

Rotary

Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians,

This is a sad day, another sad day in too many sad days for too many communities. Fred Rogers' mother told him one day when he was frightened and anxious. *"Look for the helpers, because when you look for the helpers, you will always find hope!"* From where does our help come? We watched as our police ran into the fray, when every instinct said run – run away, run for your lives. And run they did – for our lives, for the lives of our friends and neighbors. They ran right into the violence – and stopped it. At great personal expense. They saw what no one should see. We saw what none of us should see. We felt what none of us should feel and we grieve. We shed tears of lament and loss. None of us remains unaffected – we are changed.

And yet, we have hope. How can WE be the hope for someone else? Our Rotary Club is dedicated to building community. We do that every day. We will continue to be a place and people of hope. Our meeting this week takes on a new reverent tone. Come and be with us.

WWW:

"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier." Mother Teresa

"Grace always bats last!" Anne Lamott

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle." Philo

Thank you to the people who work to bring Joy and Light and Hope and Faith and Pardon and Love into the world.

Life is good!

Walt

Note from Delene

This is your last chance to vote on the proposed slate of officers and directors: voting is open until noon today (one vote per Active member): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLElection23>. The outcome of the election will be announced at our Annual Meeting tomorrow.

Today's Business Synergy event at the Kentucky Science Center has been postponed; stay tuned for a new date. Please join us at the community vigil at the Ali Center if you can (see below).

The WCL Carriage Trade shop is scheduled to be open from 11:00am until 2:00pm tomorrow, so plan to come early or stay after the meeting to visit.

If you want an update on our Club's Service Projects and Grants, please plan to stay after the meeting for about 45 minutes for our next session of Rotary University.

We have a couple of extra meals for this week's meeting; please let me know if you would like to claim one.

Click here to see notes about the venue I sent out earlier this week: [Read More](#)

Reflect & Remember: A Community Vigil

By Barbara Sexton Smith

Please join fellow Rotarians and members of our community this afternoon at the Muhammad Ali Center.



Reflect & Remember

a community vigil

Wednesday, April 12th, 2023
5 PM — 6 PM



Muhammad Ali Center Plaza
144 N. Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky



free parking at the Ali Center Garage

**Tomorrow's Meeting - Demetrius Gray, Founder/CEO,
Captain**



In addition to our Annual Meeting where the outcome of the election of incoming officers and directors will be announced, tomorrow's meeting at **The Woman's Club of Louisville** will feature **Demetrius Gray, Founder and CEO of Captain**, a technology company that advances capital to building contractors and helps homeowners recover quickly after natural disasters. We will also be recognizing new Paul Harris Fellows and those who have achieved a new PHF level.

Rebuilding with Resilience After Natural Disaster

Catastrophic weather events are on the rise globally – and in our own backyards here in Kentucky – with no end in sight. Last year, roughly 3.4 million Americans were forced to leave their homes due to the overwhelming effects of tornadoes, hurricanes, floods,

and other natural disasters – and it's likely nearly 16% of those families will never be able to return home.

Unfortunately, 2023 has started off no different. Many of us have friends, families and neighbors impacted by recent destruction and tragedy throughout the South and Midwest. With these often unexpected weather events causing such devastation at an unprecedented pace, we need a new approach and collaborative solutions to redesign the recovery process with technology, efficiency, and empathy so we can empower communities to rebuild resiliently after natural disaster.

Lunch will be pineapple, tomato chicken, risotto, mixed vegetables, peach cobbler bars and a salad or vegan/gluten-free option is available upon advance request. There are a couple of meals available; email rotary@rotary45.org if you would like one. There is a \$5 meeting fee for those who choose not to purchase a meal - this will include a dessert and tea/coffee/water and of course, a fantastic program. You can pay \$5 in advance via SurveyMonkey or with cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card.

