

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

The Rotary District 6710 Conference last weekend was full of friendship, inspiration, laughter, music, delicious food and drink, learning and storytelling, idea-sharing, and MAGIC! Look for my article and photos in the next issue of Sparks.

Meanwhile, I hope you can come a little early today to hang out with Assistant Governor Rick Harned and learn about the opportunities for youth as well as host families with the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Don't forget to register for our [Scherman Summer Social](#) on Sunday, June 8th.



New in this issue:

- [3rd Annual Rotary Business Synergy Mixer](#)

Social/Networking Activities:

- [Scherman Summer Social](#): Sunday, June 8, 4:00-7:30pm

Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll to stories below):

- [Serve a meal](#) at Re:Center Ministries: May 28
- [Serve with Repair Affair](#): June 7
- [Pack supplies](#) at SOS: July 22
- Pick up litter during our Ohio River Sweep: October 4

Committee Chairs: remember that the deadline for final reports for 2024–2025 projects AND for applications for 2025–2026 grants is May 30, 2025. Details can be found [HERE](#).

Committee Meetings:

- Archives: May 29, 1:00 pm

There is just not room in the newsletter to include all the amazing things our members are doing and being recognized for, but please take time to click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the spotlights and events section. These stories are worth reading!

Reminder: You can access meeting/event information and RSVP links on the Home tab in [DaCdb](#) and on our website louisvillerotary.org (scroll down on the home page) anytime. Most of the posts are in all three places, so you don't need to wait for Sparks to be published.

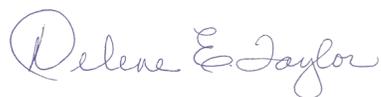
Rotarians in the Spotlight:

- [Shannon Kisselbaugh](#)

Events & Opportunities:

- [Kentucky To The World Spectacle of Excess](#): June 11
- [14th Annual NEW Showcase of Entrepreneurial Women](#): June 11

In service,



Executive Director [Read More](#)

May 22nd Meeting Featuring Renee Shaw, Director of Public Affairs, KET



Our meeting today at the University Club will feature **Renee Shaw**, Director of Public Affairs, KET.

The RSVP deadline has passed; please email admin@louisvillerotary.org if you would like to attend.

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 cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card.

Click [HERE](#) to view the Speaker Bio.

May 29th Meeting Featuring Congressman Morgan McGarvey



Join us at noon on May 29th at the University Club for our meeting featuring **Congressman Morgan McGarvey**.

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is Chicken Alfredo with lemon broccoli; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by Monday, May 26th [HERE](#).

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Pre-Meeting Learning Opportunities with AG Rick Harned

AG **Rick Harned** will host a table at upcoming regular meetings for members who want to learn about different Rotary topics. Just show up around 11:30 am when the buffet opens, grab your meal, and go sit with Rick. You'll get a better parking space, less of a line, and some useful knowledge!

The next opportunity will be **Thursday, May 22nd**, and the topic will be focused on the **Rotary Youth Exchange program**: short-term and long-term exchanges, inbound and outbound programs, who is eligible, host family responsibilities, etc. It will last about 15-20 minutes, until our meeting begins.

On **June 12th** ****NEW DATE**** he will be discussing **Rotary Fellowships**.

No need to RSVP or sign up...just set an alarm on your phone to leave a little early for Rotary. If you are interested in a topic but can't make the meeting that day, just let us know. [Read More](#)



3rd Annual Business Synergy Mixer with Canopy | YPAL | Independence Bank

Our 3rd Annual Rotary Business Synergy mixer in collaboration with [Canopy](#) and the [Young Professionals Association of Louisville \(YPAL\)](#), presented by [Independence Bank](#), was once again a great success. Thank you to **Louis Straub** and his team for hosting us again in "Independence Hall" and Cindy Bailey deserves a special shout out for her delicious and creative appetizer spread! See the highlight reel created by Ben Sollee [HERE](#).





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May 15th Meeting Recap

Our May 15th meeting featured Kimberly Bunton, President of TKT & Associates. **Sandra Dodge** shared the invocation and **George Brakmeier** led the pledge and 4-Way Test; **Christen Boone** introduced Kimberly. President Nominee **Barbara Sexton Smith** inducted some new members and **Larry Sloan** recognized some members of the community as Paul Harris Fellows (scroll down for stories).



You can view the recording on our [YouTube channel](#). Provide feedback about the meeting [HERE](#).

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Welcome New Members

At our May 15th meeting, Club President Nominee **Barbara Sexton Smith** inducted new members **Dean Schlader** and **Coye Still** and reinstated **Tom Williams**. Sponsor **Jay Davidson** helped with the pinning.



