



Note from President Kevin & Meeting Recap

Louisville is fortunate to have many great leaders, and our LMPD Chief is certainly one of them. She demonstrated exactly why at last week's lunch. **Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel** (â€œJackieâ€ for short) shared what she's learned about leadership during her long and distinguished career in law enforcement, as well as some key initiatives she has implemented since taking on her role as Chief. She invited all of us in the room to partner with LMPD to help make sure Louisville is safe and welcoming. Click [Read More](#) for my recap of her inspirational talk.



I hope to see you tomorrow to hear from **Jamal Muashsher**, President & CEO of Valvoline Global. And don't miss our festive **Holiday Party** and Annual Meeting next Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 pm at Big Spring Country Club.

RSVP here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLHolidayParty2023>

For various reasons, the Sparks newsletter did not go out last week; if you did not see the weekly note and meeting recap about our joint Thanksgiving luncheon with the Kiwanis Club and speaker **J. Bruce Miller**, you can read it [HERE](#).

[Read More](#)

This Week's Meeting - Jamal Muashsher, President and CEO of Valvoline Global



This week's meeting (our final meeting of the year) on Thursday, December 7th at the University Club, will feature **Jamal Muashsher, President and CEO of Valvoline Global**.

"Purpose Driven Journey from American Icon to Global Brand"

Learn how Valvoline Globalâ€™s bold purpose and mission is driving the transformation of this 157-year-old company from an iconic American brand to becoming a global leader.

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](#)

Last Week's Meeting - Chief Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel, LMPD



Last week's meeting on Thursday, November 30th featured **LMPD Chief Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel**.

You can see a meeting recap in President Kevin's note above, or view the meeting recording on our [YouTube channel](#).

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

Voting Open: Proposed Officer & Director Slate

By Lori Hudson Flanery

Voting for the proposed slate of incoming officers and directors is now open and will continue through noon next Thursday, December 14th. If you are an Active (ie NOT an Honorary member or on Leave of Absence) member of the Club, check your email for a link to the electronic ballot (one vote per active member). The results of the election will be announced at our Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 14 at 7:00pm at Big Spring Country Club. You can RSVP / register for that [HERE](#). Click below to see the proposed slate.

[Read More](#)

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

By George Brakmeier

We will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Holiday Manor Kroger on US Highway 42 again this year, competing with the Kiwanis Club to see who can collect the most. Below is the current signup list...as you can see, we still have a few shifts we need to fill - please contact me at 502-552-2002 if you can help.

Sat Dec 09, 2023

Allen, Barry	Shift 1
Snyder, David	Shift 1
King, Rick	Shift 1
Sloan, Larry	Shift 1
Burke, Kelly	Shift 2
Dick, David	Shift 2
Gray, Alisa	Shift 2
--Gray, Weller	Shift 2
Seeger, Louis	Shift 2
Harned, Rick	Shift 3
Nesmith, Bob	Shift 3
Jacobs, Kirt	Shift 3
Novak, Alex	Shift 3
Sanders, Kathey	Shift 3
Davis, Tracy	Shift 4
Holladay, Tracy	Shift 4
Williams, Larry	Shift 4
OPEN	Shift 4

Sat Dec 16, 2023

Robert, Tom	Shift 1
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Bonnett, Tom	Shift 1
Bush, John	Shift 1
Elgin, Cliff	Shift 1
Slider, Bob	Shift 1
Dick, David	Shift 2
English, Robert	Shift 2
Seeger, Louis	Shift 2
OPEN	Shift 2
Bartrom-Moore, Linda	Shift 3
OPEN	Shift 3
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Schmidt, Luke	Shift 4
Taylor, Delene	Shift 4
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If you can't take a shift but want to help us win the challenge, swing by one of these Saturdays between 9:00am-3:00pm, drop some coins, and cheer us on! Or, you can make a donation [HERE](#).