For more information about the meeting location or for the speaker's bio, click here: [Read More](#)

Rotary University Tomorrow: Service Projects & Grants

By Christopher Manzo

Please join us tomorrow after our meeting for an overview of our Club's service projects and grants with Steve Eggers and Michelle Black White. 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 me for details cmanzo@sndbx.design

Carriage Trade Shop Open Tomorrow at WCL

The Woman's Club of Louisville operates a consignment shop called [Carriage Trade](#) that will be open before and after our meeting tomorrow (enter from parking lot behind WCL); 40% of the proceeds go to support the work of the club. View a sneak peek [HERE](#).



Meeting Recap - Brooke Pardue, Parks Alliance of Louisville

We had a great meeting last week at The Woman's Club of Louisville with Brooke Pardue, President/CEO at Parks Alliance of Louisville, who shared the importance of parks to our community and what the Parks Alliance is doing to make sure all of Louisville has access to public parks. What a beautiful and historic venue! The meeting recording will be on our [YouTube channel](#) shortly, and you can view her slide presentation [HERE](#) (large file).

If you attended, please share your thoughts on the event [HERE](#).



Next Week's Meeting - Dee Dee Taylor, Founder/CEO of 502 Hemp



Next week's meeting at The Woman's Club of Louisville will feature **Dee Dee Taylor, Founder and CEO of 502 Hemp Wellness Center**. Here topic will be:

"It's 4/20: What does that mean for Kentucky?"

Dee Dee will discuss how the hemp industry is thriving and dying, Governor Beshear's Executive Order for Medical and also SB47 that passed.

Lunch is \$25 and the menu will be chicken with pepper mushroom onion pasta in a garlic cream sauce, salad, roll, orange anise cake and a salad with grilled chicken or q vegan or gluten-free option is available upon advance request. There is a \$5 meeting fee for those who choose not to purchase a meal - this will include a dessert and tea/coffee/water and of course, a fantastic program. You can pay \$5 in advance via SurveyMonkey or with cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card.

RSVP by NOON Monday:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCL042023>

For more information about the meeting location or for the speaker's bio, click here: [Read More](#)

Rotary Honors Scholars Final Mentoring Session This Friday!

By Dr. Linda Bartrom-Moore

Rotary Honor Scholars volunteer mentors meet for our final session of the school year at JCTC (1000 Community College Drive, Louisville, 40272) this Friday, April 14th, from 8:00am to 9:00am. We will be mentoring Western High School's Early College students; please come out and help. We will be recapping the year, writing thank you notes AND the young men will receive and be taught how to tie a tie, while the young ladies will receive and be taught the versatility of a neck scarf. Contact me lbartrom@hotmail.com or Craig Mooney with any questions. Your support is much appreciated!
#ServiceAboveSelf



Volunteer Opportunity: First Hour Grief Luncheon

What: NEXT: *Making the Most of an Unexpected Life*

Organization: First Hour Grief Response

Date/Time: April 18, 11:30am-1:00pm

Location: Mellwood Arts Center, Van Gogh Room

Description: Keynote speaker is Anna Whiston-Donaldson, author of *Rare Bird* & *A Hug From Heaven*.

Volunteers are needed from 10:45 -11:45 am to help guide people into the



venue and find their seats. Volunteers are welcome to stay for the luncheon at no cost. Attire is business casual.

[First Hour Grief Response, inc.](#) is a local nonprofit 501c3 with locations in Lyndon and West Louisville, whose mission is to help people navigate the sudden loss of a loved one, through programs including one-to-one grief mentoring, grief support groups, art therapy, and programs for grieving children.

Member to contact: **Delene Taylor** (Board member) or **Karen Buchanan Meyer** (co-founder)

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 and Opportunities: IFMA Active Shooter Training

What: Active Shooter Training Event

Organization: International Facilities Management Association (IFMA)

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 19th, 8:15am - 2:00pm

Location: University of Louisville Shelby Campus

Description: This event will be open to the general public. The course will cover how to understand, plan and react in a mass-shooter event.

