

Rotary

Club of Louisville



Happy New Year!

Happy New Year Rotary family! There is a LOT covered in this first issue of the year, including important information about:

- 2023 Dues
- Club directory
- Membership Campaign Kickoff
- Rotary University
- Mayor's State of the City
- Rotary Day at the Downs
- WLHI Update
- New FUNdraiser Info

...and much more, so please take a few minutes to read.

We have some great upcoming speakers! Plan to attend and invite someone:

January 12 - Bill Stone, Glenview Trust

January 19 - Tammy York Day, Louisville Healthcare CEO Council

January 26 - Gregory Leeson, The Life Chronicler Project

February 2 - Mayor's State of the City Address (at Americana World Community Center)

February 9 TBD

February 16 - Dr. Kish Cumi Price, Louisville Urban League

Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians!

Out with the old, in with the new. I hope that we are ready to anticipate what the New Year can bring with all the hope that one can muster. I dust off some of my all-time favorite quotes every New Year. I start off with Huston Smith's comment about a way of living fully: "*Infinite gratitude toward all things past; infinite service to all things present; infinite responsibility to all things future.*" Maybe you have something you do as you turn the last page of the old calendar and break the seal on the new one. Send me your New Year's tradition(s); I will compile and share them in this space. In the meantime, Happy New Year!

Here are some of my other favorites:

"Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right." Oprah Winfrey

"A man can do only what he can do. But if he does that each day, he can sleep at night and do it again the next day." Albert Schweitzer

"Pray for a good harvest, but keep on hoeing." From a sign posted off a rural road

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." Theodore Roosevelt

"You are under no obligation to be the same person you were five minutes ago." Alan Watts

"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been." Rainer Maria Rilke

Life is good!

Walt

This Week's Meeting: Soozie Eastman at Savor



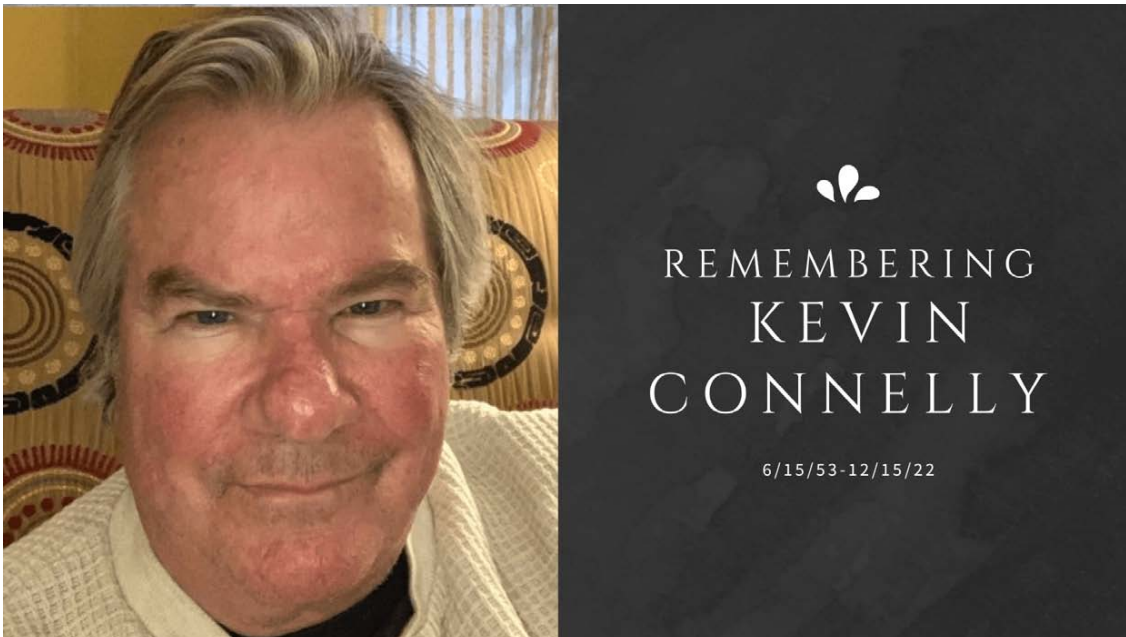
Kicking off the new year on January 5th at Savor at River House will be **Soozie Eastman**, Chair of the Louisville Film Commission and President of [502 Film](#), a nonprofit that connects visiting productions with resources in the Greater Louisville region. If you missed the big announcement about the \$65 million investment to develop Louisville Gardens into 40,000 sf of studio space divided amount four stages, you can read about it in [Variety](#).

