



Note from President Kevin & Meeting Recap

I hope everyone had a really nice holiday season and got to spend some time with friends and family! We had a great turnout at the Rotary Club Holiday Party, and it was a lot of fun! Thanks to Greg Braun, Barney Sutton, and others. Looking back at 2023, I appreciate more and more the friendships with Rotarians and continue to be impressed with the good we can accomplish together. Thanks for everything you've done over the last year. Looking forward to an enjoyable year in 2024!



If you missed my earlier email recap of our December 7 meeting with **Jamal Muashsher**, President & CEO of Valvoline Global, click [Read More](#) below.

Happy New Year!

Kevin Lynch, JD
President
Rotary Club of Louisville

[Read More](#)

It's Bring a Kid to Rotary Day!



Our meeting today, January 4th, at the [Kentucky Science Center](#), will be our inaugural "Bring a Kid to Rotary" Day. We will have lunch and a brief "regular" meeting in the River View room at 727 W. Main Street. Rotarian and KSC CEO **Mike Norman** will share an update about the Center. Rotarians and guests will then have free access to the Science Center until it closes at 5:00pm. Bristol Catering will be providing boxed lunches for those who wish to purchase (each sandwich comes with Bristol bread and butter, a fresh fruit cup, a bag of chips, a cookie, and bottled water - we have a couple of smoked turkey lunches still available). You and/or your guest(s) can also attend for a \$5 meeting fee if you do not wish to purchase lunch. RSVP HERE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCL010424>

Note: The parking area is located directly behind Kentucky Science Center, at the intersection of River Road and Eighth Street, under I-64. Parking is \$10 daily. Science Center members enjoy a discounted \$7 rate. The parking kiosk accepts credit/debit cards only. Visitors with cash may pay for their parking at Kentucky Science Center before exiting.

Next Week's Meeting - Catherine Surratt, Speed Art Museum



Next week's meeting on Thursday, January 11th, at the University Club, will feature **Catherine Surratt, Chief Operating and Business Officer of the Speed Art Museum.**

“The Speed Art Museum Unveils New Outdoor Park”

The Speed Art Museum’s Art Park is a new three-acre Public Sculpture Park and Community Gathering Space that will be free to the public. See the plans and renderings for The Speed Outdoors – a vibrant public green space for Louisville that will create new opportunities to connect through art and nature. With construction underway, the Art Park is slated for completion in 2025.

The menu will be beef stew with smoked gouda grits; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

There is a \$5 meeting fee for those who choose not to purchase a meal - this will include a dessert and tea/coffee/water and, of course, a fantastic program. You can pay \$5 cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, January 8th, [HERE](#).

Click Read More to view Speaker Bio: [Read More](#)

Mayor's State of the City Address: February 1st

Mayor Greenberg will present his annual *State of the City* address to our Club on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at noon at the new LMPD Summit Wellness Center at 601 Presidents Blvd. Lunch will be catered by [Happy Belly Bistro](#); we are finalizing the menu and pricing and will share a registration link soon. Please go ahead and share the date with the guests you plan to invite.



Rotary Annual Meeting & Holiday Party

Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate the holidays with us at Big Spring Country Club and to all who helped with the planning and coordination! As you can see from [this video clip](#) and the photos below, it was a fun event! Thanks to Linda Bartrom-Moore who also helped capture some special moments - you can see her photos on [Facebook](#).



Congratulations to Incoming Officers & Directors

By Lori Hudson Flanery

The election results are in! Please join me in welcoming these incoming Club and Fund officers and directors, whose terms will begin July 1.





