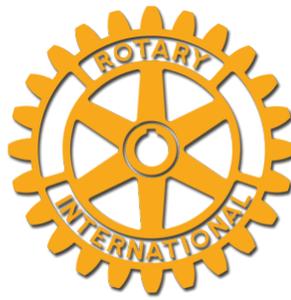


Rotary

Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians!

We look forward to hearing Mayor Greenberg give his first "State of the City" address tomorrow, with many of you in the audience. The event is SOLD OUT! Your Rotary Club has been working on some of Mayor Greenberg's initiatives for years – stronger schools, healthier families, affordable housing, more just Louisville. With our motto of "Service Above Self" and our commitment to making our community better with investments and action, Rotary has been making Louisville a better place to live and thrive for over one hundred years.

Since we are focusing on our community, these Walt's Words of Wisdom come from some of Louisville's best and brightest:

"I so believe in the fact that we are somehow born to love the truth" - Diane Sawyer

"I'm in the business of turning skeptics to believers." - Jack Harlow

"He that is taught only by himself has a fool for a master." - Hunter Thompson

"Live everyday as if it were your last because someday you're going to be right." - Muhammed Ali

"A man who procrastinates in his choosing will inevitably have his choice made for him by circumstance." -Hunter Thompson

"Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing." -Muhammed Ali

Life is good!

Walt

Next week's Meeting: Akoy Agau at Savor

The February 9th meeting at Savor at River House will feature **Akoy Agau**, who played three seasons with the Cardinals, and is the owner of the **Derby City Distillers**, a team that will compete in The Basketball League.

The menu will be salad greens with grilled salmon 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/RCL020923>

Rotary University - Next Session February 9th

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. Completion of Rotary University is required for new members, so please prioritize these sessions!

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

Feb 21 Business Synergy Mixer with Canopy and YPAL



Many of you are aware of the important role that Canopy and the new [Canopy Certification](#) launched last June play in putting Kentucky on the map in the good business movement. At this FREE evening Business Synergy networking event, you will have a chance to learn about the progress being made and hear from some of the first businesses to obtain certification, as well as to meet Canopy social entrepreneurs and supporters. An added bonus is that our friends at YPAL (Young Professionals Association of Louisville) will be joining us! Rotarian Louis Straub will be hosting us at Independence Bank and providing bites and beverages!

This is an excellent opportunity to meet leaders and rising stars (and prospective Rotarians!) who care about good business in our community. Please plan to join us from 5:30-7:30pm on Tuesday, February 21st. RSVP [HERE](#).

Deadline Approaching for Rotary Day at the Downs Tickets

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> by **February 15**.

West End School Reading Volunteers Needed

By Walt Kunau

It's time for Rotary to read with the 8th graders at West End School again. Last year, four of us (Ken Selvaggi, Larry Sloane, Steve Rungwerth and me) read *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stephenson with the soon to graduate scholars. We will be reading weekly starting on Thursday, February 23 at 9:45 am and read

until 10:40 for about 5 or 6 weeks. You can come as you can or come to all the sessions. The West End School address is 3628 Virginia Ave. Louisville, KY 40211. Please see me to sign up.

This year we will be reading *Pound the Stone* by Joshua Medcalf:

"There's a secret to mastery that you may have never heard, a single little thing that only the very best in the world know how to do. In fact, I believe it is the only thing anyone can do to gain true mastery at anything, and it's an equal opportunity principle. It can be applied to fulfill your potential in business, in sports, in your relationships, as well as your overall life. Do you want to know what it is?"

Come and find out what it is and while you discover it, you will become more hopeful of Louisville's future because of your investment of time with these future leaders of Louisville. I am sending out a special invitation to our women of Rotary to join us. Whoever comes will be enriched and will learn about West End School's plans for a girls' school too – maybe we will be reading with both the boys and girls in no time at all. If you have any questions, reach out to me!

Life is good!

Walt Kunau
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Volunteers Needed for Educational Justice Bourbon Spelling Bee

By Walt Kunau

Educational Justice's 2023 Great Bourbon Spelling Bee is a truly one-of-a-kind affair that brings together a mix of comedy, bourbon, fun, and spelling for a great cause. On March 3rd at 6:30pm at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, teams from across Louisville will compete to take home bragging rights as the top spellers. This adults-only (21+) spelling bee competition combines Louisville personalities, bourbon enthusiasts, local businesses and YOU in the most hilarious spelling bee you'll ever see! Teams and guests will enjoy gourmet food reminiscent of a middle school lunch, beverages, test their knowledge, and root on our brave contestants as they try to outlast the competition.

EJ is taking names of folks who have an interest in volunteering. They don't have the full list of final roles in place, but people who can help with setup, check-in, proctoring teams during the games, selling raffle tickets, etc. are needed. For more info email bourbonbee@educationaljustice.org

THE GREAT BOURBON SPELLING BEE

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023
6:30 PM



Event Ticket Packages:

All tickets include admission for guest, drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres inspired by school cafeteria menus — Gourmet Sicilian Pizza Squares, Sloppy Joe & Burger Sliders, Tater Tot station, KY chicken nuggets, and more!

- ◆ General admission: \$75 (general seating)
- ◆ Table of 8 RESERVED: \$600

Visit this link to purchase tickets:

<https://www.giveqab.com/campaigns/the-great-bourbon-spelling-bee>

OR scan the QR code

Scan here to purchase tickets



Educational Justice is a non profit that leverages its tutoring model to foster sustained relationships between middle & high school students providing academic mentoring & support.



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!

- Wednesday, February 15 from 7:40am - 9:15am at Iroquois High School, 4615 Taylor Blvd
- Tuesday, February 28 from 8:15am - 9:15am at Western High School, 2501 Rockford Ln, Shively

These are fun sessions and offer 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.

