

Note from President Kevin

Hope you had a nice week. We had a fantastic luncheon last week. By popular demand, it went into overtime for a performance by a maestro!

THIS THURSDAY’S SPEAKER IS GENE MCLEAN, THE PRESSBOX

Gene McLean, President and Publisher of The Pressbox, will speak to our club at Thursday’s luncheon about how the Kentucky Derby has changed over the last 150 years! Come and get your tips for the big race.

Click Read More for my recap of last week’s meeting: [Read More](#)



This Week's Meeting: Gene McLean, President and Publisher of The Pressbox



This week's meeting at noon at the University Club, will feature **Gene McLean, President and Publisher of The Pressbox.**

Kentucky Derby 150: Journalist Gene McLean looks at Churchill Downs today compared with 150 years ago, The importance of the "Greatest Two-Minutes in Sports," and a look at the possible Derby Field.

The menu will be meatloaf with mashed potatoes and green beans; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

We still have a few meals available - RSVP [HERE](#).

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](#)

Note from Delene



I am back from a wonderful week plus of exploring Arizona with my daughter Hanna, who lives in Spokane, so I don't get to see her nearly as much as I would like.

We visited Sedona, hiked the Grand Canyon, explored Payson and surrounding areas, and wrapped up with the Double Black Diamond (i.e., rated "extremely difficult") hike up Camelback Mountain in Phoenix. We went on 8 hikes total and experienced a great variety in weather and landscapes.

If you are interested, check out the many photos and videos on my [Facebook page](#). As usual, I was on brand with Rotary apparel while I was out and about. Unfortunately, the timing did not work to attend a Rotary meeting.

I hear we had one of the best meetings ever while I was away, so I'm busy planning more trips!

I am truly grateful to Tracy and to everyone who pitched in to help her manage things while I was out, with a special shout out to Ashley Brauer who, in addition to all the other things she does for our club, has been helping with Sparks!

I am working through all the emails and requests received the past couple of weeks, and appreciate your patience!

Next Week's Meeting: Alli Truttman, Founder and CEO, Wicked Technologies



The April 18th meeting at noon at the University Club, will feature **Alli Truttman, Founder and CEO of Wicked Technologies**.

"No Rest for the Wicked; A Founder's Story"

Being an entrepreneur is jokingly described as giving it your all: "blood, sweat, and tears". In this case, come hear Alli share how building a business based on sweat led to a new calling and true passion through perseverance and a customer-centric mentality.

The menu will be shrimp and grits with grilled asparagus; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is

available upon advance request.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, April 15th [HERE](#).

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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Meeting Related Communications / Questions

By Delene Taylor



In the spirit of continuous improvement, our Club is streamlining communications about our weekly meetings. **Please direct all comments and questions related to weekly meetings to Tracy Peck at Admin@LouisvilleRotary.org.**

Tracy will be your one-stop shop for: RSVPs, attendance, guests, meal availability, payment, etc. Please note that she is not able to respond to messages received after 9:00 a.m. on meeting days.

We appreciate your alignment on this. It will allow me to focus on strategic initiatives and ensure the best possible experience for our meetings and events.

Rotary District 6710 Conference - Register Now!

The Rotary District 6710 Conference is May 10-11, and it's right here in Louisville, with Past President **Jean West** serving as the Mistress of Ceremonies and two of our members presenting keynote sessions! Register [HERE](#) now - the early bird discount rate of \$99 ends April 19 and the price will increase to \$129.



Don't miss out on this exciting event packed with inspiring speakers, workshops, and opportunities to connect with fellow Rotarians.

Hear from Rotarian **Scott Koloms** about how to fuse business success with social good. Rotarian **Whitney Austin**, a mass shooting survivor, will go "*In Search of Common Ground*" on gun violence. Learn practical disaster response strategies at the "*Boots on the Ground, Brains in the Game*" session. And join Rotarian **Alex Novak** as he moderates a panel on the "*Rebirth of the Ohio River*" with Kentucky Waterways Alliance, Ohio River Way, and the University of Louisville's Christina Lee Brown Envirome Institute.