Soozie is also a documentary filmmaker and made her directorial debut with [Overload: America's Toxic Love Story](#).

NOTE: We had to cut off RSVPs for this meeting at 140 people; if you would like to get on a waiting list for cancelations, please email rotary@rotary45.org.

[Read More](#)

IN MEMORIAM: Kevin Connelly



Former Rotarian Kevin Connelly passed away on December 16, 2022 following a stroke while doing what he loved. He was a member of our Club for over a decade.

A memorial service to honor Kevin will be held at Wildwood Country Club, 5000 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY on January 13, 2023. A program is scheduled for 2:00 pm, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of gifts or flowers, please consider donating to a nonprofit of your choice as a memorial to Kevin's passionate and lifelong commitment to the development and sustainability of Kentucky nonprofit organizations.

Read the full obituary [HERE](#).

2023 Dues Shifting To Monthly Charge

Starting this week, we will be processing dues on a monthly basis as follows, via autopay through QuickBooks:

Regular Members \$75
R-85 Members \$45
Emerging Leader Members \$35
Spouse/Partner Members \$35

Corporate memberships will be billed annually and can be paid via check or credit card.

You will receive the first monthly invoice in your inbox on Thursday, January 5th and subsequent invoices on the 5th of each month. If we have your credit card on file (which we finally do for most members!), it will automatically be charged. If we do NOT have a current credit card on file, watch for an email from me; you can either set up autopay yourself from the invoice you receive, or provide your credit card information and I can do it. After months of trying to get this process streamlined and automated, we are almost there! Thank you all for your patience.

If you need to make payment via check, please email me at rotary@rotary45.org so I can note your account.

Club Directory

We are ready to print the Club directory; however, we need to determine how many to print. According to our recent survey, a little over 50% wish to receive the traditional spiral-bound print version, with the remainder preferring the digital pdf version only or to use the DaCdb database/app to access member information. However, only about a third of members have completed the survey.

If you want a print directory, you need to complete the survey ASAP:

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

Membership Campaign Kickoff

It's time to GROW! We are offering an incentive for new members approved in January: **half off of the normal one-time entrance/application fee.**

If there is a leader you would like to propose as a new member, please send them this link to the application <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLApplication>. Better yet, invite them to a meeting so they can hear first hand about the club from Craig Scherman. We are starting our next season of Rotary University next week, so that would be a perfect opportunity!

A refresh on membership criteria:

Candidates must be adults of good character who reflect the rich diversity of leadership in our community and hold a position of significant influence in their organization and/or community. Examples include:

- CEO or senior leader in a company or non-profit
- Civic volunteer who chairs a Board or exceptional community endeavor
- Principal, owner, corporate officer or managing partner of a business concern
- Head of a congregation
- Retiree from a position of significant influence

We also offer a select number of Emerging Leader Memberships to individuals 42 or younger who hold an

important position in their organization and demonstrate exceptional community leadership. And for organizations that wish to have multiple leaders join the Club, we offer a Corporate Membership; email rotary@rotary45.org for more details.

Rotary University - New Season Begins Next Week

If you are new to Rotary and/or haven't completed these orientation sessions, or just want to join in the fun with some of our new members, please mark these dates on your calendar. We will meet IN PERSON following our regular lunch meetings on the dates below.

If you have joined in the last year but have not been formally introduced / inducted to the Club yet, please email rotary@rotary45.org with some Thursday meeting dates that would work for you.

