

Walt's Words of Wisdom

Please check your inbox for Walt's weekly note sent out on Monday afternoon - great info! Our door prize giveaway this week and next will be a ticket to <u>de Party for de Paul</u> on March 10th, where Rotarian **Jean West** will be the keynote speaker, so be sure to have your raffle ticket ready when it's time for the drawing!

Walt's Words of Wisdom for this week:

- "It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared." Whitney Young
- "You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own." Michelle Obama
- "Many things are possible for the person who has hope. Even more is possible for the person who has faith. And still more is possible for the person who knows how to love. But everything is possible for the person who practices all three virtues." Brother Lawrence
- "Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible." Helen Keller

Life is good! Walt

Executive Director Update

By Delene Taylor

We had a fantastic Business Synergy mixer with Canopy and YPAL last night. Huge shout out to **Louis Straub** and Independence Bank for being our host! If you are on Facebook and haven't yet joined our private members-only group, please do so - you can view a video of the event there.



Let's chat about meeting surveys. I WANT your feedback, and am often disappointed to see only a handful of responses. It is also disappointing when Rotarians choose not to include their name when they ask a question or make a statement that is not accurate or fully informed, giving me no chance to request details or address the issue unless I do so publicly. For example: "Did we really have to wait until the speaker complained more than once that the heat was causing her distress? Such a disgrace to treat a woman so poorly." When she first commented, I texted the Savor staff requesting cool air. We do not control the temperature in the room, and with a building of that size and the unseasonal warmth outside, there is no instant fix even if we did. I read all of the feedback and take it to heart because I CARE deeply about creating positive and rewarding meeting experiences and am always open to improvement. While most of the feedback is positive, occasionally the comments just do NOT meet our 4-way test. Bottom line - please fill out the survey AND please make an effort to share feedback that is productive and not merely a complaint.

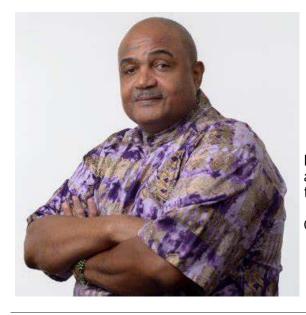
Please <u>share the names(s)</u> of people that may be a good fit for membership in our Club. If we get at least 75 responses, I will draw the name of one member to receive a FREE TICKET (\$125) to our March 27th FUNdraiser at Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

In service, Delene

Tomorrow's Meeting: Aukram Burton at Savor

Tomorrow's meeting at Savor at River House will feature **Aukram Burton**, Executive Director of the **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage**.

The RSVP deadline has passed to reserve a meal; please email rotary@rotary45.org to see if any are available. If you plan to attend without eating, please let us know so we can make sure there are enough seats set up.



Dessert and tea/coffee will be provided to all attendees; please make a \$5 donation to cover the \$5 per person that Savor charges us for this.

Click Read More for the speaker bio: Read More

Re:Center Ministries Dinner TODAY

By Larry Sloan

Our fourth Wednesday monthly meal at Re:Center Ministries will be TODAY at 5:30pm. Please join us to 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. Below is a photo of the meal from December: Left to right, David Snyder, Rudy Moeller, Harry Stephenson and Ron Jones, who is Jackie Jones' husband.



Next Week's Meeting: Dr. Debra Mumford, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary



Next week's meeting at Savor at River House will feature **Dr. Debra Mumford, Dean of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary**.

The menu will be **Jambalaya** (low spice, no shrimp), and a vegan veggie plate is available upon advance request. We will have a limited number of salad w/grilled chicken plates but must guarantee that number by Monday at noon - there will be no additional salads available to reserve after that time.

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/RCL030223

Click here for the speaker's bio: Read More

Meeting Recap - Dr. Kish Cumi Price

Last Thursday's meeting with **Dr. Kish Cumi Price** was both entertaining, enlightening and challenging! You can view the recording <u>HERE</u>.