Rotary Annual Meeting & Holiday Party: December 14

From the Rotary Elf Elwe,

Only 4 more days to register for this year's Annual Meeting and holiday party at Big Spring Country Club on Dutchman's Lane. You and your guest(s) will enjoy a huge buffet, with a holiday cash bar. The program will include a word from President Kevin, announcement of election results, and lots of fun and games for prizes before live music to dance the night away. Wear your craziest holiday attire, as prizes will be given to the Best Dressed from the wise Elf of holiday fashion, Craig Winkleschoss!

Tickets are \$65 per person and advance registration is required:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLHolidayParty2023>

Rotary Holiday Party



Big Spring Country Club

5901 Dutchmans Lane

Thursday, December 14

Cash Bar 6:00 pm; Dinner 7:00 pm

\$65 per person

Attire: Holiday Festive

Gifts, prizes, dancing and lots of fun!

RSVP by December 10

admin@rotary45.org or 502-589-1800

IN MEMORIAM: Graham Rapp



Long-time former Rotarian **Graham Walter Rapp** died peacefully on November 28 at the age of 92 at Nazareth Home. He was born in Louisville on April 6, 1931 to the late Walter and Eloise (Muth) Rapp. Graham served in the military during the Korean War as a member of the Airforce Engineers stationed at Craig Air Force Base. In 1958, he joined the architectural firm of Arrasmith and Judd in Louisville, becoming a principal in 1965. He went on to serve as President of Arrasmith, Judd, Rapp, Inc., enjoying a career spanning over 50 years.

Graham was a member of our Club from September 1975 until June 2011.

Read the full obituary [HERE](#).

International Service - At Home

By Mary Ellen Harned

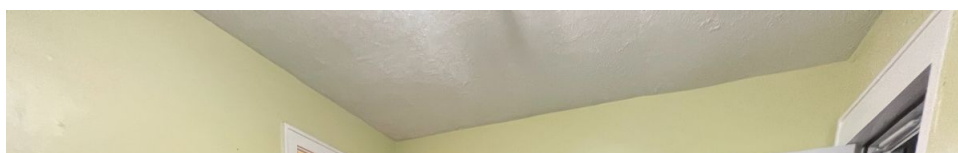
Since the Mohammad family's arrival in late July to now, our Rotary refugee resettlement team has visited and supported the family during their first three months in the U.S. They fled their native Syria during its civil war and lived in Turkey for more than 10 years, awaiting a chance to find a permanent home. Our co-sponsorship has helped them adjust to a new city, new language and a new way of life. Many thanks to: Larry Sloan, Mary Ellen & Rick Harned, Sharon & Bob Nesmith, Susan Zepeda, Alisa Gray, Kathey Sanders, Paula & Tom Bohnert, Eric Gurevich, Ben Smock, Karen Morrison and Alex Novak.

In January, we expect to welcome another family through Kentucky Refugee Ministries. If you'd like to share this experience, please contact Larry Sloan (larry.sloan@yahoo.com) or Mary Ellen Harned to go through the volunteer training.

Please help! We will be collecting needed items for our next household and will publish a list soon. If you have furniture or household goods to donate, please contact Larry Sloan. We also need Kroger or Walmart GIFT CARDS and will collect those at Rotary meetings during January.



Airport arrival in July





Closure meeting in November

Rotary Funds Bone Marrow Transplant Center Equipment (Uruguay)

By Rick Harned

Thanks to your contributions to our local Rotary Fund AND to the international Rotary Foundation, we were able to partner with the Rotary Club La Comercial de Uruguay and The Rotary Foundation in contributing to the cure of cancer in children and adolescents in Uruguay, through the purchase of vital equipment for the Bone Marrow Transplant Center. Projects like this are what your \$100+ contribution each year support - you are making a difference!





Read the article [HERE](#).

