

Note from President Kevin

Our club is honored to host the Mayor of Louisville's State of the City address every year. It was an outstanding event, held at the new LMPD Summit Wellness Center. 330 people attended (sold out), while others watched online or on Metro TV. Thanks to Amalia Gamez Guerra, we heard the 4-Way Test in Spanish (and English). We saw an outstanding performance by a string quartet of young students from the West End School (standing ovation!).



When Mayor Craig Greenberg gave his remarks, there was a lot of energy in the room. He was



passionate, articulate, and inspirational, and he received a very enthusiastic standing ovation right after his remarks.

It was nice to see him give a shout out to his favorite volunteer, Rachel, his wife of 24 years. She started Youth Ambassadors Leading Louisville (Y.A.L.L.). But it was sad to hear that shortly after the event Mayor Greenberg was informed that his mother, Ruth Greenberg, passed away after a brief illness. The mayor said in a social media post, $\hat{a} \in \infty$ *She was an amazing person who made a positive impact on so many people* $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{N}$ *lives.* $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{S}$ he must have been very proud of

her son.

Make sure you click Read More to read the news release that summarizes the mayorâ \in^{TM} s remarks, showing what his administration has accomplished and what big things they have planned for the next few years. Itâ \in^{TM} s pretty amazing what they have done in the first 13 months. His bio talks about â \in œthinking big, working hard, and making things happen.â \in He and his team certainly followed that!

See you this week! Read More

Note from Delene

This is one of the busiest periods of activity and events in my 2+ years as Rotary Executive Director! There is a LOT of information contained in this issue, so I hope you will take a few minutes to scroll all the way down and see what catches your eye, then register or save the dates on your calendar!

Feb 18 Rotary Day at the Opera - we still have a few tickets available. Feb 20 Cooking@Millie's - we have 8 couples registered and need about 8 more. May 1 Day at the Downs - we will definitely SELL out in advance this year, so don't wait to get your ticket(s).

If you are interested in becoming a Paul Harris Fellow - be sure to read the Matching Gifts article below.

And finally - take a minute to congratulate our members in the spotlight (or let us know news we may have missed) and consider supporting some of our nonprofit leaders with the many upcoming events listed.

This 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.

The RSVP deadline has passed; email admin@rotary45.org if you would like to join us. 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 Read More to view Speaker Bio: Read More

Next Week's Meeting: Cleo Battle, Louisville Tourism President & CEO



The February 15 meeting will feature **Cleo Battle, President & CEO, Louisville Tourism**.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, February 12 HERE.

The menu will be roasted turkey with stuffing, gravy, and broccoli casserole; 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.

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Rotary Day at the Opera: February 18

Last call to register for our Rotary Day at the Opera on Sunday, February 18!



Purchase your tickets <u>HERE</u> (link will take you directly to the Rotary reserved section with the discounted ticket price of \$60); **deadline is Sunday, February 11.** <u>Read More</u>

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 (click Read More to see who is registered).

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 <u>HERE</u> before Feb 10 Read More

Rotary Day at the Downs: May 1



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

We have reserved the brand-new <u>Siks Balcony and Loge</u> 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.

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.

<u>REGISTER NOW</u> to secure your spot - we will sell out in advance this year!

District 6710 Matching Gifts Campaign

By Michael Kull



Limited Time Offer for District 6710 Rotarians!

This is an opportunity to donate to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Annual Fund-SHARE that supports District Matching Grants, Global Grant, and Global Grant Scholars with the fabulous perk of receiving matching points for your donation.

Possibilities Include:

- Accumulating points toward your Paul Harris Fellow
- Becoming a Paul Harris Fellow sooner
- Earning a new Multiple Paul Harris pin
- Earning points to make your spouse/child a Paul Harris Fellow

Rotary District 6710 is making a special offer through the generosity of several District Rotarians who donated their Rotary Recognition Points "earned†by donating a dollar for each point. Your personal donation from **\$125 to \$2,000 to the Annual Fund-SHARE of The Rotary Foundation will be matched** with the donated points to achieve the possibilities noted above.

This offer begins February 12 and ends Sunday, March 24, 2024. The District can match only the first \$60,000 in donations received, so act now while the matching points are available! Read More

Sad News



We are sad to hear of the passing of **Dr. Gordon Tobin**, who, while not officially a Rotarian or member, recently spoke to our club, and was an active and valuable part of our Gun Violence Reduction committee/task force. The family requests donations to the following organizations led by Rotarians: SOS International, Whitney/Strong and The Healing Place. Please take time to read about this man and his incredible legacy <u>HERE</u>. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, February 17th, from 10:00-11:30am at Grawemeyer Hall, University of Louisville, 2301 S 3rd St.

Mary Mobley "Peachy"

Kohler, wife of long-time Rotarian **Don Kohler**, died Saturday, January 20, at the age of 91. She and Don were married for 63 years until Don's death in 2020. A service was held on January 26 at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. You can view the obituary HERE.