Click to read the introductions: [Read More](#)

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

At our May 15th meeting, Rotary Foundation Committee member **Larry Sloan** recognized three new Paul Harris Fellows:

Dr. Morton Kasdan, a retired plastic and hand surgeon (and brother of Rotarian **Helen Cohen**), and his wife Ann Kasdan, a retired Registered Nurse. For years, they have held suture classes for medical students every Sunday at their home, teaching them the "art of suturing."

Dr. Claire Fell, matched for a plastic surgery residency at IU School of Medicine.



Rotarians have a tradition of supporting The Rotary Foundation by honoring others for their Service Above Self. Larry chose to honor these three individuals by transferring PHF points he earned through donations, making each of them a Paul Harris Fellow.

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Repair Affair Service Project: June 7

By Alisa Gray

We don't yet know the address, but our project is usually a yard clean-up and/or painting for a senior homeowner, or maybe a wheelchair ramp that needs sealing or staining. Please plan to dress for this type of work. NDHC/Repair Affair will provide all the needed equipment, work gloves, water and a box lunch. We will meet at the site at 8:00 a.m., work until noon, have lunch and then clean up the site with the intent of being finished around 1:00 or 1:30. Each volunteer will receive a Repair Affair t-shirt.



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Scherman Summer Social: June 8

Craig Scherman will host his annual party for members and their guests at his beautiful home in Anchorage (1208 Evergreen Rd) on Sunday, June 8th, from 4:00-7:30pm. Come enjoy dinner, an open bar, live music, beautiful views, great conversation and a whole lotta fun! RSVP [HERE](#).



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Save the Date for the Rotary Heart of America Zones 30-31 Summer Leadership Event

By Delene Taylor

I am excited to announce that our [Heart of America Zone 30-31](#) leadership team has chosen Louisville for a Leadership Training workshop on Saturday, July 19th. Our Club will be hosting a social event for attendees on Friday evening, and we would love to have STRONG representation from our members.

We will begin the evening at the Kentucky Derby Museum with a 5:10pm viewing of the newly-released version of [The Greatest Race film](#) on one of the few 360-degree screens in the world, followed by a guided track tour. We will then head over to the Kentucky Science Center for a you-don't-want-to-miss-it Kentucky-themed reception/dinner catered by Bristol beginning at 6:30pm and a screening of [City of Ali](#) in the theater with film director Graham Shelby. There will be time for Q&A and to enjoy more food and beverages before we wrap up and encourage attendees to experience some of our downtown nightlife!

If you would like to join us, email director@louisvillerotary.org.

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July 26



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Aug 8

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- ✓ Leverages the power of our Foundation

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Rotary University Session #4: May 27th

Our next Rotary University session will be **Tuesday, May 27th at NOON via Zoom**. Register [HERE](#). We will discuss the various service projects we sponsor and opportunities to live out our motto of *Service Above Self*.

Register [HERE](#) for the final session on **Monday, June 16th at NOON via Zoom**, when we will discuss *Rotary Beyond the Club*.

And register [HERE](#) for our **July 22nd New Member Service Project at SOS** from 5:30-7:30pm.

If you were unable to attend any of the previous sessions, the links to the recordings and the survey you will need to complete with the session code words for credit are below.

Session #1 recording [HERE](#) (passcode **q%E9&28Y**) and survey [HERE](#).

Session #2 recording [HERE](#) (passcode **AZIS*0tw**) and survey [HERE](#).

Session #3 recording [HERE](#) (passcode **s4V=eK1M**) and survey [HERE](#).

Completion of Rotary University is required for new members, so prioritize these sessions! If you have been a member for a while but would like to learn more or just meet some of our newer members, feel free to join us as well.

If you have any questions, reach out to Delene or to Jay Mallory, Chair of the Membership Development & Engagement Committee, jmallory@imagequest.com. [Read More](#)

Re:Center Ministries Meal Service: May 28

By Larry Sloan

Our next meal service will be on Wednesday, May 28th at 5:30 p.m. at 757 S Brook St. We need a couple more volunteers; let me know if you can help (Larry.Sloan@yahoo.com or 502-552-3990).



Thanks to our volunteers who came out to serve and fellowship with the men in the addiction recovery program at [Re:Center Ministries!](#)

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Area Rotary Club Meetings & Events

By Delene Taylor

One of the goals I set as I returned from the Rotary PETS in Chattanooga was to engage more with the other Rotary Clubs in our area and district. I will try to share information about upcoming meetings and events here; feel free to keep me posted about those you know of as well.

The [Rotary Club of La Grange](#) is celebrating 100 years of service!! Join them on Friday, June 27th at 6:00pm at the John Black Community Center. RSVP to 502-641-4537 by June 12th.



Their regular meetings are on Tuesdays at noon at the Arvin Education Center in Buckner. You can see upcoming speakers [HERE](#).

Click to see other area club meetings: [Read More](#)

Final Call: Nominate a Member for Rotarian of the Year!