Thanks to **Jennifer Helgeson** for sharing an update about our partnership with Junior Achievement. Scroll down to the JA 3DE post below to read more about these volunteer opportunities.



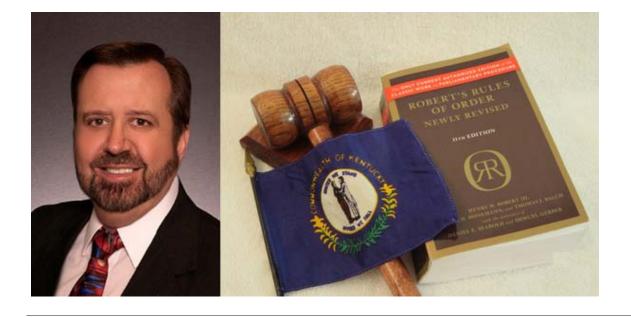
Rotarian in the Spotlight: Barry Allen



During the 2023 Child Advocacy Day at the Capitol, Kentucky Youth Advocates recognized Rotarian **Barry Allen** with the "*Champion for Children*" award. KYA Executive Director Terry Brooks and Barry spoke to our Club in November 2021 about this <u>statewide public policy advocacy coalition</u> that Barry is leading around Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Doug Myers

Doug Myers, who serves as our District 6710 Parliamentarian, is the incoming President of the Kentucky Association of Parliamentarians.



JA 3DE Project at Valley High School: Volunteer Training THIS Friday

By Tony Newberry

Our Club partners with Junior Achievement and the Kentucky NAACP to inspire and challenge 9th grade students at Valley High School through JA's 3DE program. 3DE is designed to "re-engineer high school education to be more relevant, experiential and authentically connected to the complexities of the real world to more fully prepare students for the demands of tomorrow's economy." Like last year, Rotarians have the opportunity to engage in one of two ways: (1) serving as business coaches for student teams as they research a case challenge and develop presentations, or (2) serving as a judge at the final event, providing constructive feedback to students as they present their final recommendations to the case challenge. Below are the key dates for this year's 3DE program:

February 24th at 10:00 am: Training for volunteers will be delivered virtually via Zoom. Register in advance (a recording will be available if you are unable to join live): https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuc06qqjMiGdKjvat167PzNbf2y3qnuPh0

February 28 and March 1st: In these **coaching sessions**, volunteers will assist students as they work in groups by listening to student ideas and providing feedback and direction.

We need **3 volunteer judges** to evaluate the student team presentations on **Wednesday**, **March 15th** from 8:45 to 10:00am and choose a winning presentation. The winning team will present its case challenge at a Rotary meeting.

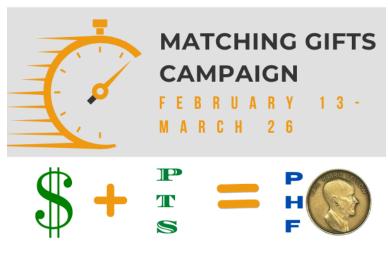
Click **HERE** for the "Case Challenge Timeline" with information about the upcoming 3DE sessions at Valley High School. If you wish to volunteer this year, please let me know by this Friday morning, February 17th, so that JA can plan ahead for the February 24th training session as well as the coaching sessions on February 28th and March 1st. You can click here to register for a slot: http://9-5valley.3deschools.volunteerhub.com/

Let me or Rick Harned know if you have any questions.

Tony Newberry 502.386.1069

District Matching Gifts Campaign

By Mike Kull



(minimum) to \$2,000 to the Annual Fund-SHARE of The Rotary Foundation will be matched with donated points from District Rotarians (up to a total of \$60,000), which means you can earn Paul Harris Fellow recognition twice as fast!

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition is given to anyone who contributes, outright or cumulatively (or in whose name is contributed), a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Multiple PHF recognition is extended at subsequent \$1,000 levels. Recognition consists of a pin, with sapphires or rubies added corresponding to the recipient's recognition level. Contributions to the Annual Fund-SHARE program are also counted toward our Club

earning Star Club status.