January 12	Session 1 - What is Rotary?
February 9	Session 2 - Committees
March 9	Session 3 - Rotary Honors Scholars
April 13	Session 4 - Service Projects
May 11	Session 5 - Rotary International
TBD	New Member Celebration / Mixer (location TBD)

Contact Chris Manzo for details cmanzo@sndbx.design

February 2, 2023 Meeting - Mayor Greenberg's First State of the City Address



Craig Greenberg was sworn in as our 51st mayor yesterday at City Hall. He will be delivering his first State of the City address to our Club on February 2nd at the Americana World Community Center on Southside Drive.

RSVPs will be open as soon as the menu/price is finalized.

Save the Date! Rotary Day at the Downs - May 3, 2023

Join on **Wednesday, May 3rd** for our annual Rotary Day at the Downs! This year we will be in the **brand new First Turn Club Dining** space, which has access to the rail for great viewing.



Tickets are \$140 per person and include admission, racing program, 4-hour Chef's Table Buffet, coffee, tea and soft drinks, and an OPEN BAR and fun prizes! We will participate in the trophy presentation for a race as well.

Parking has not been finalized but I believe that the free parking included this year will again be at the Kentucky Exposition Center, with continuous shuttles to/from the Paddock Gate at Churchill Downs. Onsite parking passes can be purchased separately once I have that info.

Purchase tickets at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Churchill050323>. If you purchase a table of 10 before the end of January, you will have first choice.

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Allan Parnell, Mister

Allan Parnell was interviewed by WAVE 3 recently...view the story and video [HERE](#).

Mister 'P' on the success of Mister 'P' Express



Allan Parnell, more famously known as Mister "P," started his trucking company, Mister "P" Express, in Jeffersonville 35 years ago.

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Bryan Armstrong

Bryan Armstrong was recently sworn in as President-Elect of the Louisville Bar Association.



Rotarian in the Spotlight: Rick King

Rick King made it to the big screen at a recent Cards game, and won 2 roundtrip airline tickets in the reindeer race!



Next Week's Meeting: Bill Stone at Savor



Next week's meeting at Savor at River House will feature **Bill Stone, Chief Investment Officer of Glenview Trust**. His topic will be "2023 Financial Outlook: Inflation, Recession, and the Markets." Learn what to expect from the economy, Federal Reserve, inflation, and financial markets in 2023. Bill will preview why you should prepare for a recession in 2023, and share a few stock picks.

RSVP HERE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCL011223>

The menu will be lasagna with garlic bread, and a vegan veggie plate is available upon advance request.

Dessert and tea/coffee will be provided to all attendees; if you are not purchasing a meal, please make a \$5 donation to cover the \$5 per person that Savor charges us for this.

Click Read More for the full speaker bio: [Read More](#)

January 19th Meeting: Tammy York Day at Savor



Our January 19th meeting at Savor at River House will feature **Tammy York Day, President and CEO at Louisville Healthcare CEO Council**. Her topic will be: "Healthcare Workforce's Importance To Louisville's Economic Future"

RSVP HERE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCL011923>

The menu will be Shrimp and Grits and a vegan veggie plate is available upon advance request.