By Karen Morrison

Consider nominating a deserving member for our 2024-2025 Rotarian of the Year award. Click [HERE](#) to download the nominations form and see the criteria for the award. The deadline to submit is May 31st.

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New Member Service Project at SOS: July 22

By Jay Mallory

Our next new member service project at SOS, 1500 Arlington Avenue, will be Tuesday, July 22nd from 5:30-7:30pm. For those of you that have attended, feel free to come back. For those of you that have not made it, I hope you are able to, as this is a fantastic opportunity to give back and meet some of your fellow Rotarians. Come ready to have some fun, pack medical supplies, and you might even shed a tear when you learn about how this fantastic organization is changing people's lives. Learn more [HERE](#).

Register [HERE](#).



Thank You, Rotary Club!

Together we are creating a world of Health & Hope

Hello Delena,

The team at SOS wants to thank you for taking the time to volunteer at our headquarters. Your group helped SOS so that we can now help send life changing and life saving supplies worldwide. Thank you so much for all the help you provided.

You helped us saved 2,400 bottle nipples and 2,000 mesh briefs and prepare them to be packed on our next 2 OB-GYN pallets on that will go on to impact over 1,000 lives. These supplies would have gone on to the landfill, but instead you have them a second life and the power to go on and save a life.

The next 2 containers that will receive OB-GYN containers are our Zambia container and our Benin container. We have also very recently sent supplies to Senegal that is currently on its way!

We look forward to having you again to volunteer and we hope to stay connected with each of you.

Please know that the time you gave is truly changing and saving lives.

Sincerely,

Sarah Mayer
Volunteer Manager

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Speaker Lineup

We have an exciting lineup of speakers - please mark your calendars and invite prospective Rotarians!

6/5 Chris Enright and Robby Packard, PNC
6/12 Rotary International Treasurer Beth Stubbs
6/19 NO MEETING (holiday)
6/26 Nadareca Thibeaux, LOUMED
7/3 NO MEETING (holiday)
7/10 Rotary Leadership Transition Meeting

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Events

May 22nd, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Renee Shaw, KET](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Renee Shaw, Director of Public Affairs, KET

May 28th, 5:30-6:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

May 29th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Congressman Morgan McGarvey](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: U.S. Congressman Morgan McGarvey

June 5th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Chris Enright & Robby Packard, Repair Affair Service Project](#)

May 27th, 12:00-1:00 PM

[Rotary University Session #4](#)

Comment: Via Zoom

May 29th, 10:30-11:30 AM

[Archives Committee Meeting](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

June 5th, 10:30-11:30 AM

[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

June 7th, 8:00-12:00 PM

PNC

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Chris Enright & Robby Packard, PNC

June 8th, 4:00-7:30 PM

Rotary Summer Social at Craig Scherman's House

Comment: 1208 Evergreen Rd Louisville, KY 40223

June 16th, 12:00-1:00 PM

Rotary University Session #5

Comment: Via Zoom

June 25th, 5:30-6:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

July 3rd, 11:30-1:00 PM

NO MEETING - Happy Independence Day

Speaker: NO MEETING - Happy Independence Day

July 17th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Cathe Dykstra, Family Scholar House

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Cathe Dykstra, Family Scholar House

July 23rd, 5:30-6:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

August 21st, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Coach Pat Kelsey

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Pat Kelsey, UofL Men's Basketball Head Coach

August 28th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Colin Bird, Canadian Consul General

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Colin Bird, Canadian Consul General

June 12th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Beth Stubbs, Rotary Int'l Treasurer

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Beth Stubbs, Rotary International Treasurer

June 19th, 11:30-1:00 PM

NO MEETING - Happy Juneteenth

Speaker: NO MEETING - Happy Juneteenth

June 26th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Nadareca Thibeaux, LOUMED

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Nadareca Thibeaux, LOUMED

July 10th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Leadership Transition

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Leadership Transition

July 22nd, 5:30-7:30 PM

New Member Service Project at SOS

Comment: SOS 1500 Arlington Ave Louisville, KY 40206

August 14th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Amy Luttrell, Goodwill Industries

Comment: Goodwill West Louisville Opportunity Center 2820 W
Broadway Louisville, KY 40211

Speaker: Amy Luttrell, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky (at Goodwill
Opportunity Center)

August 27th, 5:30-6:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

Birthdays



William K. Burke
May 22nd



W. Kevin Smith
May 23rd



Robert W. Rounsavall
III
May 23rd



Kristofer Twist
May 25th



Henry V. Heuser Jr.
May 25th



Clark H. Orr Jr.
May 26th



Carl Kihm
May 26th



Christopher R Nation
May 27th



Kristy Flippins Bartlett
May 31st



R. Wood Northup
June 1st



Steve Jester
June 2nd



Cynthia Hutchinson
June 3rd



James M. Wagner
June 3rd



Daniel K Maloney
June 4th

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