

Rotary

Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians,

If you didn't get a chance to read the emails I sent on Monday, please do so. The first was about voting on amendments to our Club Bylaws, and the second was my weekly note and Walt's Words of Wisdom (click [Read More](#) below).

We welcome Dr. Debra Mumford, Dean of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, to the lectern tomorrow. I am a proud dual graduate from LPTS with a Master of Arts (MAR) in Hebrew Scriptures (1999) and Master of Theology (ThM) in Teaching World Religions. While I am traveling and won't be there in person with you, I leave you in good hands with VP Barbara Sexton Smith.

Life is good!

Walt

[Read More](#)

Executive Director Update

By Delene Taylor

If I have not responded timely to your message this week, it is because I have been very busy with our office move! We had a 20-foot conference table and chairs along with a wall of file cabinets still in our old office space in Riverfront Plaza, along with four rooms full of furniture and files at Waterfront Plaza! Thank you to Rotarian Greg Braun for offering free storage this month while we prepare to auction most of the furniture - stay tuned.

Meanwhile, if you are looking for some concrete-lined fire-resistant (certified up to 1 hour) file cabinets, we have three of them that need a new home very soon. These weigh several hundred pounds each and are \$4k new - you can see a similar cabinet [HERE](#). Email rotary@rotary45.org with your current and max bid if interested. All proceeds will go toward our FUNdraiser.



I'm excited to take a break from move-related tasks tomorrow, not only for our meeting, but to join my fellow Rotarians in **reading to the 8th graders at the West End School** tomorrow morning, and to **share my career journey with our Iroquois INTERACT Club** tomorrow afternoon! There are still ongoing opportunities to do both, so check your calendars and email rotary@rotary45.org if you are ready to enrich your life with these service projects! If you are planning to attend the JA Business Hall of Fame tomorrow evening or the EJ Great Bourbon Spelling Bee Friday evening, please take some photos and share with me!

Don't forget to **share the names(s)** 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: Dr. Debra Mumford, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary

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

Her talk is titled: *"Louisville Seminary – Past, Present and Future"*

The presentation will trace the history of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary from its genesis in Danville, Kentucky to today and will cover the current demographics of students and faculty, details of current programs, enrollment, theological/ethical commitments and some plans for the future.

The menu will be **Jambalaya** (mild spice, no shrimp), and a vegan veggie plate is available upon advance request. We have a couple of Jambalaya meals that have become available - email rotary@rotary45.org if you would like to purchase.



Click here for the speaker's bio: [Read More](#)

Next Week's Meeting - Ambassador William Taylor



Next week's meeting at Savor at River House will feature **William Taylor, former Ambassador to the Ukraine** and current Vice President, Europe and Russia at the [U.S. Institute of Peace](#).

Here are a couple of recent interviews with Ambassador Taylor:

[Ambassador William Taylor on the Anniversary of Russia's War on Ukraine](#)
[Ambassador William Taylor on the Future of U.S. Assistance to Ukraine](#)

Also sharing a few comments will be [Tod Sedgwick](#), former Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

Several members of the Ukraine Task Force will be in attendance as well as Christy Brown, Amos Izerimana (Louisville Metro Director of International and Immigrant Affairs), and Omar Ayyash (President, World Trade Center of Kentucky). We are anticipating a large turnout for this meeting so please register early.

The menu will be **Hot Brown**, 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; please make a \$5 donation to cover the \$5 per person that Savor charges us for this.

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Click [HERE](#) for the speaker bio.

Rotary University - Next Session March 9th

We will meet IN PERSON following our regular lunch meeting at Savor next Thursday, March 9th. 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

Meeting Recap - Aukram Burton

Last week's meeting with **Aukram Burton** from the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage was interesting and informative. You can learn more [HERE](#).



We were also very excited to receive a \$10,000 donation to our West Louisville Housing Initiative from the [Greater Louisville Association of Realtors](#)! Thank you Rotarian **Doug Myers** for helping bring this to fruition.



WALTO Package #4 - See you in Sydney, Mate!

By Greg Braun

Our final WALTO trip is to the Emerald City, otherwise known as Sydney, Australia. Here is your chance to visit the down under and check an item off your bucket list!



Your package includes a 5-night stay in the 5-star [Hotel Swissôtel Sydney](#). Visit the iconic Sydney Opera House, designed by architect Jørn Utzon and opened in 1973. Travel the streets and see such sights as St. Mary's Cathedral or Hyde Park, the oldest park in Australia with over 160,000 square meters, where you can see the Anzac Memorial or the Archibald Fountain.

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast each morning, and you will have lots of time to walk through the Royal Botanic Garden along the Harbour. If art is your scene, you may want to spend a day at the Museum of Contemporary Art and finish the day by walking across the Harbour Bridge or get lost in Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden.