Join us to celebrate service, ignite your Rotarian spirit and leave with ideas to change the game. We'll also do some official club business, vote on district matters and recognize accomplishments on all levels. The conference is all about fellowship, service, learning, and making a positive impact, and we hope to see you there!

Middle School Literacy Project at West End School Starts TOMORROW!

By Walt Kunau

Join us for our Middle School Literacy Project as we read and discuss a book with 8th grade students at the West End School. You will be amazed and enriched by the accomplishments of these students and this school!

We meet Thursdays, April 11 - May 9, from 10:05 - 10:55 a.m.

Email Walt at wkunau@bellsouth.net or call 502.262.2792 to sign up or for more information.



[Read More](#)

Louisville Knot Sign Cleanup: April 13

By Greg Braun



The *Louisville Knot* has been used thousands of times by tourists to commemorate their visit to our city. Thanks to **Greg Braun** who conceived of the idea, our club is memorialized with a small sign at the location. Kids love to climb all over the jungle gym and use the swing.

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. There will be ice cream and coffee afterward!

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!

[Read More](#)

Business Synergy Mixer with Canopy | YPAL | Republic Bank: April 16

The Business Synergy networking event in collaboration with [Canopy](#) and [YPAL \(Young Professionals Association of Louisville\)](#), hosted by [Republic Bank](#) Executive Chair Steve Trager and CEO Logan Pichel at the newly renovated Plaza headquarters on 7th Street is **SOLD OUT**. If you would like to join the waiting list, please email admin@louisvillerotary.org.



Rotary University: Next Session Tuesday, April 16

By Jay Mallory

Thank you to all who participated in our first Rotary University session last month. If you are a long-time member but would just like a refresher, feel free to watch the recording, available [HERE](#). You may need to enter this passcode to access: @5ZatVk0



Please mark your calendars for the next sessions, all at NOON via Zoom. Completion of Rotary University is required for new members, so prioritize these sessions!

Click [HERE](#) to register for next Tuesday's noon Zoom session.

If you have any questions, reach out to me, or Jay Mallory, Co-Chair of the Membership Development & Engagement Committee, jmallory@imagequest.com.

March 19	Session 1 - What is Rotary?
April 16	Session 2 - Service Projects & Grants
May 21	Session 3 - Rotary Honors Scholars
June 11	Session 4 - Committees
July 9	Session 5 - Rotary International
July	New Member Celebration / Mixer (location TBD)

[Read More](#)

Rotary Tour of GE Appliances: April 23

By Kent Oyler



Rotary has secured an exclusive executive briefing and tour of GE Appliances' dishwasher factory on April 23rd. This is a great opportunity to see a state-of-the-art assembly facility and meet with senior GEA executives. In fact, GEA is encouraging potential suppliers who are Rotary members to join this tour. So, if you need a good GEA contact, or just want to see lots of cool automation, this outing is for you. The briefing and tour will run from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Space is limited so register quickly [HERE](#). Please note that, per GEA's safety protocols, no canes, walkers or wheelchairs are allowed and attendees must wear closed toe and heel shoes with heels no more than 1 1/2" high.

New Member Service Project at SOS: April 23

By Jay Mallory

Join us on April 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at [SOS](#) for our new member service project. We will be sorting and packing supplies to be redistributed to those in need. SOS meets critical health care needs in medically impoverished communities in 106 countries around the world by collecting and distributing surplus medical supplies and equipment. Partnering with hospitals, clinics, and manufacturers to recover and redistribute what would otherwise go into local landfills, SOS promotes environmental stewardship.

Please RSVP [HERE](#).

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 [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.

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. **We still have a few tickets available; email director@louisvillerotary.org if interested.**

[Read More](#)

Volunteers Needed for Ohio River Sweep: June 1

By Alex Novak



Rotary Club of Louisville
Litter Clean-Up Event
Date: June 1st
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WHERE EVA BANDMAN PARK
1701 RIVER ROAD | LOUISVILLE, KY 40206

DETAILS DRESS FOR THE WEATHER.
WEAR SUNSCREEN AND BRING A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE.