Ken Selvaggi
Club President-Elect (2024-2025)
General Manager, ESPN Louisville

Ken has been a Rotarian for nearly 25 years - 13 with the Rotary Club of Louisville - and is passionate about Rotary's mission of Service Above Self. He is a former Club Board Director and currently serves on several committees, including the Speakers Committee, the Community Impact Committee, and The Rotary Foundation Committee. He has mentored students at Western and Iroquois High Schools and the West End School, served meals at Re:Center Ministries, and been a bell ringer for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. He is a former Board Chair of both Leadership Louisville and the Kentucky Derby Festival, and currently serves on the advisory boards of Kosair for Kids, the Downtown YMCA, and Campbellsville University Louisville, as well as the boards of the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation, Imagination Library, the Kentucky Derby Festival, the Kentucky Derby Festival Foundation, and the Kentucky Broadcasters Association. He previously served on the boards of Actors Theatre, Kentucky Shakespeare, and the Metro United Way Community Impact Council. He is a Paul Harris Fellow +2. Ken and his wife Anne have been married for 30 years and have three children.



Craig Mooney
Club & Fund Treasurer (2024-2026)
COO/CFO, Bosse Construction Inc.

Craig joined Rotary in August 2018, wanting to get involved with an organization that provided him with opportunities to serve the community. Since joining, he has participated in serving the monthly dinner at Re:Center Ministries, the cleaning of the Louisville Knot, and the Rotary sponsored Habitat for Humanity build. He is a current Board Director, chairs the Rotary Honors Scholars (RHS) Committee and has enjoyed working with students at both Iroquois and Western High Schools. RHS has allowed him to make better connections and new friends with fellow Rotarians and community leaders. Membership in Rotary has been a very rewarding experience, and continuing his Board service as Treasurer is an additional way to give back to the Club. Craig is a Paul Harris Fellow.



Gary W. Dryden, Jr.
Club Board Director (2024-2026)

Club Board Director (2024-2026)

VP of Administration & CFO

Jefferson Community and Technical College

Gary is honored to be considered for board membership for the Rotary Club of Louisville and would be thrilled to serve in this capacity. He feels he can effectively advocate for Rotary's mission with potential members, community leaders and the general public, since he will be advocating for something he is passionate about. Since joining the Club in 2019, he has seen first-hand that Rotary is rooted in serving both local and international communities, and is truly an organization that is impacting our community. Being a Rotarian offers the chance to truly embody "servant leadership." Serving as Director will provide the opportunity to develop skills while increasing the diverse representation of Rotary board members. Gary previously served as the Vice Chair of the Club's Hospitality Committee and a member of the DEI Committee.

**Alisa Oerther Gray****Club Board Director (2024-2026)**

President & CEO, Kentucky Humane Society

Alisa would be truly honored to serve on the Rotary Board, having been an enthusiastic Rotarian for the past two years. Her journey with Rotary has been incredibly rewarding, and she has found immense fulfillment as a member of both the Lifeline (Vice Chair) and Social Activities Committees. Her passion for service and connecting with others has deep roots, instilled by her grandmother, who taught her the profound importance of "Service Above Self." Since the age of 13, she has been an active volunteer at many incredible organizations, and has discovered that the joy of giving back is a lifelong pursuit. Alisa joined the Kentucky Humane Society in 2014, after working at Louisville Metro Animal Services, Wayside Christian Mission and Lexington Humane Society. In her 15 years within animal welfare and social services, she has held multiple positions in leadership, development, public relations, management, client services, volunteer and education and shelter operations. Alisa lives in Louisville with her husband, Josh, 4-year-old son, Weller, and KHS's "Failed Foster" Rescue, Winston.

**Louis Straub****Club Board Director (2024-2026)**

President, Independence Bank

Louis would be honored to serve as a Club Director. Since joining the Club in 2019, Louis has become a Paul Harris Fellow and served in numerous volunteer capacities. He believes in "Service Above Self" and lives out the motto within his company. Since opening the doors of Independence Bank in 2018, the Bank has earned "Best Places to Work" recognition every year and was ranked #1 among the *Best Places to Work in Louisville* in 2023. Also in 2023, Independence Bank won the Louisville Business First Community Impact Award for the leadership and organization of Wilt Week, to raise money and honor police Officer Nickolas Wilt, who was shot in the line of duty. Before joining Independence Bank, Louis spent 31 years at JPMorgan Chase, with his final years managing government business for 11 states. He has helped finance many of the well-known public infrastructure projects and

...has helped initiate many of the most important preservation projects and iconic cultural buildings in our community. He has served on and chaired numerous boards over his career, including Metro United Way, Brightside, Norton Healthcare, One West, New Directions Housing Corp, KY Student Loan Corp, and KY Teacher's Retirement System. Louis and his wife Elizabeth have two adult children attending college.