At night, dine along the scattered restaurants and maybe cap off the evening by a visit to the Sydney Observatory. Spend an afternoon at Paddy's Markets and indulge yourself in clothes, food and souvenirs.

And don't forget outside of Sydney there is a world of adventure too – spend a day in Wollongong, which offers world class wines, beautiful beaches, fresh air, and untouched coastlines. Of course, you have the Winspire booking and concierge services at your disposal to plan as much or as little as you wish. Air fare is not included in this package. Get out your walking stick, and be prepared to experience a world of wonder!

Only 111 WALTO Golden Tickets will be sold, with the drawing to be held at the Rotary FUNdraiser event on Monday, March 27th – and you don't have to be present to win! Someone will win – and choose from these incredible trips! To get your raffle ticket, mail a check to Rotary Fund of Louisville, 657 S Hurstbourne Pkwy, Ste D-226, Louisville, KY 40222. Checks are preferred, but if you wish to use a card you can do so here: <https://bit.ly/WALTO>. For event tickets, you can pay by check or click here: <https://bit.ly/FUNdraiserTicket>.

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 - see above). 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 fun 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 Golden 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](#)

Announcing Our Western High School INTERACT Board

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

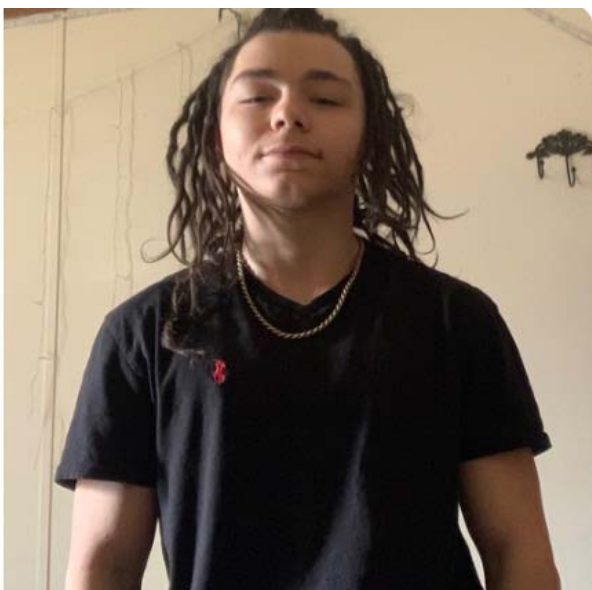
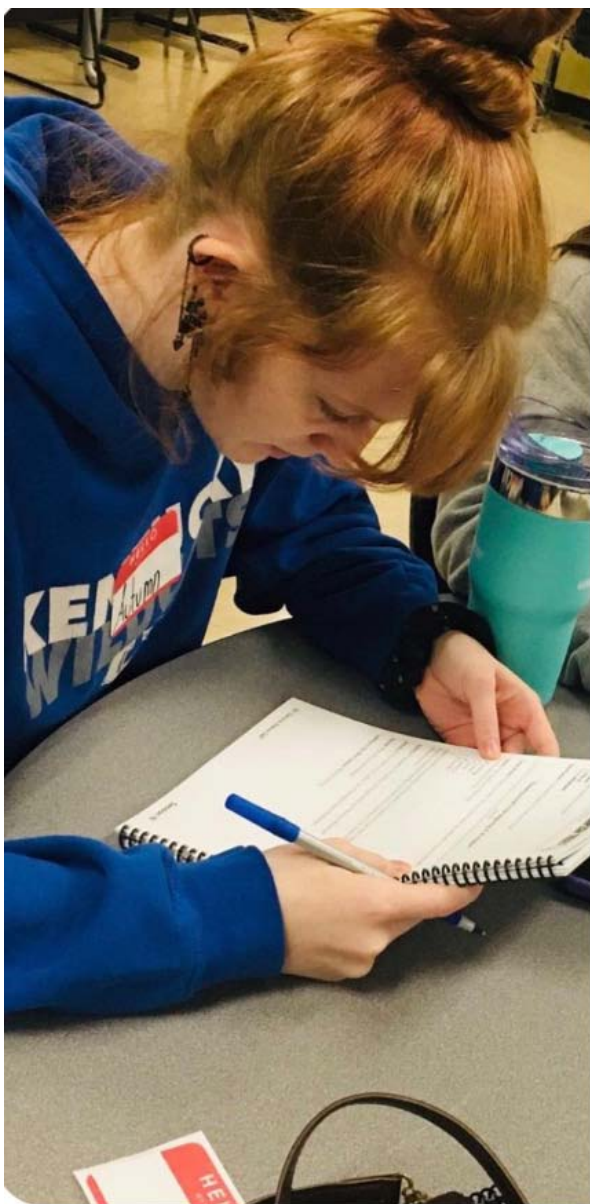
Meet our newly elected Western High School INTERACT Board Officers:

President **Autumn Etherton**

Secretary **Aiden Ransdell**

VP **Nathan Pennington**

They will be installed as Officers at our Rotary Honors Scholars program on May 11. I am looking forward to working with these awesome young folks!



