

Rotary

Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians!

What a way to kick off the year! Soozie Eastman mesmerized the audience with her story. One of the messages she sent was "Write your Own Story" rather than have someone else write it for you. We had the first receiving line in my memory to talk with Soozie after her presentation. Thank you Speakers Committee for inviting engaging speakers. I think we ought to have a contest to recruit Soozie to become a Rotarian - special props to whomever gets that done! Next up, we have Bill Stone from Glenview Trust to talk about the economic outlook for 2023. Barbara Sexton Smith, Deputy Mayor, will preside over the meeting, so hold on tight! Our door prize will be a ticket to the Mayor's State of the City address on February 2nd.

Here are Walt's Words of Wisdom:

Too many people spend money they earned to buy things they don't want to impress people that they don't like. Will Rogers

Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants. Epictetus

I will tell you the secret to getting rich on Wall Street. You try to be greedy when others are fearful. And you try to be fearful when others are greedy. Warren Buffett

A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore. Yogi Berra

My formula for success is rise early, work late and strike oil. JP Getty

Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant. P.T. Barnum

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. Benjamin Franklin

Life is good!

Walt

Tomorrow's Meeting: Bill Stone at Savor

Tomorrow'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.

RSVPs are closed for this meeting; if you would like to be added to the waiting list, email rotary@rotary45.org.



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

Rotary University - New Season Begins This 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

RI Theme for 2023-24: CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

Rotary International President-Elect **R. Gordon R. McNally**, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, **revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, *Create Hope in the World***, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 9 January. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders. "The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McNally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Red Kettle Challenge Update

We came up a little short on the Red Kettle Challenge with our Kiwanis Club friends. Below is the note of thanks from Rotarian **Kelly Hutchinson** as well as the note Ralph Barringer included in this week's Kiwanis Club newsletter, with comments from President Walt.



A Note of Thanks from the Salvation Army for Red Kettle 2023:

Thank you all for your patience in us calculating the checks, cash, coins...!
These totals (in order) are 2023 Red Kettle Challenge Winners (Civic Clubs):

#1 Kiwanis Club of Louisville - \$14,904.24
#2 LaGrange Rotary - \$8,902.21
#3 Downtown Rotary - \$4,394.93 (Total includes \$1,000 credit for check coming from
Henry Heuser/ Community Foundation of Louisville)
Prospect Goshen Rotary - \$2,312.47
Rotary Club of Louisville Suburban - \$1,549.28
East Louisville Sunrise Rotary - \$857.94
Hardin County Rotary - \$612.46
E-Town Rotary - \$570.90

We are so grateful to these organizations for helping us this season. These totals will
continue to help others beyond Christmas.

Gratefully yours,

Kelly Hutchinson, CFRE
Executive Director of Development
The Salvation Army Louisville Command

Fellow Kiwanians,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the Balmy weather we have been enjoying. I understand Louisville Tourism is giving Florida a “run for their money” in vacation packages ?

We did get the actual final tally in our annual Red Kettle competition with our friends at the Downtown Rotary Club:

Kiwanis Club of Louisville \$14,904.24 to Downtown Rotary \$4394.93, in a word....we “CRUSHED” it.

I did receive a note of congratulations (and capitulation) from Walt Kunau @ Downtown Rotary:

“Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club for raising the most for the Salvation Army! You all earned the privilege of keeping the trophy! You can/will also have the distinction of bestowing the Turkey Award to us at our meeting next Thanksgiving Week! Let’s keep this tradition of meeting Thanksgiving week and more importantly keep ringing the bell for the folks at our Salvation Army!” I’ve known Walt for a long time, he is truly a class act. 😊

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.

Last Week's Meeting Recap - Soozie Eastman

We had a lively packed room full of energy for our first meeting of the new year at Savor with **Soozie Eastman**, Filmmaker, President of 502 Film, and Chair of the Louisville Film Commission and many guests!

If you attended the meeting please, please share your feedback:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLSurvey01052023>



Membership Co-Chair Chris Manzo formally introduced / inducted a new-ish member, **David Shadburne** with Park Community Credit Union, who spoke briefly about our partnership on the West Louisville Housing Initiative.



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"*.

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.

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

[Read More](#)

Business Synergy Event with Louisville Paving - January 25th

Rotarian **Matt Riggle** is hosting our next Business Synergy event on January 25th from 5:30-7:30pm at Louisville Paving & Construction, 15415 Shelbyville Rd. This informal networking event will include a facility tour, light appetizers and a bartender serving wine/beer. There will be a door prize giveaway: LPC branded bourbon bottle and glasses.

Register for this free Business Synergy event [HERE](#). Note there is a limit of 40 attendees for this event so don't delay.