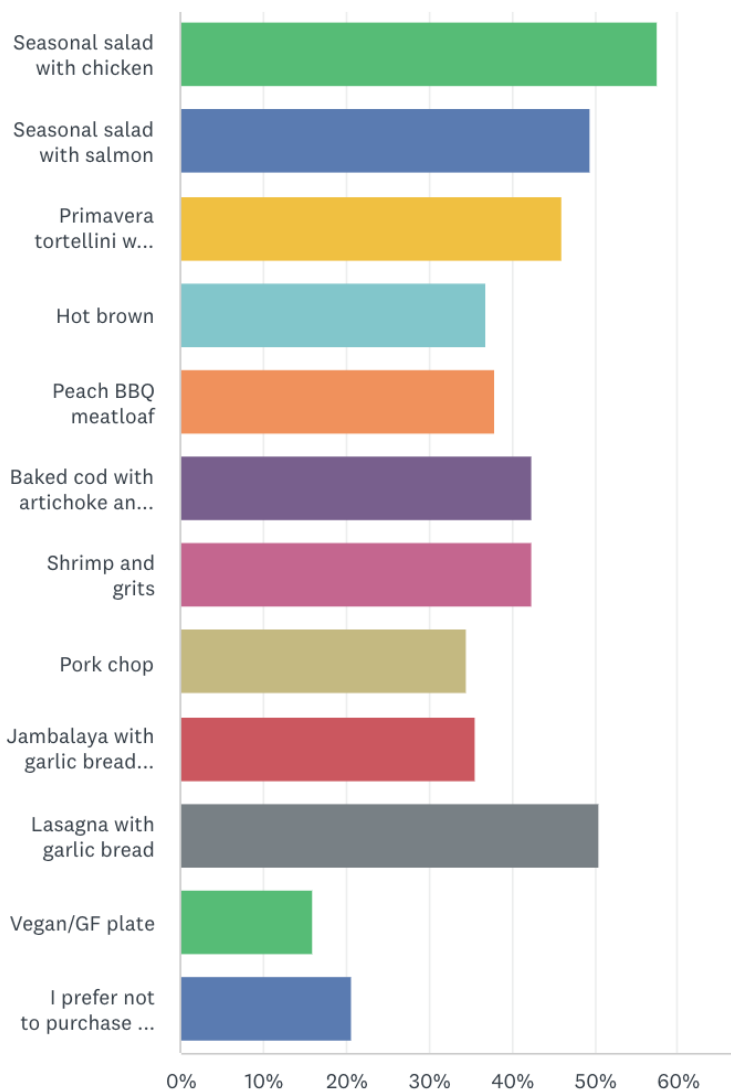
Dessert and tea/coffee will be provided to all attendees; if you are not purchasing a meal, please make a \$5 donation to cover the \$5 per person that Savor charges us for this.

[Read More](#)

Note from Delene About Meals & Cost

By Delene Taylor

Thanks to the almost 100 of you who completed the survey about meals. Here are the results for those who are interested:



I was a bit surprised to see that more people (51%) were likely to choose the salad option over the regular entree!

Very few people wanted to prepay meals, so we will hold off on that option for now. Same for the \$5 charge for those who attend without purchasing a meal...too complicated to track prepayments. Just bring \$5 cash or check, or scan the QR code at the check in table to pay with a credit card.

For those who asked about a buffet - that is not an option with Savor, unfortunately.

Several were interested in purchasing a soft drink; just pay \$3.00 to your server when you order it.

I want to once again address the \$27 cost for those who feel it is too high and/or should be covered by dues. Click Read More if you are interested and/or have registered a complaint.

[Read More](#)

WLHI Update

By Luke Schmidt

We're pleased to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our ongoing fundraising campaign to raise \$5 million for our Club's signature program – the West Louisville Housing Initiative.

As you know, this groundbreaking, first of its kind program in the U.S. seeks to provide full home loans for up to

60 families who wish to buy their first home in West Louisville. The Rotary Club of Louisville is responsible for raising the funds, which will be transferred to a dedicated account at our fiduciary partner, Park Community Credit Union (PCCU). PCCU is responsible for managing all aspects of the loan program and is matching 20% of everything we raise, up to \$3 million. As buyers close on their loans, they will make payments back into the dedicated account, thereby creating a sustainable, revolving fund which will last for decades.

Fundraising campaign highlights to date: [Read More](#)

Partnering for Peace / Ukraine Update

By Fred Cowan

Partnering for Peace - the collaboration between Rotary and the Peace Corps community - has completed the first phase of its initial project by collecting and shipping more than 200 pounds of winter clothing to Ukrainians in their war-ravaged country. Numerous members of the Rotary Club of Louisville went into their closets to find much-needed clothing items to ship to a village in South Central Ukraine where the clothes will be distributed to refugees who have fled their homelands from further South and East. As everyone knows by now, Russia has targeted the Ukrainian power grid with missiles and bombs in an effort to demoralize Ukraine's citizens fighting for their independence, territory and democratic state.