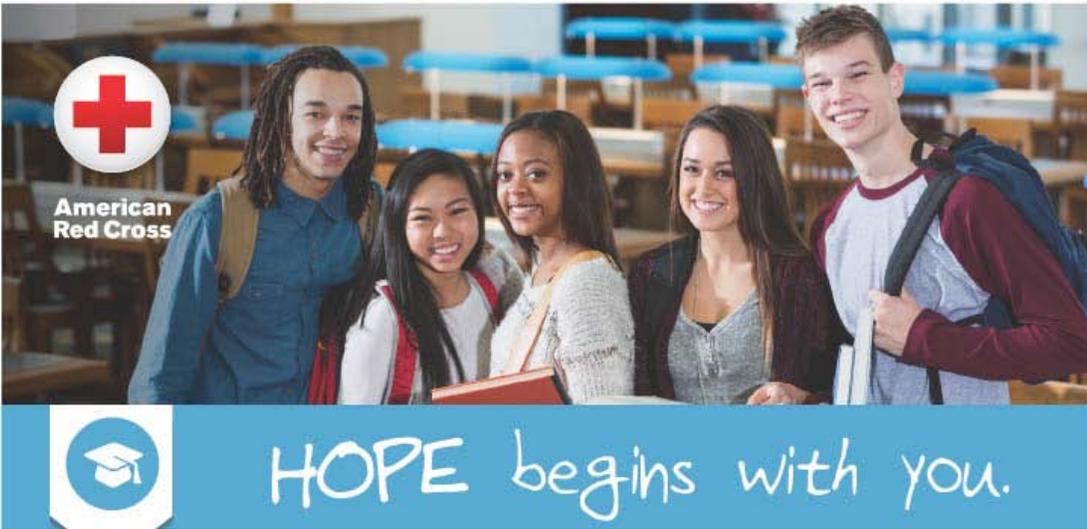
Click [Read More](#) below for future dates. Please contact cmooney@bosseconstruction.com to volunteer or with questions.

[Read More](#)

Volunteers Needed: Iroquois HS INTERACT Blood Drive, Wednesday, February 8th

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

Our Iroquois High School INTERACT Club is coordinating a Red Cross Blood Drive on Feb 8th from 7:30am-1:30pm in the gymnasium. We need volunteers and donors! Contact me at lbartrom@hotmail.com.



**Iroquois High School
Blood Drive**
Sponsored by Louisville Rotary
Coordinated by Iroquois
INTERACT CLUB

Gym
4615 Taylor Blvd.
Louisville, KY 40215

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Schedule your appointment today!
16-year-old donors may donate with a signed Red Cross parent consent form.

Please be sure to eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids to prepare.

RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS
Blood Donor App | Sponsor Code: IROQUOISLOUKY



Warm hearts. Warm thoughts. Give in February for a \$10 Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. And, automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Clearwater Beach, FL. Includes travel, hotel, gift card and more! Terms: rcblood.org/heart.



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Discount Tickets to Kentucky Opera's Cinderella

Rotarian **Barbara Lynne Jamison** has generously offered members a discounted rate of \$50 for two upcoming performances of *Cinderella*. If you would like tickets, email rotary@rotary45.org.

KENTUCKY OPERA
70TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON 22/23

Cinderella

Friday, February 24 at 8pm Use Promo Code ROTARY for
Sunday, February 26 at 2pm \$50 Tickets - Any Seat
The Brown Theatre | 315 W Broadway

Sung in Italian with English Captions KYOpera.org | 502.584.4500



ShelterBox Event

ShelterBox is proud to be Rotary International's official project partner in disaster relief. Thanks to our club's generous donations through the ShelterBox HERO program, families around the world have received essential aid and technical assistance needed to rebuild damaged homes and lives. To show gratitude, Shelterbox is hosting an exclusive online Rotary Club HERO event on:

Saturday, February 11th, 2023, 12pm EDT.
Register [HERE](#)

This exclusive event is open to every club member. ShelterBox USA President Kerri Murray and other

executives from ShelterBox will deliver reports on their current response work, the impact we make in the lives of those we reach, and how Rotarians make this work possible. There will also be an opportunity for you to submit questions.

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,

Events

February 2nd

Mayor's State of the City Address

Speaker: Craig Greenburg

Subject: State of the City Address

February 8th

Iroquois INTERACT Club Blood Drive

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

February 7th

Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - February

February 9th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Akoy Agau

Speaker: Akoy Agau

Subject: Derby City Distillers Basketball Team

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: Aukram Burton

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Subject: KY Center for African American Heritage

March 2nd

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dr. Debra Mumford

Speaker: Dr. Debra Mumford, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary

Birthdays



Sharon LaRue
February 2nd



Henry H. Kuehn
February 5th



Barbara Lynne
Jamison
February 5th



Michael B.
Mountjoy CPA
February 6th



Jon Salomon
February 8th



Richard D. King
February 10th



Kenya Wade
February 13th



John R. Gregory
February 13th



David B. Reed
February 16th



William M. Rue
Jr.
February 17th



C. Douglas
Kottke
February 18th



Robert T.
Maddox
February 18th



Ginger L.
Wallace
February 19th



Michael T. Fallot
February 20th



Mitch McConnell
February 20th



Kasey Maier
February 23rd

Kevin Fields

Leo Smith

Samuel Ward

Ruby Becker



February 24th



February 25th



February 25th



February 27th



William A. Stone
March 1st



Thomas Allen
March 2nd



Gregory Patrick
Braun
March 2nd



Doug Scott
March 3rd

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