More information : <https://ifmalouisville.org/>

Member to contact: Craig Mooney, cmooney@bosseconstruction.com (past president, current board member and program committee chair for the IFMA Louisville Chapter)



ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

APRIL 19, 2023
8:15AM - 2PM
U OF L SHELBY CAMPUS



RSVP:
LOUISVILLEACTIVESHOOTERTRAINING.COM



PRESENTED BY:
AARON MCGAHEE
RHINOX RESEARCH GROUP

FREE for IFMA members
One comp ticket for a representative of a non-profit
\$65pp - Early-bird before 2/28
\$85pp - 3/1 - 4/19

Learn how to understand, plan, and react to the mass-shooter threat. This course will cover:

- Know the Signs
- Emergency Operations Plan
- Workplace Environment
- Run, Hide or Fight
- Failed Polices and Solutions

HOSTED BY:



IFMA™ Louisville Chapter
International Facility Management Association

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Repair Affair: April 21

By Larry Sloan

Our Repair Affair events are fun and rewarding service projects! We typically clean up an elderly and

sometimes disabled person's yard and maybe do some painting or similar tasks at homes New Directions Housing Corporation lines up for us.

Save the date for April 21st, 8:30am-1:00pm and stay tuned for details and location. There will be sign-up sheets at our lunch meetings or you can contact me at larry.sloan@yahoo.com or David Snyder at davids@ndhc.org.



Volunteer Opportunities: Kentucky Waterways Alliance

Thank you to those who supported our partnership with Kentucky Waterways Alliance by volunteering last year to clean up Harrods Creek in honor of Earth Month! If you would like to help this year, here is the [registration form](#), including the waiver. Volunteers will gather from **10:00 am - 1:00pm on Saturday, April 15 at Creekside Landing Marina** (6511 River Rd, Prospect) to clean up the creek and its banks. All volunteers are encouraged to bring their own canoe, kayak, and a personal floatation device; there will be limited spots available in loaner canoes.

For questions or additional information, please contact Susan@Kwalliance.org or call 502-589-8008.

You can also participate in the Beargrass Creek Sweep on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd! See flyer below and register [HERE](#).



Join us for an **EARTH DAY**

Beargrass Creek Clean Sweep **April 22, 2023**

Location: Parking lot at Ledge Road and Lexington Road

Time:

- 8:30-9:00 am: Check-in
- 9:00 am: Welcome and Instructions
- 12:00 pm: Cleanup ends

Details:

- Supplies will be provided, along with coffee and breakfast goodies.
- This event is rain or shine—it will be cancelled in the event of storms with thunder and lightning.
- For event updates follow [Kentucky Waterways Alliance Facebook Page](#)

Register Here>



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Save the Date: Habitat for Humanity Service Project

By Larry Sloan

We are excited to announce that we will be helping with funding and volunteers for another Habitat For Humanity House. Our club was awarded a District Grant for this project.

The homeowners are a husband and wife who are Iraqi refugees and have two children. This home will be built in Eastern Jefferson County near the Ford plant between Westport Road and KY 22 (Ballardsville Rd.) Our fellow club member **Jeremy Vokurka**, Director of Operations for Miranda Construction, will be organizing members of his work crew, skilled and otherwise, to help with the Raise the Roof work on **Friday, May 19 from 8:30 to 3:30**. We will need a few Rotarian volunteers that day to join his group.



Abbas Algburi and Iman Mns, married, ages 37 and 33, from Iraq. They have a 4-year-old boy and a 3-year-old daughter. He works as a caregiver at Access Care. They've recently moved from an apartment in Beuchel to a house in Fern Creek.

13606 Park Springs Lane



We are planning with Habitat on two additional days for volunteers, the first of which will be for installing siding and the second for landscaping (planting shrubs and spreading topsoil for sod). When those dates are firmed up I will be sending out another email.

There will be a Pre-Construction meeting where we will meet the homeowners and the construction project leaders from Habitat. That meeting will be on Wednesday, May 3rd at 11 a.m. on the Habitat Louisville campus at their Jane and Jewell Center, 1618 Columbia Street, Louisville, KY 40203. If you plan on volunteering, you can click [HERE](#) to fill out the volunteer form for Habitat.