Many RCL members have contributed to the effort, but special thanks goes to new Rotarian and recent Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine Tim Nicolazzi. At the risk of leaving someone out, thanks also to Rick and Mary Ellen Harned, Cliff Elgin, Tom Bohnert, David Graves (former PCV), Barbara Collins, Steve Rungwerth, Walt Kunau and all other Rotarians who dropped clothing off at the box provided at our luncheons. Cliff Elgin deserves special mention for reaching out to his men's club and collecting numerous bags full of clothing.

We are planning to launch a second round of winter clothing provisions but we will need to raise some dollars for the air freight costs if we are to get clothing to Ukrainians in time to be helpful this winter. Financial donations may be made at this point to the Rotary Fund with the check designation "Ukraine clothing shipment."

In addition, our club - through our International Service Committee - has been exploring with Ukrainian Rotary Clubs the possibility of direct support of those clubs' relief efforts. District 6710 has designated \$25,000 of District funds for the RI Disaster Response Fund. The Fund has provided 400 grants totaling \$15 million for Ukrainian Emergency Relief. Also, thanks again to the efforts of Rotarians Denise Sears and Kevin Lynch for their leadership in the Louisville community on the Ukraine crisis.

Holiday Party Recap

Whew - time has flown by since our holiday party and I just realized I never posted photos! Click [HERE](#) to see the album on Facebook. Click [HERE](#) for a video.





Save the Date for Our Annual FUNdraiser

By Greg Braun

Mark your calendars for this year's Rotary FUNdraiser event on March 27th. It will be a fun night as we honor Rotary's *Past, Present and Future*. I want to tease you with just one of the many prizes we are going to offer.

We will be selling 111 Golden WALTO tickets! What's that, say you? Tickets will be sold up to the night of the event and one ticket will be pulled that evening. The winner can then select from our list of incredible trips around the world. Yes, I said around the world. The first experience is below. But hold on to your hats...in addition to trips, we have bourbon and dinners to give away, and lots of entertainment to keep you jumping. It all adds up to one heck of a night!

Rotary FUNdraiser WALTO Package #2: A 2 Day/3 Night Stay In Romantic Savannah, Georgia

By Greg Braun



Ah, Savannah, Georgia. Home of Kenny Rogers, Forrest Gump, and the Lady Chablis. The oldest city in Georgia, with a downtown historic district holding 22 park squares, from the original design of the city.

Your weekend trip includes airfare and a 3-night stay at a Marriott, Hyatt or Hilton Savannah hotel. Once there, we have scheduled for you and your guest a horse-drawn carriage ride. For an evening, wander past the towering oaks, and the colonial mansions that line the beautiful streets. Known for its fine dining and secluded, mysterious taverns, Savannah offers romance and excitement at every turn. We also have lined up a tour of some of the rich culinary restaurants. You and a guest will visit six selected foodie haunts, which include some of

Savannah's best known seafood spots, a celebrated honey store, a Scottish pub, a 1920's speakeasy and the oldest butcher shop in Savannah. Use the incredible Winspire concierge services in planning the rest of the trip...we just gave you a little boost.