Maggie Harlow
Club Board Director (2024-2026)
Co-Owner, Signarama Downtown

Maggie has loved getting to know Rotary since she joined the Club in 2017, and is eager to see what she can do to help support this storied club and the Louisville community. She feels strongly that the direction the Club has taken has been exciting, and she would like to continue to help bring great speakers and programs to our membership. With her husband, Brian, she is a local business owner and very active in the philanthropic community. She raised two sons in Louisville and is proud they remain Louisville citizens.



Michelle Black White
Rotary Fund Board Director (2024-2027)
Executive Director, Brightside Foundation

Michelle has been a member of Rotary since 2022 and has served on the Service Projects Committee, where she has been helping to modernize the grant application process. She has more than 25 years in nonprofit leadership through her work with the Junior League of Louisville, KMAC, Gallopalooza, and the Brightside Foundation. Michelle is passionate about the vision and mission of Rotary and is excited about the opportunity to join the Board of the Rotary Fund of Louisville.

2023 Battle of the Bells

By George Brakmeier

Thanks to all who showed up to ring the bells as part of our "*Battle of the Bells*" with the Kiwanis Club. You can still make a donation [HERE](#).



Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring

By Craig Mooney

Consider adding one or more of the dates below to your calendar to come out and help mentor our Rotary Honors Scholars. Connect with me at cmooney@bosseconstruction.com if you would like to participate...it's a lot of fun!

The schedule for Iroquois HS, 4615 Taylor Blvd, Louisville, KY 40215:

- **January 31**
- February 14
- March 27

The schedule for Western HS, 2501 Rockford Ln, Shively, KY 40216

- **January 23**
- February 27
- March 19

** Thursday, May 9th, is the tentative date for our Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration luncheon.

Click Read More to see photos.

[Read More](#)

Save the Date: Cooking@Millie's on February 20

By Alisa Gray

Please join us on Tuesday, February 20, at 6:00 pm for date night or just an enjoyable evening with your Rotary friends.

Where: [Cooking@Millie's](#), 340 W Chestnut St

Menu: Bacon Wrapped Stuffed Zucchini, Bourbon Glazed Salmon, and Tiramisu; wine included

\$60 per person or \$120 per couple; RSVP deadline: Feb 10 (watch for registration link soon)

The event usually lasts 1.5 to 2 hours. Participants will be in a class setting with the inherent risks of a culinary setting. Any dietary restrictions will need to be discussed far in advance of the menu selection to see if we can accommodate any requests.



Events & Opportunities: Kosair for Kids

By Craig Scherman

What: *Hats On For Healing*

Organization: Kosair for Kids

Description: We need your slightly used Derby Hats! Your donation benefits the Kosair for Kids Child Abuse Prevention Fund. Your hat(s) will be auctioned to the highest bidder on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the annual "Hats On For Healing" event at The Olmsted. Last year, Kosair raised over \$37,000! All are welcome to this fun free event. I serve on Kosair's Board of Advisers and I will pick up, or you can bring to a Rotary meeting.



More information: <https://www.kosair.org/events/hats-on-for-healing>

Member to contact: Craig Scherman, 502-439-4396, scherman@win.net

Note: This section features upcoming events and opportunities to serve with our nonprofit member organizations. Submissions must be from a member (or spouse/partner) of our Club who is either an employee or board member of the organization for which the event/opportunity is being shared. Click [HERE](#) to submit.

2023-2024 Rotary Award Nominations

By Karen Morrison

The Rotary **Service Above Self** award recognizes members of the Rotary Club of Louisville who have demonstrated recent significant service to the Club, going above and beyond, through excellent work on a project or committee service. The award is given periodically throughout the year. Please consider members who should be publicly thanked for their notable service on Club projects and submit recommendations. There is no timeline; applications are received throughout the year. You can email [nomination forms](#) to Awards & Recognition Chair Karen Morrison at Karen@gck.org or mail to 657 S Hurstbourne Pkwy, Ste D-226, Louisville, KY 40222.