Please let me know if you would like to:

- 1) join me for the Pre-Construction meeting on May 3rd
- 2) work on the Raise The Roof day. This would be staging the lumber, assembling trusses and other work. Jeremy has told me that his crew will do all the ladder work, and our volunteers will do other work not requiring being on a ladder.
- 3) be put on the list for the subsequent volunteer days of installing siding or doing landscaping.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Larry Sloan, Lifeline Committee Chair
"Many hands make the work light."

Save the Date: Club Social Events

Our Social Committee has been hard at work planning fun events, so mark your calendars and save these dates:

Wednesday, May 3 - Rotary Day at the Downs

Wednesday, June 7 - New Member Celebration

Sunday, June 11 - Craig Scherman's Fabulous House Party

Saturday, September 9 - Rotary Picnic with Ponies & Puppies

Saturday, October 14 - Rotary Day at Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest

Friday, November 3 - Rotary Wine Swap Party

Thursday, December 14 - Rotary Holiday Celebration

2023 DISTRICT CONFERENCE EVENTS-SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

By Nancy J. Stearman, District Governor



Join us to celebrate the impact that Rotary has had on our communities and to hear from incredible people who have dedicated their lives to creating positive change. This year's Rotary District 6710 Conference will feature interactive events and activities, giving attendees an opportunity to learn and network in a more hands-on way. It will also feature a variety of speakers and workshops to help attendees further their understanding of Rotary and its mission.

You'll leave energized and equipped with new ideas to help your clubs grow so that they can increase their impact on your communities. **Join us in Bowling Green, KY at the Holiday Inn University Plaza & Sloan Convention Center beginning Friday, May 12, at 11:30 AM CT/12:30 PM ET and ending Saturday, May 13, at 2 PM CT/3 PM ET. [REGISTER HERE](#)**

ALL INCLUSIVE \$99 EARLYBIRD* REGISTRATION INCLUDES: [CLICK HERE](#) for more info

- Optional Pre-Conference Session-Registration Required/Limited to 50 participants: 8 AM-11 AM CT/9-12 ET Tornado Disaster Area Tour and Project Workshop Session.
- Opening Speaker: John Germ, Past Rotary International President; Kick-off Luncheon
- Awards Dinner and Live Charity Auction
- Special Event: Brett Culp, Acclaimed Filmmaker and Storyteller; Historic Capital Arts Theater
- Breakouts/TED-type talks
- Buffet Breakfast-Saturday
- District Speech Contest Championship/Optional Grants Management Seminar
- Closing Speaker: Ray Keller PDG6150; Awards Luncheon recognizing Women in Rotary-D6710
- BearHuggs for Polio Service Project-our District's signature innovative fundraiser
- Invitation Only-Friday Night: VIP Reception for all current and new Major Donors with Brett Culp and PRIP John Germ backstage.
- Invitation Only-Saturday: College of Governors Meeting
- Entry for (1) of 3 door prizes: choice of 1000 PHF points or a weekend stay at the conference hotel

***EarlyBird price \$99 until 4/20/23; Registration \$129.00
Hotel Reservations-Room Block Pricing Deadline: 4/20/23**

Events

April 13th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[**RCoL Annual Meeting \(Speaker Demetrius Gray\)**](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Demetrius Gray, Founder & CEO, Captain

Subject: In addition to our regular weekly meeting agenda, we will hold our Annual Meeting at this event and the incoming slate of officers and directors will be announced.