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

The focus of the January session is to work with the students on the following:

1. We will start the session by practicing introducing ourselves with confidence
2. Review their KITES from session 3 (Knowledge, Interests, Talents, Experience and Strengths)
3. We will discuss the summer works program
4. We will help the students create their own resume
5. We will work with the students to create an elevator speech

This is a fun session and it's a great opportunity for those that have not participated in the mentoring program yet to come out and give it a try. We always give new volunteers the opportunity to sit with an experienced mentor for the first session or two so that they can get a feel for how it works.

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

[Read More](#)

January 26th Meeting: Gregory Leeson, The Life Chronicler, at Savor



Our January 26th meeting at Savor at River House will feature **Gregory Leeson**, author, podcaster, speaker, TED Talk nominee and founder of [The Life Chronicler Project](#). His talk is titled "*Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives*".

Do we all live extraordinary lives? In today's very divided world, if we paused for a moment to learn about the lives of others, what would be the implications? Would we learn that we have so much more in common than that which is different? Hear from Gregory Leeson about his continent-spanning research that's taken him to 53 cities, 39 states, D.C. and eight provinces over 14 months.

The menu will be Tortellini Primavera, and a vegan veggie plate is available upon advance request. A salad with chicken option is also available if you register by noon on January 23rd.

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.

RSVP HERE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLSurvey01262023>

For the speaker bio click here: [Read More](#)

February 2nd: Mayor's State of the City Address at Americana World Community Center



On February 2nd we will host the first "State of the City Address" by Mayor Craig Greenberg at the Americana World Community Center at 4801 Southside Dr. Stay tuned for more details soon.

Boxed lunches provided by Bristol Catering are available for purchase for \$25, or you can pay \$5 to attend without eating.

RSVP HERE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLSOTC2023>

[Read More](#)

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.

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 Lamberton 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.

Save the Date for Our Annual FUNdraiser

By Greg Braun

Are your calendars marked 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*. 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 two experiences are 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 #1: A Four Night Stay in Cortona Italy

By Greg Braun

Introducing a Rotary FUNdraising experience - a chance to win this Italian travel package.



Picture waking up in beautiful Cortona, Italy. You and a guest are strolling the quaint streets and neighboring villas. What to do today? Maybe check out the artisanal jewelry boutiques that pepper the towns. Or admire the beautiful classic architecture. Or maybe buy a piece of art. Or sit with a bottle of wine and chat with the townsfolk. Or maybe travel to another romantic town that litters the Tuscany Valley. Or go on a chocolate tasting experience at a local farm. That evening, visit a local restaurant, and enjoy farm fresh food and incredible wine. This trip can be yours if you have the selected golden WALTO ticket. There will be only 111 sold. The trip includes lodgings, one dinner for two, 4-night stay, a couple of fun tours and concierge service assistance in planning and booking. Air fare not included. As they say "Buona Fortuna, e acquista il tuo biglietto, Rotariano!" (Good luck and buy your ticket, Rotarian!)

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 at the Rotary FUNdraiser on March 27th at Waterfront Botanical Gardens. I promise a “super-tacular” night for you and your guest, 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. 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

Events

January 12th

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

Speaker: Bill Stone, Glenview Trust

Subject: 2023 Economic Outlook

January 18th

January 12th

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

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Mike Kull

Subject: What is Rotary?

January 19th

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 High School

February 16th

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

Speaker: Dr. Kish Cumi Price, Louisville Urban League

February 23rd

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: TBD

Speaker: TBD

March 2nd

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dr. Debra Mumford

Speaker: Dr. Debra Mumford, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary

March 8th

Western HS Interact Club Red Cross Blood Drive

March 9th

Rotary University Session 3: Rotary International

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Rick Harned & Susan Zepeda

Subject: Rotary International

March 16th

RCoL Unsung Heroes Celebration Luncheon

Speaker: Unsung Heroes Celebration Luncheon

March 23rd

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: TBD

Speaker: TBD

March 28th

Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

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

February 21st

Business Synergy event w/Canopy at Independence Bank

Speaker: Business Synergy Networking w/Canopy

February 28th

Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

March 7th

Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - March

March 9th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: TBD

Speaker: TBD

March 15th

ROTARY Honors Scholars Mentoring Iroquois High School

March 17th

ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College

March 27th

SAVE THE DATE - FUNraiser Celebration of Past, Present, Future

Speaker: Time & Program TBD

March 30th

NO MEETING due to FUNdraiser

Birthdays

Michael L.
Holwerda

Janice L. Purcell
January 12th

Terry G. Waddle
January 14th

Greg Fischer
January 14th



January 12th



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



Larry T. Sloan
January 28th



Kevin J McCarron
January 28th



William Andrew
Holden
January 28th



Carlos Hernandez
Ocampo
January 28th



Byron Riggs Lewis
January 31st

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