



Note from President Kevin

What happened to January? Itâ€™s almost gone!

Click [HERE](#) for my summary of last weekâ€™s luncheon.



This Week's Meeting: Mayor's State of the City Address

Louisville Metro Mayor Craig Greenberg will present his annual **State of the City Address** to our Club on Thursday, February 1, at noon at the new LMPD Summit Wellness Center at 601 Presidents Blvd.

This event is SOLD OUT.



Read Mayor Craig Greenberg's bio [HERE](#).

Next Week's Meeting: Chancellor Debbie Ford, Indiana University Southeast



The February 8 meeting will feature IU-Southeast **Chancellor Debbie Ford**.

Building Bridges with Indiana University Southeast

Chancellor Ford will provide an update and share her vision as the university's new leader.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, February 5 [HERE](#).

The menu will be pork tenderloin with mashed potatoes and gravy and corn on the cob; 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.

Click [HERE](#) to read Chancellor Ford's bio.

Rotary Day at the Opera: February 18

Our Rotary Day at the Opera is Sunday, February 18, for the matinee showing of The Pirates of Penzance.



Come meet the characters of Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* as they untangle a leap-year mistake, discover young love, and stand firm-ish in their codes of honor. You'll hear the well-loved aria, "Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General," and delight in all the quips, absurdities, and music in this comedic Kentucky Opera production.

We hope to include a back-stage tour. Purchase your tickets [HERE](#) (link will take you directly to the Rotary reserved section with the discounted ticket price); **deadline is February 5th**.

● Price B Orchestra
\$60.00

● Rotary \$45: \$60.00

● Unavailable Seat

● Selected Seat

★ Additional Info

Join us for a swashbuckling good time!

Cooking@Millie's on February 20

By Alisa Gray

Please join us on Tuesday, February 20 at 6 p.m. for 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 [HERE](#) before **Feb 10**

The event lasts 1.5 to 2 hours. Participants will be in a class setting with the inherent risks of a culinary setting. Any dietary restrictions need to be discussed in advance.



Rotary Day at the Downs: May 1



Join us for **Rotary Day at the Downs on Wednesday, May 1.**

We have reserved the brand-new [Silks Balcony and Loge](#) for Champions Day. Our group will have an elevated view of the Paddock in a covered open-air setting. This area offers both dining tables and box seats. Enjoy easy access to a dedicated race viewing location in the 3rd floor Clubhouse in Section 320.

Rotary Day at the Downs for Champions Day

Wednesday, May 1

Gates Open: 11:30 a.m.

First Race: 12:45 p.m.

Champions Day shines a spotlight on the rich history of the Kentucky Derby and the thrilling world of thoroughbred racing. This year, we're setting the stage for an even more expansive celebration, paying tribute to the extraordinary Kentucky champions who have excelled across a diverse spectrum of sports.

Tickets are \$140 per person and include admission, racing program, 4-hour Chef's Table Buffet, coffee, tea and soft drinks, and a 4-hour OPEN BAR.

Parking: Tickets include free parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center, with continuous shuttles to/from the Paddock Gate at Churchill Downs.

REGISTER NOW to secure your spot! [CLICK HERE](#)

IN MEMORIAM: Nancy Stetten



Condolences to long-time Rotarian and past president Dr. Maynard "Stet" Stetten on the passing of his beloved wife Nancy on January 19th, as well as to their son and former Rotarian Matthew Stetten.

You can view the full obituary [HERE](#).

A ceremony will be held to honor Nancy's life on Thursday, February 8th from 4:00-7:00pm at Pearson's Funeral Home.

We will have a moment of silence in her memory at our meeting that day.

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Rebecca Grignon-Reker



Congratulations to **Rotarian Rebecca Grignon Reker**, Executive Director, Louisville Metro Police Foundation, for being selected to participate in the **Leadership Louisville Center's Bingham Fellows Class of 2024**.

The topic for the 2024 Bingham Fellows is *Safer City: Creating a Thriving City for All*, focused on preventing and reducing violence - also an important focus for our club this year. Congratulations, Rebecca!

[Read more about the 2024 Bingham Fellows program.](#)

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Ashley Brauer



Congratulations to Rotarian **Ashley Brauer** on being featured in the January edition of Today's Woman Magazine.

Read her article about the power of personal branding [HERE](#).

Rotarians in the Spotlight: Maggie Harlow



Congratulations to **Rotarian Maggie Harlow** on being honored with the prestigious *Enterprising Women of the Year Award*!

This accolade is a testament to Maggie's dedication, leadership, and innovative spirit in steering Signarama Downtown Louisville to new heights.

Learn more about the award [HERE](#).

Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring

By Craig Mooney

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!