REGISTER EMAIL ALEX NOVAK
ANOVAK@IGLOU.COM
FOR EVENT DETAILS AND REGISTRATION

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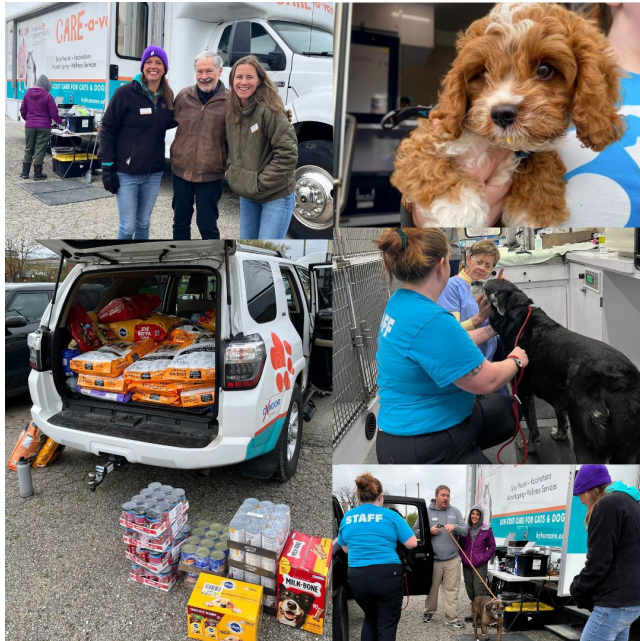
Join the Rotary Club of Louisville's Environmental Committee on June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon for a Litter Clean-up Event at Eva Bandman Park.

It's part of the annual Ohio River Sweep volunteer clean-up that extends the entire length of the Ohio River. Volunteers from six states remove litter at multiple locations along the river and many of its tributaries.

The volunteer work makes a positive impact along the entire Ohio River Basin. Learn more: [HERE](#).

Contact: Alex Novak, anovak@iglou.com for details and to register.

Rotary Service Project - Lifeline Committee



Our Club's Lifeline Committee sponsored a Kentucky Humane Society [CARE-a-van Day](#) at Louisville Central Community Center on April 5.

More than 50 bags of dog and cat food were given away, along with vaccines and one month of flea and tick preventative. Our Rotary Fund made a \$2,500 grant to make this happen.

Did you know: Research shows pets have a positive impact on people's physical and mental health, decreasing cortisol (a stress-related hormone), lowering blood pressure, increasing daily activity and decreasing feelings of loneliness, depression and anxiety.

Service Projects & Grants due May 30

By Steve Eggers

Committee leaders:

Please make note that all information related to request(s) for service projects and/or grants for the 2024-2025 Rotary year must be submitted no later than May 30. Proof of completion of the mandatory training must also be provided to me by that time (seggers@knbarch.com).

Applications for 2024-2025 Service Projects & Grants will need to be submitted in the new electronic format approved by the Rotary Board at the February meeting. Completion of a mandatory training session is required for Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs that plan to apply for projects or grants, or if someone else on the committee will be preparing the project proposal, the Chair can designate that person as the representative for their committee.

Click Read More for the overall schedule for the review and approval of Service Projects & Grants.

[Read More](#)

Events & Opportunities: Jewish Family & Career Services

By Courtney Evans

What: JFCS Community Chat - How To Keep Youth Safe Online

Organization: Jewish Family and Career Services

Date/Time: April 17th, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Trager Family JCC

Description: Panel discussion that will teach youth and adults about how to be safe online, protect mental health while using social media, and resources available for parents/caregivers/youth workers.

More information: click [HERE](#)