Make your personal check payable to "**Rotary Foundation**" and note "**SHARE Fund**" on the memo line. You can give your check to Delene, or mail to the address below (must be received by the District by March 26, 2023).

Sheila Stoke Rotary District 6710 Matching Program 7906 Westover Drive Prospect, KY 40059

Contact District Rotary Foundation Committee Co-Chair Mike Kull at 502-802-4485 or mjk502@aol.com to find out how far you are from the \$1,000 minimum required to achieve Paul Harris Fellow status.

Volunteers Needed: West End School

By Walt Kunau

REMINDER: We will be reading **Pound the Stone** by Joshua Medicaf with 8th graders at West End School, 3628 Virginia Ave, on Thursdays from 9:45-10:40 am, beginning February 23 for about 5 or 6 weeks. Come once, twice, or to all the sessions. You will become more hopeful of Louisville's future because of your investment of time with these future leaders! We'd love to have some women of Rotary to join us. See me to sign up.

View a <u>special presentation</u> from the West End School SOARchestra at the last basketball game of the season.



Volunteers Needed: 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.

If you can help with setup, check-in, proctoring teams during the games, or selling raffle tickets, email bourbonbee@educationaljustice.org

Volunteers & Blood Donors Needed: Wednesday March 8th, 8:30am-2:00pm

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

We need YOU to either volunteer or donate blood for this blood drive, coordinated by our Western HS INTERACT

Club and sponsored by our Club. Plan to be at Western HS, 2501 Rockford Ln, Room 112 between 8:30am and 2:00pm on Wednesday, March 8th. Our goal is 38 units of blood donated, and we can only achieve this with your help! Contact Linda Bartrom-Moore lbartrom@hotmail.com or Rick Harned r.harned@twc.com to sign up. Below are some photos from our recent Iroquois HS INTERACT drive.



Volunteers Needed: Share Your Story at Iroquois HS

Our Rotary Club is the Business Partner for Iroquois High School and helped the school secure a \$750K grant from the Department of Education for before- and after-school programming for ESL students. The grant focus is to ensure *Every Student Succeeds*. We need volunteers to share career stories in a fun and engaging way. Talk for 10-15 minutes and let the students ask you questions after. You can do this either before school from 7:00 - 7:30 AM or after school any time between 2:30 - 5:30 PM. If you come on a Thursday, you can share with our Interact Club too. We will be doing this for March & April (except Spring Break which is April 3-8). To schedule, please email or call Yvette (pronounced "why vet") Livers at Iroquois yvette.livers@jefferson.kyschools.us or (740) 683-7505.

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, March 15 from 7:40am 9:15am at Iroquois High School, 4615 Taylor Blvd
- Friday, March 17 from 8:15am 9:00am at Western Early College, JCTC Southwest Campus, 1000 Community College Dr, SOAR Room Building A
- Tuesday, March 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

Events & Opportunities: JA Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame

By Jennifer Helgeson

What: 2023 Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame **Organization:** Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana

Date/Time: March 2, 2023, 6:00pm Location: Louisville Marriott Downtown

Description: Join us as we honor outstanding business individuals whose leadership, vision and innovation have accomplished much for Greater Louisville's economic development and social welfare. The Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame is a business dinner culminating in the Induction Ceremony during which the Laureates are inducted into the Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame. 2023 Laureates include **Rotarian Michael Mountjoy and Frank Harshaw**, **spouse of Rotarian Paula Harshaw**.

More information and to reserve a table: https://halloffame.jaky.org/

Member to contact: Jennifer Helgeson, jhelgeson@jaky.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 & Opportunities: LHC BSA Leadership For Scouting Event

By Walt Kunau

You may not know that I am an Eagle Scout. With all the off the cuff remarks and the unprepared style that I enjoy, you might ask yourself how can that be? The Scouts Motto of "Be Prepared", the Scout Oath: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." And the Scout Law: "A Scout is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." These three foundational tenets were formed in my adolescent years and inform me to this very day.