INTERACT Blood Drives: March 6 & 13

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

Rotary Club of Louisville's INTERACT Clubs are hosting spring blood drives and need your support!

Mark your calendars for March 6 (Western High School) and March 13 (Iroquois High School)!



Rotarians, we appreciate your support. The Red Cross needs YOU! Click Read More below for the flyers. Read More

Louisville Knot Sign Cleanup: April 13

By Greg Braun



Our club was instrumental in the installation of a community landmark known as the Louisville Knot sign located at the corner of 9th & Main Street.

It is not maintained by the city and we are meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, to give it a quick wash and wipe down, pull a few weeds, etc.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and we are inviting our INTERACT and Rotary Honors Scholars students to join us.

A 600-gallon water truck will be there, and everything else we need is provided. All we need is you!

Please RSVP HERE to let us know that you can join us!

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!

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

- February 14
- March 27

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

- February 27
- March 19

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

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Rotarian in the Spotlight: Gill Holland



Rotarian **Gill Holland** and SonaBLAST! Records partnered with 502 Film to host the 2024 Kentucky Film Party at the Sundance Film Festival.

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Rick Smith

Congratulations to Rotarian **Dr. Rick Smith, Sr.** on his appointment as Senior Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Development for Simmons College of Kentucky.



Congratulations to Rotarian **Brett Corbin** on starting a new chapter at RW Baird following a decade at Raymond James. Brett joins RW Baird as Senior Vice President.



Rotarian in the Spotlight: Moira Scott-Payne



Congratulations to Rotarian **Moira Scott-Payne** and the Kentucky College of Art + Design (KyCAD) on receiving "candidate for accreditation" status. It's a key milestone for the Old Louisville-based college on its path to accreditation $\hat{a} \in "$ and something KyCAD President Moira Scott-Payne credits to the sheer tenacity of the school's administrative staff and faculty. Read more <u>HERE</u>.

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Nachand Trabue



Congratulations to Rotarian **Nachand Trabue** who will kick off the 2024 *Inspire* series - a quarterly breakfast series presented by The Chamber of St. Matthews that invites noteworthy businesswomen in our community to tell the personal stories behind their professional journeys. Learn more **HERE**.

Events & Opportunities: Catholic Charities

By Lisa DeJaco Crutcher



What: The Fifth Annual Rouler Organization: Catholic Charities Date/Time: Fat Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Melwod Arts Center, Da Vinci Room

Description: Let the good times roll! The Fifth Annual Rouler, hosted by Catholic Charities, returns to Melwood Arts Center Da Vinci Room this Fat Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Proudly presented by Derby City Gaming & Hotel, this promises to be the BEST Mardi Gras party in town!

Casino Games • Bingo • Open Bar • Raffle • Silent Auction • New Orleans Food and Fare

Proceeds directly benefit CC Lou 10 life-sustaining/life-saving health, education and social service programs impacting the lives of more than 45,000 underserved and vulnerable clients annually.

More information: Purchase tickets and early bidding online <u>HERE</u>. **Member to contact:** Lisa DeJaco Crutcher or Shari at baughman@archlou.org, 502.931.7105

Events & Opportunities: Filson Historical Society

By Julie Scoskie James

What: The Filson Goes Back to the 80s Organization: The Filson Historical Society Date/Time: Friday, February 23, 6:30-9:00pm Location: The Filson Historical Society



Join the Filson for a 1980s-themed blast to the past. Youâ€[™]II have plenty of time to dance the Thriller or Pogo to your favorite music videos, from big hair bands to cutting edge New Wave hits. Photo ops with a DeLorean and 80s celebrities. Donâ€[™]t miss the upstairs Food Court and Video Arcade. Dust off your leather pants, pop that preppy collar on your Izod shirt, get out the hair spray and participate in a costume contest. The price includes free entertainment, drink tickets and appetizers. bar will be available. Period appropriate attire is highly encouraged.

More information: <u>http://tinyurl.com/filson80sparty</u> Member to contact: Julie James, Julie@filsonhistorical.org

Events & Opportunities: de Paul School

By Laurie Bottiger



What: de Party for de Paul Organization: The de Paul School Date/Time: February 23, 2024, 8:30pm Location: Bellarmine University

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

More information:

www.depaulschool.org/departyMember to Contact: Laurie Bottiger, laurie.bottiger@depaulschool.org.

Events & Opportunities: JusticeFest 2024

By Ken Selvaggi



Volunteer Opportunity!