April 14th, 8:00-9:15 AM

[**ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College**](#)

Location: Western Early College at Jefferson Southwest Campus 1000 Community College Dr, Louisville, KY 40272

April 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dee Dee Taylor, 502 Hemp**](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Dee Dee Taylor, 502 Hemp

April 26th, 5:00-7:30 PM

[**Re:Center Ministries Dinner**](#)

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

May 3rd, 12:00-7:00 PM

[**Day at the Downs**](#)

Location: Churchill Downs First Turn Club 700 Central Avenue Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Day at the Downs

May 4th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[**NO MEETING due to Day at the Downs**](#)

May 11th, 1:00-2:00 PM

[**Rotary University Session 5: Rotary International**](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Rick Harned & Susan Zepeda

Subject: Rotary International

May 17th, 8:00-10:30 PM

[**Honor Flight Bluegrass**](#)

Speaker: Honor Flight Volunteer Opportunity

April 13th, 1:00-2:00 PM

[**Rotary University Session 4: Service Projects & Grants**](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Steve Eggers and Michelle Black White

Subject: Service Projects & Grants

April 20th, 10:30-11:30 AM

[**International Service Committee Meeting**](#)

April 21st, 8:00-1:00 PM

[**Repair Affair**](#)

April 27th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Ursula Madden**](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Ursula Madden, External Affairs Manager for Blue Oval SK and Blue Oval City

May 4th, 8:00

[**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \(RYLA\)**](#)

Location: Greenville, Kentucky

Speaker: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

May 11th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[**RCoL Rotary Honors Scholars Luncheon**](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Scotty Davenport

May 12th, 10:00

[**District 6710 Conference**](#)

Location: Holiday Inn - University Plaza 1021 Wilkinson Trace Bowling Green, KY 42103

Speaker: District 6710 Conference

May 18th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dr. Eli Capilouto**](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky

May 19th, 8:30-3:30 PM
Habitat for Humanity Build

May 25th, 11:30-1:00 PM
RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: TBD
Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street
Speaker: TBD

June 1st, 11:30-1:00 PM
RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dan Maloney
Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street
Speaker: Dan Maloney, Louisville Zoo

June 7th, 5:30-7:30 PM
New Member Celebration
Location: TBD
Speaker: New Member Celebration

June 11th, 4:00-7:30 PM
Craig Scherman's Fabulous House Party
Location: 1208 Evergreen Rd
Speaker: Summer Social

June 15th, 11:30-1:00 PM
Louisville Weekly Club Meeting: Hannah Drake
Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street
Speaker: Hannah Drake

June 28th, 5:00-7:30 PM
Re:Center Ministries Dinner
Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202
Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

President

May 24th, 5:00-7:30 PM
Re:Center Ministries Dinner
Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202
Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

May 27th, 12:00
Rotary International Convention
Location: Melbourne, Australia
Speaker: Rotary International Convention
Subject: <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

June 6th, 5:30-7:30 PM
Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - June
Location: TBD

June 8th, 11:30-1:00 PM
RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Marty Pollio
Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street
Speaker: Dr. Marty Pollio, JCPS Superintendent

June 15th, 10:30-11:30 AM
International Service Committee Meeting

June 22nd, 11:30-1:00 PM
RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Brittany Penny
Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street
Speaker: Brittany Penny, 2 Cents Inc.
Subject: First black woman CEO in bourbon, creator of The IX Bourbon

June 29th, 11:30-1:00 PM
Louisville Weekly Club Meeting: Rep. Morgan McGarvey /Changeover
Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street
Speaker: Rep. Morgan McGarvey / Changeover

Birthdays



Kathy Dehoney
Evitts
April 12th



James T. Crain
Jr.
April 13th



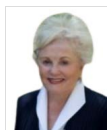
Jennifer
Helgeson
April 13th



Josh S Suiter
April 13th



Paula Grisanti
April 15th



Barbara J.
Collins
April 15th



William J. Hirtzel
April 16th



Chandra Gordon
April 17th



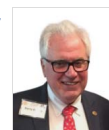
Selma Jacinto
Domingos
April 17th



Adam Hall
April 17th



Todd A. Spencer
April 19th



J. Barry Barker
April 20th

Dave W
Christopher Sr.
April 21st

Gordon L.
Ragan
April 22nd

Max Bridges
April 22nd

J. Tracy
Holladay
April 23rd



Rebecca
Grignon-Reker
April 25th



Robert S.
English
April 26th



Turney P. Berry
April 27th



Gary W. Noel
April 28th



Stephen George
April 29th



Boyce F. Martin
III
April 29th



Kevin Lynch
April 29th

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