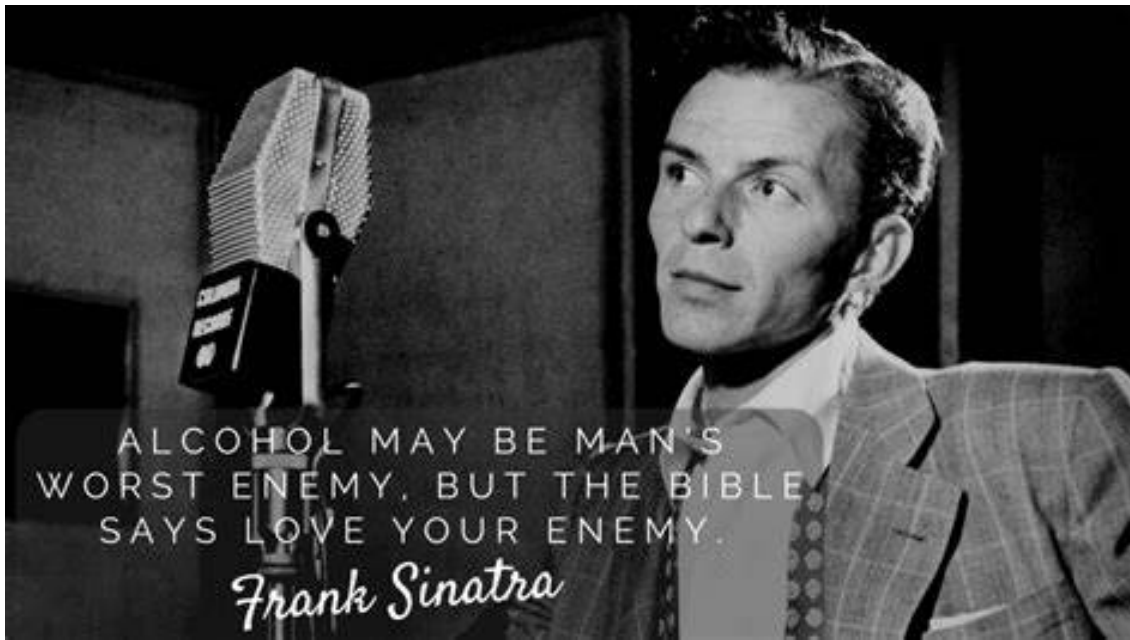
And don't forget to sit on your park bench and have a piece of chocolate or two.



This is just another of the incredible prizes you can select – if you have the winning **WALTO GOLDEN TICKET**. Just 111 tickets will be sold at \$111 each. The winner will be selected at the Rotary FUNdraiser on March 27th at Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

WANTED: Bourbon!

By Greg Braun



Hello Rotarians, Greg Braun here, and I need some of your bourbon!

This year, the Rotary Super FUNdraiser will be on March 27th, 2023 at Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

We will be celebrating our past, present, and future. And I promise a “super-tacular” night for you and your guest, so make sure you save the date!

We will be raising money for our local **Rotary Fund** and for the **Louisville Rotary Club** itself – to help recover from the Covid crunch. And one of the many fun things we will offer is a vast array of bourbon to the guests that night.

We need all types of Bourbon (unopened, naturally) and all sizes.

1. For a pre-holiday raffle promo campaign
2. For event day games, prizes, etc.

I'm asking that you check those shelves for some dusty unopened bourbon and send it my way. You can bring it to a meeting, or I'm happy to come get it from you – you can call me at 502-817-8224 and I can pick it up. Any

amount helps – and yes, we will provide a donation receipt for tax purposes.

So **reserve** the date - March 27th - and find a **reserve** bottle or two to donate to a great cause!

Thank you,

Greg Braun, Rotary 2023 FUNdraiser Chair

2023 Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Schedule

By Craig Mooney

Please consider volunteering some of your time and expertise to support our signature service project - mentoring Rotary Honors Scholars. No experience necessary! We need mentors for our three January dates listed below:

- Wednesday, January 18 from 7:40am - 9:15am at Iroquois High School, 4615 Taylor Blvd
- Tuesday, January 24 from 8:15am - 9:15am at Western High School, 2501 Rockford Ln, Shively
- Friday, January 27 from 8:15am - 9:00am at Western High School Early College at JCTC Southwest Campus, 1000 Community College Dr, SOAR Room, Building A

Click Read More below for future dates. Please contact cmooney@bosseconstruction.com to volunteer or with questions.



