we demand that Rotarians be active. We all know of organizations where the members pay dues and get a newsletter but are just not engaged.

**What is your most important goal as membership chair?** - For each club to see a net gain of one member - a main goal of the 2006-07 Presidential Citation. My personal goal is to encourage clubs to adopt the Club Leadership Plan. It is one of the most innovative and practical steps Rotary has taken in years. I'm baffled by any club that won't implement the plan.

**What can Rotarians do to increase membership?** - Just ask. When asked to join Rotary by a friend, professional colleague, or family member, most people say yes. The [Best Practices Exchange](#) also offers numerous successful approaches. Some often neglected sources for members are Rotary Foundation alumni, such as former scholars and GSE team members, and alumni from RI programs, such as former Rotaractors. I am in Rotary today because a Rotarian tenaciously kept asking me to join after my GSE experience in India.

**What's the biggest challenge facing Rotary in the next 10 years?** - We need to ensure that Rotary has a higher profile. For every type of service Rotary does, there are other organizations doing it too. To make sure we're not overlooked, we have to go beyond the public service announcements to buying ads. And Rotary's got to grasp new technology, whether it's pod casting, blogs, or mini-CD brochures. When you deliver our message in an electronic format, it also delivers the message that we're technologically advanced.

**What is the Rotary message?** - Rotary is a fun way to contribute. Rotarians are active, interested, and involved, and they contribute to the civic capital of their community. A community is a better place if it has a Rotary club.

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**DRC Item - Kevin Rumsey - keeping in contact** - Kevin was called to active duty in Iraq. Anyone who wishes to contact him can e-mail him at: [rumminator@aol.com](mailto:rumminator@aol.com). Kevin's wife, Trish provided this link to see Kevin in action during his 2005 tour - <http://hometown.aol.com/rumminator/RP2Rumsey.html>



### Member Birthdays - Month of August

04 Hank Hurd	16 Page Wilson	29 Warren Pope
06 Patrick Baker	21 Randy Kolls	29 John Rogers
10 Dale Stewart	22 D. St. Pierre Du Bose	30 Carl Harris
11 Marcus Hobbs	26 Gene Staples	31 Seth Jernigan
11 Troy Livingston	27 Mitzi Viola	

## Sergeant-at-Arms Report - 8/7 Meeting

**Program Speaker:** DG Tim Mannix

### Visiting Rotarian

Linda McLain - Raleigh Crabtree

### Guests of Members:

*Katey Assem, Rob Chapman, Mohitt Sahoo* ..... Bijoy Sahoo  
*Radu MicLaus* ..... Jerry O'Keefe  
*Ray Buchanan, Thelma Battle* ..... Akeem Bello  
*Tom Hadzor* ..... Susan Ross

### Guests of Club:

Cathy Mannix - District Governor's Rotary Partner  
Kate Young - Cultural Exchange Student  
Sarah Ross - Riverside High Interact Club Co-Initiator

### Proposed Member - 1st Posting

*Mary Holderness*, Sole Proprietor  
Mary D. Holderness Consultant  
Classification:  
Sponsor: Eileen Watts Welch

### Pending Members - Approved & Posted

*Ruth Dzau*, Community Volunteer proposed by Howard Clement; *Isaac Green, President & CEO*, Piedmont Investment Advisors, LLC proposed by Mike Woodard

### August 7 - Attendance Report

Total Members	198
Active Number used for attendance	170
Members Present	91
Attendance	53.53%

### RI & DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

RI President: W.B. (Bill) Boyd  
District 7710 Governor: Tim Mannix  
ADG-Area 7: Karen E. McMahan

### 2006-2007 DRC OFFICERS

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### Summer travels interfering with meeting attendance?

Meeting make-ups can be conducted online as an alternative for people unable to attend a meeting at another club location. The link to one of the e-clubs is: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).