I invite you to come out and support the Lincoln Heritage Council of the Boy Scouts of America at their Leadership for Scouting event on **Tuesday**, **March 21**, **at the Galt House from 11:30am-1:00pm**. If you are looking forward to a new era with the Cardinal Football Team - come and enjoy hearing from the keynote speaker, football coach **Jeff Brohm!** Whether you come for Scouts or you come for the Cards, let's get some tables filled with Rotarians! Use this link: http://www.lhcbsa.org/luncheon to register. In the first field, type ROTARY so we can all sit together.



Volunteers Needed: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

RYLA dates have been set: May 4-7, in Greenville, Kentucky and District Co-Chair Gail Story needs your help! Twenty Team Leaders are required to put on this camp, along with Jr. Team Leaders. Watch this video from last year's camp to see what it's all about or click Read More below. This program not only changes the lives of our youth, it will also change your life. It is an amazing event that you will forever cherish. Contact Gail at gail.rotary6710@gmail.com to learn more or to volunteer.

Read More

Rotary Leadership Institute

By Rick Harned

Take your leadership skills to the next level by attending Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). District 6710 is continuing to rotate locations around the district with the next event scheduled in Henderson, KY on Saturday, February 25th from 8:30am-3:30pm.

RLI is a series of fast-paced, interactive courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of



knowledge in Rotary. There are three different sessions which must be taken in order. All three sessions will be offered concurrently on Saturday, February 25th. The in person fee, which includes RLI materials, a Continental breakfast and a hot lunch, is \$50 plus a small convenience fee if paying by credit card. Our District Governor has agreed to **reimburse 50% of the registration fee after session completion**. To register, please email rotary@rotary45.org.

Rotary FUNdraiser / WALTO Packages

Have you purchased your ticket yet for our big Rotary FUNdraiser on March 27th? We will honor our Club's **Past**, **Present and Future** at the beautiful Waterfront Botanical Gardens. Tickets to attend are \$125 (cash/checks preferred but we will take credit cards if need be). Enjoy great food and beverages, a bourbon wall where a spin of the wheel wins a bottle of your choice, and of course party planner extraordinaire Greg Braun will have some run surprises music and entertainment-wise.

Below are some of the packages that will be available to choose from for the winner of the WALTO Golden Ticket drawing. Click Read More below for the details.

- #1 Four Night Stay in Cortona, Italy
- #2 Two Day / Three Night Stay in Romantic Savannah, Georgia
- #3 Big Fun in the Big Easy

Only 111 WALTO tickets will be sold – and you don't have to be present to win! Email Greg@MaidinLouisville.com to purchase your ticket, sip on that Sazerac, and get ready!

Read More

WANTED: Bourbon!

By Greg Braun

I need some of your bourbon for our Rotary Super FUNdraiser on March 27th at Waterfront Botanical Gardens. We will be raising money for our local **Rotary Fund** and for the **Louisville Rotary Club** itself (to help get back on track after the Covid crunch resulted in a decline in membership). 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'd be 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 27 - and find a **reserve** bottle or two to donate to a great cause!

Rotary University - Next Session March 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

Events

February 22nd February 23rd

Re:Center Ministries Dinner Read With 8th Grade West End School Students

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner **Speaker:** Read With 8th Grade West End School Students

February 23rd February 28th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Aukram Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High

Burton School

Speaker: Aukram Burton

Subject: KY Center for African American Heritage

March 2nd March 2nd

Read With 8th Grade West End School Students RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dr. Debra

Mumford

Speaker: Dr. Debra Mumford, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary

March 3rd March 2nd

JA Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame **EJ Bourbon Spelling Bee Speaker:** JA Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame Speaker: EJ Bourbon Spelling Bee