The Rotary **Lifetime Service Award** award honors a member who has exhibited a personal dedication to the pursuit of Rotary's values in one or more of Rotary's avenues of service. It recognizes a Rotarian's full body of service both to Rotary and to other organizations in the community, region and beyond. Download the nomination form [HERE](#).

We will begin accepting nominations for the **Rotarian of the Year Award** as we get closer to the end of our Rotary year in June.

Click below for more info and a list of criteria for nominations.

[Read More](#)

January 4th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: "Bring a Kid to Rotary" Day

Location: Kentucky Science Center 727 W Main St
Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Kentucky Science Center

January 11th, 11:00-12:00 PM

Social Activities Committee Meeting

January 11th, 1:00-2:00 PM

Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting

Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

January 18th, 1:15-2:15 PM

Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting

Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

January 25th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Shelly Zegart

Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E
Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Shelly Zegart, Kentucky to the World

February 1st, 10:30-11:30 AM

DEI Committee Meeting

Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

February 8th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Debbie Ford

Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E
Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Dr. Debbie Ford, Chancellor, IU
Southeast

February 15th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Cleo Battle

Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E
Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Cleo Battle, Louisville Tourism

February 15th, 1:15-2:15 PM

Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting

Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

January 11th, 10:30-11:30 AM

DEI Committee Meeting

Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

January 11th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Catherine Surratt

Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E
Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Catherine Surratt, Speed Art Museum

January 18th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Alan Lenahan

Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E
Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Alan Lenahan, CEO of Fund Evaluation
Group

January 23rd, 8:40-9:45 AM

RHS Mentoring at Western High School

January 31st, 8:40-9:45 AM

RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

February 1st, 11:30-1:00 PM

Mayor's State of the City Address

Location: Metro Employee Wellness Center 400 S
1st Street

Speaker: Mayor Craig Greenberg

Subject: Annual State of the City Address

February 14th, 8:40-9:45 AM

RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

February 15th, 1:00-2:00 PM

Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting

February 20th, 6:00-8:00 PM




Rotary Date Night: Cooking @ Millie's

Location: 340 W Chestnut St Louisville, KY

Birthdays

	Sarah Hugenberg January 1st		Benjamin W Taylor January 1st		David B. James January 4th		Jeremy Vokurka January 4th
	Carl Coslow January 5th		Charles Lambert January 5th		Rudolph Spencer January 5th		Lori Hudson Flanery January 6th
	Tina Jo Walters January 6th		Neville Blakemore January 7th		Courtney Evans January 9th		Bill Stone January 9th
	Maynard L. Stetten M.D. January 10th		Janice L. Purcell January 12th		Michael L. Holwerda January 12th		Terry G. Waddle January 14th
	Steve Rungwerth January 15th		Barbara Sexton Smith January 15th		Jess Metzmeier January 15th		

Club Leaders

	<u>Kevin Lynch</u> President		<u>Lori Hudson Flanery</u> President-Elect		<u>Kevin Fields</u> Secretary		<u>Kim Halbauer</u> Treasurer
	<u>Claire Arnold</u> Club Director		<u>Gregory Patrick Braun</u> Club Director		<u>Paula Grisanti</u> Club Director		<u>Charles D. Hartlage</u> Club Director
	<u>Jay Mallory</u> Club Director Membership Chair		<u>Kevin J McCarron</u> Public Image Chair Club Director		<u>Craig Mooney</u> Club Director		<u>Denise L Sears</u> Club Director
	<u>Harry Louis Seeger V</u> Club Director		<u>Amy Luttrell</u> Rotary Foundation Chair		<u>Steven A. Eggers</u> Club Service Chair		<u>Walt L. Kunau</u> iPast President
	<u>Delene E Taylor</u> Club Executive Secretary						

Contact Us:

Rotary Club of Louisville
657 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy, Ste D-226
Louisville, KY 40222
Email: rotary@rotary45.org
Phone: [502-589-1800](tel:502-589-1800)