Iroquois High School (4615 Taylor Blvd, Louisville, KY 40215)

- February 14
- March 27

Western High School (2501 Rockford Ln, Shively, KY 40216)

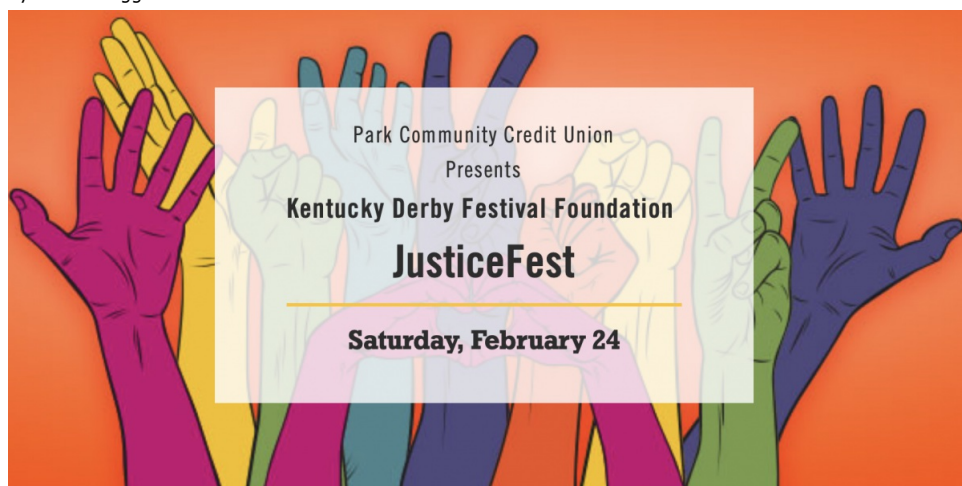
- February 27
- March 19

****SAVE THE DATE:** Thursday, May 9 is our Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration luncheon.

[Read More](#)

JusticeFest 2024

By Ken Selvaggi



Volunteer Opportunity!

[JusticeFest](#) provides a platform for students to share and pitch ideas to panelists (business leaders, mentors, advisors) in hopes they become stakeholders in the projects and ultimately assist in moving these ideas to execution.

Several members of our Rotary Club participated in JusticeFest 2023 as advisors, connectors, or funders for JCPS student projects to help address social justice issues in our community and beyond.

JusticeFest 2024

Saturday, February 24

Muhammad Ali Center

Contact Rotarian Ken Selvaggi at kens@espnlouisville.com to learn more and sign up as a volunteer on a panel. He'll connect you with a project (there are 14!).

Events & Opportunities: de Paul School

By Laurie Bottiger

What: de Party for de Paul

Organization: The de Paul School

Date/Time: February 23, 2024, 8:30 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.)

Location: Bellarmine University

Description: This event features food and drink, a silent auction, and keynote speaker, Rotarian **Jean West**.



Learn more [HERE](#) or contact Rotarian Laurie Bottiger at laurie.bottiger@depaulschool.org.

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 our 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.

Events

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

[RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School](#)

February 8th, 10:30-11:30 AM

[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

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

February 22nd, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Bill Moore](#)

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

Speaker: Bill Moore, President, UPS Airlines

February 27th, 8:40-9:45 AM

[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

February 29th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Lyndon Pryor, Louisville Urban League](#)

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

Speaker: Lyndon Pryor, President & CEO, Louisville Urban League

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

[Mayor's State of the City Address ***SOLD OUT***](#)

Location: LMPD Summit Wellness Center 601 Presidents Blvd

Speaker: Mayor Craig Greenberg

Subject: Annual State of the City Address

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 18th, 2:00-4:00 PM

[Rotary Day at the Opera](#)

February 22nd, 10:30-11:30 AM

[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

February 22nd, 1:15-2:15 PM

[Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting](#)

Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

February 28th, 5:30-6:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

March 6th, 4:15-6:00 PM

[Louisville Rotary Club Speech Contest](#)

Location: Gilda's Club Kentuckiana 2440 Grinstead Drive

March 7th, 10:30-11:30 AM
DEI Committee Meeting
Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

March 16th, 8:30-4:30 PM
Habitat for Humanity "Raise the Roof" Day
 March 21st, 11:30-1:00 PM
RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Unsung Heroes Celebration
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Unsung Heroes Celebration Luncheon
 March 21st, 1:15-2:15 PM
Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting
Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue
 March 27th, 5:30-6:30 PM
Re:Center Ministries Dinner
 March 28th, 11:30-1:00 PM
RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Seema Sheth
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Seema Sheth, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis


















March 7th, 11:30-1:00 PM
RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dean Wegner, Authentically American
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Dean Wegner, Founder & CEO, Authentically American

March 19th, 8:40-9:45 AM
RHS Mentoring at Western High School
 March 21st, 1:00-2:00 PM
Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting
 March 27th, 8:40-9:45 AM
RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School
 March 28th, 10:30-11:30 AM
Lifeline Committee Meeting

Birthdays

	Byron Riggs Lewis January 31st		Sharon LaRue February 2nd		Barbara Lynne Jamison February 5th		Henry H. Kuehn February 5th
	Michael B. Mountjoy CPA February 6th		Jon Salomon February 8th		Richard D. King February 10th		Kenya Wade February 13th
	John R. Gregory February 13th		William M. Rue Jr. February 17th		C. Douglas Kottke February 18th		Ginger L. Wallace February 19th
	Mitch McConnell February 20th		Kevin Fields February 24th		Samuel Ward February 25th		Leo Smith February 25th
	Ruby Becker February 27th		Kim McCastle February 27th				

Club Leaders

	<u>Kevin Lynch</u> President		<u>Lori Hudson Flanery</u> President-Elect		<u>Kevin Fields</u> Secretary		<u>Kim Halbauer</u> Treasurer
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	<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
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