<u>JusticeFest</u> 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: JA Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame

By Jennifer Helgeson What: 2024 Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame Organization: Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana Date/Time: March 7, 2024, 6:00pm Location: Louisville Marriott Downtown

Description: Join us as we honor outstanding business individuals whose leadership, vision and innovation have accomplished much for Greater Louisvilleâ€[™]s economic development and social welfare. The business dinner culminates in the Induction Ceremony during which the Laureates are inducted into the Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame. 2024 Laureates include Rotarians **Maggie Harlow** and **Tawana Bain.**

2024 KENTUCKIANA BUSINESS HALL OF FAME LAUREATES







Tawana Bain CEO TBAIN & Co. Jimmy Kirchdorfer CEO ISCO Industries, Inc. Maggie Payette Harlow CEO Signarama Downtown Louisville

More information and to reserve a table: <u>https://kentuckiana.ja.org/events/the-kentuckiana-business-hall-of-fame</u> Member to contact: Jennifer Helgeson, jhelgeson@jaky.org

Events & Opportunities: New Directions Housing Corp

By David Snyder



More information: <u>www.ndhc.org/irise-dinner/</u> Member to contact: David Snyder, davids@ndhc.org

What: I Rise Gala Organization: New Directions Housing Corp Date/Time: March 9, 6:00-9:00pm Location: Melwood Art Center | Da Vinci Room

Description: New Directions is the FIRST nonprofit organization in Kentucky to receive HUD approval to run the family selfsufficiency program called *I Rise*. Participants are $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ very low $\hat{a} \in$ and $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ bw-income $\hat{a} \in$ families who are served by the Project-Based Section 8 program. Each of the more than 250 participants has an individual plan to move them down the path to self-sufficiency. Their goals include homeownership, becoming business owners and starting nonprofits.

Events & Opportunities: Harbor House Louisville

By Maria Smith



What: Beacon Ball Organization: Harbor House Louisville Date/Time: March 9, 6 - 11 p.m. Location: Louisville Marriott Downtown

Description: To celebrate the transformation of the Intergenerational Life Center, Harbor House's Annual Gala is shining bright this year, as the "Beacon Ball"! Harbor House will continue to shine into the darkness radiating love and safety for all in the community.

More

information: https://one.bidpal.net/beaconball2024Member to contact: Maria Smith, msmith@hhlou.org

Events & Opportunities: Kosair for Kids

By Craig Scherman



What: Hats On For Healing Organization: Kosair for Kids Date/Time: March 21, 5:30-7:30pm Location: The Olmsted

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

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
 Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting

 Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue
 KY 40208 Speaker: Bill Moore, President, UPS Airlines February 27th, 8:40-9:45 AM **RHS Mentoring at Western High School**

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

February 28th, 5:30-6:30 PM **Re:Center Ministries Dinner** 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 March 6th, 9:00-2:00 PM

INTERACT Blood Drive Location: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln March 7th, 10:30-11:30 AM DEI Committee Meeting

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

Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

March 13th, 9:00-2:00 PM <u>INTERACT Blood Drive</u> Location: Iroquois High School Gym 4615 Taylor Blvd March 16th, 8:30-4:30 PM <u>Habitat for Humanity "Raise the Roof" Day</u>

March 21st, 11:30-1:00 PM <u>RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Unsung Heroes Celebration</u> Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 **Speaker:** Unsung Heroes Celebration Luncheon March 21st, 1:15-2:15 PM <u>Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting</u> Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue March 27th, 5:30-6:30 PM <u>Re:Center Ministries Dinner</u> March 28th, 11:30-1:00 PM

 RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Seema Sheth
 DEI Committee Meeting

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

 Speaker: Seema Sheth, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
 April 13th, 9:30-12:00 PM

 Rotary / KHS CARE-a-van Day at LCCC
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April 18th, 1:00-2:00 PM Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting

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June 20th, 1:00-2:00 PM Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting

June 26th, 5:30-6:30 PM Re:Center Ministries Dinner February 29th, 1:15-2:15 PM Membership Committee Meeting

March 6th, 4:15-6:00 PM Louisville Rotary Club Speech Contest Location: Gilda's Club Kentuckiana 2440 Grinstead Drive 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 14th, 1:15-2:00 PM Rotary Fund Grants Training

March 19th, 8:40-9:45 AM <u>RHS Mentoring at Western High School</u> March 21st, 1:00-2:00 PM <u>Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting</u>

March 27th, 8:40-9:45 AM <u>RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School</u>

March 28th, 10:30-11:30 AM <u>Lifeline Committee Meeting</u> April 4th, 10:30-11:30 AM <u>DEI Committee Meeting</u> Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

April 13th, 9:30-12:00 PM Louisville Knot Sign Cleanup April 18th, 1:15-2:15 PM Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue April 25th, 10:30-11:30 AM Lifeline Committee Meeting May 2nd, 11:30-1:00 PM NO MEETING due to Day at the Downs May 16th, 1:00-2:00 PM Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting

May 22nd, 5:30-6:30 PM Re:Center Ministries Dinner

June 6th, 10:30-11:30 AM **DEI Committee Meeting Location:** University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue June 20th, 1:15-2:15 PM **Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting Location:** University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue June 27th, 10:30-11:30 AM <u>Lifeline Committee Meeting</u>

Birthdays



Michael B. Mountjoy CPA February 6th



John R. Gregory February 13th

Ginger L. Wallace



Samuel Ward February 25th







Jon Salomon

February 8th

William M. Rue Jr.

February 17th

Ruby Becker February 27th

Lori Hudson Flanery

Gregory Patrick Braun

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