Re:Center Ministries Dinner: December 13

By Larry Sloan

Please join us on **December 13th** to serve and have dinner with the men at Re:Center Ministries, 733 E. Jefferson Street. The Holiday Season is a tough time for many, including those with addictions. We set up the meal at 5:00 pm. Typically, I bring meat loaf, scalloped potatoes and steamed vegetables. Others supply the soft drinks, bread/rolls, salad and desserts of fruit pies. The men we serve are going through the LifeChange program recovering from addiction. Those of us who do this regularly always feel like we get more out of it than the effort we put into it. Our club has supported this program with funds and volunteers since 2015. We would love to see some new faces! Contact me at larry.sloan@yahoo.com or David Snyder at davids@ndhc.org for more information or to sign up.

Bring a Kid to Rotary Day: January 4



What do your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, mentees or other youth know about Rotary? Here is a chance to let them experience it first hand, in a fun and interesting way, while they are on winter break!

Thanks to an excellent response to our recent survey, our regular Thursday lunch meeting on January 4th will be held at the Kentucky Science Center. Save the date and stay tuned for more details and a registration link. If you don't have young family members in town, think about a young person you might be willing to sponsor as your guest.

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](#)

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Denise Sears

Congratulations to **Denise Sears** on this [WLKY story](#) featuring our first WLHI homebuyer Chauntez Williams and her catering business. Of course, Denise was disappointed that the story was supposed to be about Rotary's role, and they ended up cutting all of that out - but it always reflects well on Rotary when our members are in the spotlight doing good things! If you have catering needs, please connect with Denise, who can put you in contact with Chauntez.



Rotarians in the Spotlight: Alberta O. Jones Park Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to Rotarians **Alice Bridges, Barry Allen, Anne Monell, and Michelle Black White** (and I probably missed some!) who were on hand to celebrate the [ribbon cutting](#) on Phase 1 of the [Alberta O. Jones Park](#) - Louisville's newest park located in the California Neighborhood. The first five acres of the park project features:

- music-themed playground
- picnic pavilion
- performance shelter
- outdoor classroom
- exercise space
- free 5G Wi-Fi

See who you recognize in this amazing [photomosaic mural](#).

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Kristen Byrd

Congratulations to Kristen Byrd on being featured in [Louisville Business First](#).



[Read More](#)

Rotarian in the Spotlight: DeVone Holt

Congratulations to **DeVone Holt** and the Goodwill West Louisville Opportunity Center team on the recent media spotlight! Links to stories below and you can see a Live Feed of the progress [HERE](#).

Louisville Business First: [Goodwill offers community leaders a sneak peek of \\$50M Opportunity Center](#)
WHAS: [So much more than just a building™: A first look at the West Louisville Opportunity Campus](#)
WDRB: [Dawning of a new day™ | West Louisville Opportunity Center in final stages of construction](#)
WLKY: [Norton Healthcare Goodwill Opportunity Campus in west Louisville nearing completion](#)



Rotarian in the Spotlight: David Dick



Congratulations to **David Dick** on the [recent announcement](#) of the merger between [Dean Dorton](#) and VonLehman CPA & Advisory Firm.

Rotarians in the Spotlight: Most Admired CEOs

Congratulations to three Rotarians who were honored at the recent LBF [Most Admired CEOs](#) and [Business Impact Awards](#) event. Shouldn't everyone on this list be a Rotarian? If you know someone that is not, please reach out and invite them to a meeting.

Amy Luttrell



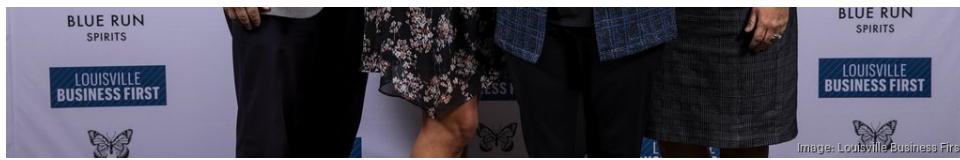


Abby Drane



Louis Straub / Independence Bank - Business Impact Award





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.