[Read More](#)

Events & Opportunities - The Woman's Club of Louisville

By Haldane Lamberton

What: Dinner, Presentation & Bourbon Tastings

Organization: The Woman's Club of Louisville

Event: *Whiskey and War Stories*

Date/Time: February 4, 2023, 6:30-9pm

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville, 1320 S. Fourth St.

Description: A unique presentation of actual war stories by one of America's first responders to Afghanistan following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. MSG (Ret) Scott Neil served in the U.S. Army Special Forces for 25 years, deploying around the world in efforts to combat foreign terrorists. Scott interweaves his war stories with tastings of Horse Soldier Bourbon, from American Freedom Distillery, which he co-founded in 2015. You'll want to stay for a Q&A period following the presentation, as well as an opportunity to meet with Scott and have bottles of Horse Soldier Bourbon personally signed for you.

More information: <https://wcl.ticketleap.com/whiskey-and-war-stories/>

Member to contact: Hal Lambertson or manager@wclouisville.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

January 5th

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Soozie Eastman at Savor](#)

Speaker: Soozie Eastman, 502 Film & Louisville Film Commission

Subject: Update on the film industry in Louisville and state-wide

January 12th

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Bill Stone at Savor](#)

Speaker: Bill Stone, Glenview Trust

Subject: 2023 Economic Outlook

January 18th

[ROTARY Honors Scholars Mentoring Iroquois High School](#)

January 24th

[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School](#)

January 26th

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Gregory Leeson at Savor](#)

Speaker: Gregory Leeson, The Life Chronicler Project

Subject: <https://www.thelifechronicler.com/>

February 2nd

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

Speaker: Craig Greenburg

Subject: State of the City Address

February 9th

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: TBD](#)

Speaker: TBD

February 15th

[ROTARY Honors Scholars Mentoring Iroquois](#)

January 10th

[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - January](#)

January 12th

[Rotary University Session 1: What is Rotary?](#)

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Mike Kull

Subject: What is Rotary?

January 19th

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Tammy York Day at Savor](#)

Speaker: Tammy York Day, CEO Council

Subject: Healthcare Workforce's Importance To Louisville's Economic Future"

January 25th

[Business Synergy event at Louisville Paving](#)

Speaker: Business Synergy Networking

January 27th

[ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College](#)

February 7th

[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - February](#)

February 9th

[Rotary University Session 2: Committees](#)

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Greg Braun

Subject: Committees

February 16th

[International Service Committee Meeting](#)

High School

February 16th

RCOL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dr. Kish Cumi Price at Savor

Speaker: Dr. Kish Cumi Price, Louisville Urban League

February 21st









Business Synergy event w/Canopy at Independence Bank

Speaker: Business Synergy Networking w/Canopy

Birthdays

	Brandalynn Davis January 1st		Bethany Witten January 1st		Benjamin W Taylor January 1st		Sarah Hugenberg January 1st
	Robert L. Royer January 2nd		David B. James January 4th		Jeremy Vokurka January 4th		Charles Lambert January 5th
	Rudolph Spencer January 5th		Carl Coslow January 5th		Tina Jo Walters January 6th		Lori Hudson Flanery January 6th
	Neville Blakemore January 7th		Bill Stone January 9th		Courtney Evans January 9th		Maynard L. Stetten M.D. January 10th
	Michael L. Holwerda January 12th		Janice L. Purcell January 12th		Terry G. Waddle January 14th		Greg Fischer January 14th
	Teresa M Leezer January 15th		Steve Rungwerth January 15th		Barbara Sexton Smith January 15th		Jess Metzmeier January 15th
	Muhammad Babar January 17th		Alice Shade January 18th		Lawrence Williams January 20th		William B. Bellis Sr. January 20th
	E. Phillip Scherer III January 21st		Christopher A Manzo January 22nd		Richard Roth January 26th		Sandra Dodge January 27th
	Kevin J McCarron January 28th		Larry T. Sloan January 28th		Carlos Hernandez Ocampo January 28th		William Andrew Holden January 28th
	Byron Riggs Lewis January 31st						

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