March 8th Western HS Interact Club Red Cross Blood Drive

Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - March

March 9th

March 9th Read With 8th Grade West End School Students RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Ambassador

Bill Taylor

Speaker: Ambassador Bill Taylor, former US Ambassador to Ukraine

March 9th March 15th

Rotary University Session 3: Rotary International ROTARY Honors Scholars Mentoring Iroquois

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Rick Harned & Susan **High School**

Subject: Rotary International

March 16th March 16th

RCoL Unsung Heroes Celebration Luncheon Read With 8th Grade West End School Students **Speaker:** Unsung Heroes Celebration Luncheon

March 17th

ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College Re:Center Ministries Dinner **Speaker:** Re:Center Ministries Dinner

March 23rd March 23rd

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Greg Read With 8th Grade West End School Students

Galiette

March 22nd

Speaker: Greg Galiette

Subject: Louisville Bats President

March 28th

SAVE THE DATE - FUNraiser Celebration of Past, Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High

Present, Future **School**

Speaker: Time & Program TBD

March 27th

March 30th

NO MEETING due to FUNdraiser

April 6th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Brooke

Pardue

Speaker: Brooke Pardue, Parks Alliance of Louisville

April 13th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Demetrius

<u>Gray</u>

Speaker: Demetrius Gray, Founder & CEO, Captain

April 14th

ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College

April 20th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dan

<u>Maloney</u>

Speaker: Dan Maloney, Louisville Zoo

April 27th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Ursula

<u>Madden</u>

Speaker: Ursula Madden, External Affairs Manager for

Blue Oval SK and Blue Oval City

May 4th

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Speaker: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

May 11th

RCoL Rotary Honors Scholars Luncheon

Speaker: Scotty Davenport

May 12th

District 6710 Conference

Speaker: District 6710 Conference

May 18th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dr. Eli

Capilouto

Speaker: Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky

President May 27th

Rotary International Convention

Speaker: Rotary International Convention **Subject:** https://convention.rotary.org/en

June 7th

New Member Celebration

Speaker: New Member Celebration

June 15th

International Service Committee Meeting

April 4th

Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - April

April 12th

Business Synergy Event at Kentucky Science

Center

Speaker: Business Synergy Networking

April 13th

Rotary University Session 4: Service Projects &

<u>Grants</u>

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Steve Eggers and Alice

Bridges

Subject: Service Projects & Grants

April 20th

International Service Committee Meeting

April 26th

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

May 3rd

Day at the Downs

Speaker: Day at the Downs

May 4th

NO MEETING due to Day at the Downs

May 11th

Rotary University Session 5: Rotary Honors

Scholars

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Craig Mooney & Thom

Crimans

Subject: Rotary Honors Scholars

May 17th

Honor Flight Bluegrass

Speaker: Honor Flight Volunteer Opportunity

May 24th

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

June 6th

Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - June

June 8th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Marty Pollio

Speaker: Dr. Marty Pollio, JCPS Superintendent

June 28th

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Birthdays



Kasey Maier February 23rd



Kevin Fields February 24th



Leo Smith February 25th



Samuel Ward February 25th

Ruby Becker February 27th

William A. Stone March 1st



Thomas Allen March 2nd





Doug Scott March 3rd



Cheryl Creech Kersey March 4th



March 2nd

March 4th



Chris Teeley March 10th



Patricia W. Hart March 11th



Smith B. Bushong Ш March 15th



John H. Clark IV March 16th

Christopher Davis



Michele R. Oberst March 16th



Helen K Cohen March 16th



Johnetta Roberts March 17th



Corey Miller March 20th



Clifford Ashburner March 22nd



Charles K. McClure III March 22nd



Brian Veeneman March 22nd



Gerald Martin March 25th



Frnst Camentz March 27th



Joan Louise Hannant March 27th



Richard Paul Schiller March 28th



Kim Halbauer March 28th



Jonathan Richtarsic March 29th



Glenn A. Price Jr. March 29th



Steven R. Ragan March 30th

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