Member to contact: Courtney Evans, cevans@jfcsloouisville.org

Events & Opportunities: First Hour Grief Response

By Diane Clark Curtis

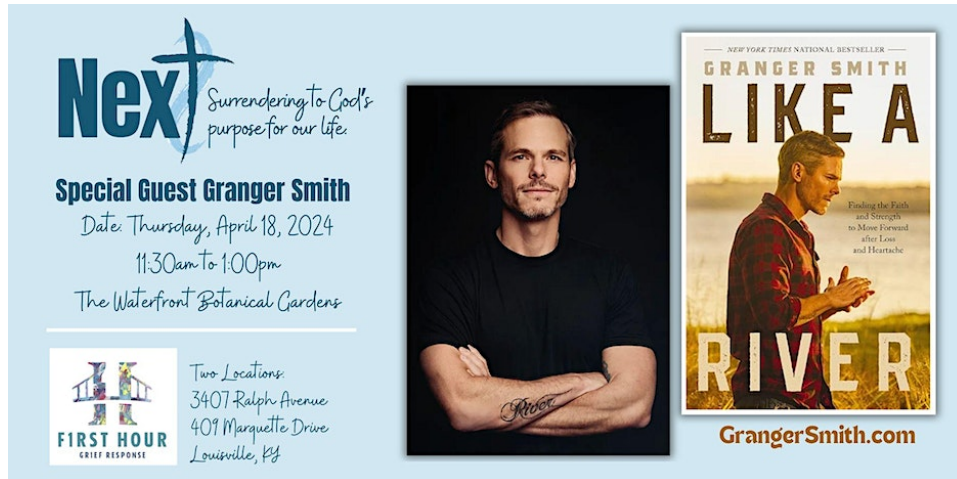
What: Next Luncheon w/Special Guest Granger Smith

Organization: First Hour Grief Response

Date/Time: Thursday, April 18, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Waterfront Botanical Gardens

Description: [Granger Smith](#) is a former country music singer and songwriter who lost his 3-year old son "River" in an accidental drowning. His book, *Like A River*, details his grief journey and how God used his pain for his new ministry.



Next Surrendering to God's purpose for our life.

Special Guest Granger Smith
Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024
11:30am to 1:00pm
The Waterfront Botanical Gardens

FIRST HOUR GRIEF RESPONSE

Two Locations:
3407 Ralph Avenue
409 Marquette Drive
Louisville, KY

GRANGER SMITH
LIKE A RIVER
Finding the Faith and Strength to Move Forward after Loss and Heartache
GrangerSmith.com

More information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/next-luncheon-with-special-guest-granger-smith-tickets-832635895377>

Member to contact: Diane Clark Curtis, Diane@firsthourgrief.org

Events & Opportunities: Junior Achievement

By Tony Newberry



What: On Our Way Conference

Organization: Junior Achievement

Date/Time: April 22 - 23

Location: 1401 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.

Description: On April 22 - 23, JA will host more than 300 JCPS high school special needs students for a work-readiness conference. The students are from 13 different schools and will participate in a resume workshop, mock interviews, hear from career speakers and enjoy a mini career-fashion show, presented by Dress for Success.

Volunteers are needed throughout, but the largest need is for mock interviewers.

More information: [Click Here](#)

Member to contact: Jennifer Helgeson, Jhelgeson@jaky.org, 502-262-9929

Events & Opportunities: Lincoln Heritage Council BSA

By Jason Pierce

What: Leadership Luncheon For Scouting

Organization: Lincoln Heritage Council, Boy Scouts of America

Date/Time: April 23, 12:00pm

Location: The Galt House Hotel Grand Ballroom

Description: Join us for this event featuring a conversation with Jimmy Kirchdorfer, General Chair of the 2024 PGA Championship | Co-Owner, Valhalla Golf Club | Chairman & CEO, ISCO Industries

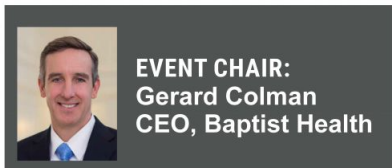


Leadership Luncheon For Scouting

**Tuesday,
April 23, 2024**

**The Galt House Hotel
Grand Ballroom**

**12:00 PM:
Lunch & Program**



EVENT CHAIR:
Gerard Colman
CEO, Baptist Health

Presented By



BAIRD

Featuring a conversation with

Jimmy Kirchdorfer

**General Chair of the
2024 PGA Championship**

Co-Owner, Valhalla Golf Club
Chairman & CEO, ISCO Industries

Funds raised provide outdoor programs
for over 8,000 youth across Kentucky,
Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee.