Rotarian in the Spotlight: DeVone Holt

Congrats to **DeVone Holt** for being honored with the ICON Award at the 100 Black Men of Louisville *Night of Excellence Gala* at the Seelbach.



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 me at lbartrom@hotmail.com or Rick Harned at r.harned@twc.com to sign up. Below are some photos from our recent Iroquois HS INTERACT drive.



District Matching Gifts Campaign

By Mike Kull



MATCHING GIFTS CAMPAIGN

FEBRUARY 13 - MARCH 26

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Now through **March 26**, personal donations of \$125 (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.

Events & Opportunities: JFCS Community Chat

By Courtney Evans

What: JFCS Community Chats

Organization: Jewish Family & Career Services

Date/Time: March 7, 2023, 6:00-7:30pm

Location: JFCS, 2821 Klempner Way

Description: Learn about the food insecurity crisis in Greater Louisville and what you can do to fight it at this FREE event with panelists:

- Vincent James, President, and CEO, Dare to Care Food Bank
- Sandee Golden, Food Pantry Coordinator, Jewish Family and Career Services
- Stachelle Bussey, Executive Director, The Hope Buss
- Travis Brown, Operations Manager, New Roots, and the Fresh Stop Markets

Click [HERE](#) to register and [HERE](#) for the flyer.

Member to contact: Courtney Evans, cevans@jfcsloouisville.org

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.



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA
LINCOLN HERITAGE COUNCIL

Leadership Luncheon For Scouting

Tuesday,
March 21, 2023

The Galt House Hotel

12:00 PM:
Lunch & Program

EVENT CHAIR:

Logan Pichel
CEO of Republic Bank



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Featuring Keynote Speaker

Jeff Brohm

Head Coach

University of Louisville Football

For more information, scan the QR code or contact James Lennon
at 502-361-2624 or james.lennon@scouting.org



Events

March 2nd

[Read With 8th Grade West End School Students](#)

March 2nd

[JA Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame](#)

Speaker: JA Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame

March 7th

[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - March](#)

March 9th

[Read With 8th Grade West End School Students](#)

March 9th

[Rotary University Session 3: Rotary International](#)

March 2nd

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dr. Debra Mumford](#)

Speaker: Dr. Debra Mumford, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary

March 3rd

[EJ Bourbon Spelling Bee](#)

Speaker: EJ Bourbon Spelling Bee

March 8th

[Western HS Interact Club Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

March 9th

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Ambassador Bill Taylor](#)

Speaker: Ambassador Bill Taylor, former US Ambassador to Ukraine

March 15th

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

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Rick Harned & Susan Zepeda

Subject: Rotary International

March 16th

Read With 8th Grade West End School Students

March 17th

ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College

March 23rd

Read With 8th Grade West End School Students

March 27th

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

Speaker: Time & Program TBD

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 Gray

Speaker: Demetrius Gray, Founder & CEO, Captain

April 14th

ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College

April 20th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dan Maloney

Speaker: Dan Maloney, Louisville Zoo

April 27th

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Ursula Madden

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

March 16th

RCoL Unsung Heroes Celebration Luncheon

Speaker: Unsung Heroes Celebration Luncheon

March 22nd

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

March 23rd

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Greg Galiette

Speaker: Greg Galiette

Subject: Louisville Bats President

March 28th

Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

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 & Grants

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

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

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



William A. Stone
March 1st



Thomas Allen
March 2nd



Gregory Patrick
Braun
March 2nd



Doug Scott
March 3rd



Cheryl Creech
Kersey
March 4th



Christopher
Davis
March 4th



Chris Teeley
March 10th



Patricia W. Hart
March 11th



Smith B.
Bushong III
March 15th



Michele R.
Oberst
March 16th



John H. Clark IV
March 16th



Helen K Cohen
March 16th



Johnetta
Roberts
March 17th



Corey Miller
March 20th



Charles K.
McClure III
March 22nd



Brian Veeneman
March 22nd



Clifford
Ashburner
March 22nd



Gerald Martin
March 25th



Ernst Camentz
March 27th



Joan Louise
Hannant
March 27th



Kim Halbauer
March 28th



Richard Paul
Schiller
March 28th



Glenn A. Price
Jr.
March 29th



Jonathan
Richtarsic
March 29th



Steven R. Ragan
March 30th

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