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](#)

Rotary Speech Contest

By Karen Morrison

Each year our club hosts a speech contest open to all Louisville area high school students (private, public, independent and home taught). The winner will advance to the sectional competition followed by a regional competition. Finalists from each region in the district will compete at the annual Rotary District 6710 Conference to be held here in Louisville on May 10-11, 2024.

This year's club contest will be held **Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 4:15pm at Gilda's Club Kentuckiana**, 2440 Grinstead Dr.

The contest offers students an opportunity to speak on a meaningful topic, to sharpen their speaking skills, and to gain recognition in addition to monetary rewards. By participating, they will learn about Rotary, our history, and our worldwide mission. Students will also have the potential of establishing a more meaningful relationship with members of our club.

[Read More](#)

Events & Opportunities: MELANnaire Marketplace @ Mall St. Matthews

By Nachand Trabue

What: MELANnaire Marketplace @ Mall St Matthews

Date/Time: Now through January 2nd

Location: Mall St. Matthews, next to Dillard's Women

Description: Invite your family, friends and colleagues to come out and shop with 30+ black-owned businesses. This is our 2nd year at the Mall St. Matthews and we're growing as a business community.

Check out some of the items for sale in [this video](#).



Member to contact: Nachand Trabue, blackbusinessesmatters502@gmail.com

Events

December 7th, 10:30-11:30 AM

DEI Committee Meeting

Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

December 7th, 1:15-2:15 PM

Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting

Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

December 13th, 5:00-7:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

December 7th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jamal Muashsher

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

Speaker: Jamal Muashsher, President & CEO, Valvoline Global

December 9th, 9:00-3:00 PM

Bell Ringing Benefiting Salvation Army

Location: Kroger on Holiday Manor (US42)

December 14th, 6:00-10:00 PM

Rotary Club Annual Meeting & Holiday Celebration

Location: Big Spring Country Club 5901 Dutchmans Ln Louisville, KY 40205

Speaker: N/A

December 16th, 9:00-3:00 PM
Bell Ringing Benefiting Salvation Army
Location: Kroger on Holiday Manor (US42)

December 28th, 11:30-1:00 PM
Happy Holidays - NO MEETING
Speaker: N/A

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 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 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

December 21st, 11:30-1:00 PM
Happy Holidays - NO MEETING
Speaker: N/A

January 4th, 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: Raphaela Platow
Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Raphaela Platow, Speed Art Museum

January 18th, 1:00-2:00 PM
Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting
Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

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

	Anthony Hammond December 7th		Christy Brown December 7th		Scott Neff December 10th		Willie Billingslea III December 14th
	Thomas K Stone December 15th		Harry Louis Seeger V December 18th		Aaron Miller December 19th		Tawana Bain December 19th
	Sam Cilone December 19th		Tracy Evette Davis, JD, CDP December 21st		Adam Fields December 22nd		David Y. Wood December 23rd
	Anuj Rastogi December 23rd		Jason Pierce December 23rd		T. Vernon Foster December 23rd		Dorn Crawford December 25th
	Demetrius Wingate December 27th		Barry Sears December 28th		Michael B. Vincenti December 28th		Lisa DeJaco Crutcher December 28th
	Trudy Wheeler December 31st		David C. Dick December 31st		Kimberly Mallory December 31st		Benjamin W Taylor January 1st
	Elizabeth A. Chandler January 1st		Brandalynn Davis January 1st		Sarah Hugenberg January 1st		Jeremy Vokurka January 4th
	David B. James January 4th						

Club Leaders

	Kevin Lynch President		Lori Hudson Flanery President-Elect		Kevin Fields Secretary		Kim Halbauer Treasurer
	Claire Arnold Club Director		Gregory Patrick Braun Club Director		Paula Grisanti Club Director		Charles D. Hartlage Club Director
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