For more information, scan the QR code or contact James Lennon
at 502-361-2624 or james.lennon@scouting.org



More information: <https://ow.ly/KxF250QynTO>

Member to contact: Jason Pierce, Jason.Pierce@scouting.org

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

April 11th, 10:05-10:55 AM

Read With 8th Grade West End School Students

Location: West End School 3628 Virginia Avenue Louisville, KY 40211

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Gene McLean

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

Speaker: Gene McLean, President & Publisher, The Pressbox

Subject: Kentucky Derby 150

April 11th, 1:15-1:45 PM
[Gun Violence Reduction Committee Special Meeting](#)
Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

April 16th, 5:00-7:00 PM
[Business Synergy Mixer w/Canopy & YPAL at Republic Bank](#)

April 18th, 10:30-11:30 AM
[International Service Committee Meeting](#)

April 18th, 1:15-2:15 PM
[Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting](#)
Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

April 24th, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

April 25th, 10:30-11:30 AM
[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

April 25th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Brigadier General Robert Givens](#)
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Brigadier General Robert Givens

May 1st, 11:30-6:30 PM
[Rotary Day at the Downs](#)

May 2nd, 11:30-1:00 PM
[NO MEETING due to Day at the Downs](#)

May 9th, 10:30-11:30 AM
[DEI Committee Meeting](#)
Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

May 16th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Sec. Lindy Casebier](#)
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Sec. Lindy Casebier, KY Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet

May 22nd, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

May 23rd, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Lt. Col. Whitney Allen](#)
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Lt. Col. Whitney Allen, Commissioner, KY Dept of Veteran Affairs

May 30th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Purna Veer](#)
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Purna Veer, V-Soft Consulting Group

June 6th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Carolyn Tandy](#)
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Carolyn Tandy, SVP - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Humana

June 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Omar Ayyash](#)
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Omar Ayyash, World Trade Center Kentucky

June 26th, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

June 27th, 1:00-2:00 PM
[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

April 13th, 9:30-12:00 PM
[Louisville Knot Sign Cleanup](#)

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[Read With 8th Grade West End School Students](#)
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April 18th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Alli Truttman](#)
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Alli Truttman, CEO / Founder, Wicked Technologies

April 23rd, 6:00-7:00 PM
[New Member Service Project at SOS](#)

April 25th, 10:05-10:55 AM
[Read With 8th Grade West End School Students](#)
Location: West End School 3628 Virginia Avenue Louisville, KY 40211

April 25th, 11:00-11:30 AM
[Investment Committee Meeting](#)

April 25th, 1:00-2:00 PM
[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

May 2nd, 10:05-10:55 AM
[Read With 8th Grade West End School Students](#)
Location: West End School 3628 Virginia Avenue Louisville, KY 40211

May 9th, 10:05-10:55 AM
[Read With 8th Grade West End School Students](#)
Location: West End School 3628 Virginia Avenue Louisville, KY 40211

May 9th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Rotary Honors Scholars Luncheon](#)
Location: Goodwill Opportunity Campus 2820 W Broadway Louisville, KY 40211
Speaker: Scotty Davenport

May 16th, 1:15-2:15 PM
[Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting](#)
Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

May 23rd, 10:30-11:30 AM
[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

May 23rd, 1:00-2:00 PM
[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

June 6th, 10:30-11:30 AM
[DEI Committee Meeting](#)
Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

June 13th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Rebecca Fleischaker](#)
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Rebecca Fleischaker, Louisville Downtown Partnership

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
[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

Birthdays



Kathy Dehoney Evitts
April 12th



James T. Crain Jr.
April 13th



Jennifer Helgeson
April 13th



Josh S Suiter
April 13th



Barbara J. Collins
April 15th



Paula Grisanti
April 15th



Kent Oyler
April 15th



William J. Hirtzel
April 16th



Adam Hall
April 17th



Chandra Gordon
April 17th



Jordan Clemons
April 18th



Todd A. Spencer
April 19th



J. Barry Barker
April 20th



Dave W Christopher Sr.
April 21st



Gordon L. Ragan
April 22nd



Max Bridges
April 22nd



J. Tracy Holladay
April 23rd



Rensha Allen
April 24th



Rebecca Grignon-Reker
April 25th



Robert S. English
April 26th



Turney P. Berry
April 27th



Gary W. Noel
April 28th



Boyce F. Martin III
April 29th



Stephen George
April 29th



Kevin Lynch
April 29th

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