

# Rotary Club of Louisville



## Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

We will have a full room at our meeting today, so arrive early if you can. Past District Governor Steven Leavitt from Alberta, Canada and his wife Pat and daughter Stacy Nehring plan to be there at 11:30 and would love to meet fellow Rotarians. They are traveling across America along with Stacy's husband, Joshua, who is running/biking from capitol to capitol, sharing the story of how service to others has transformed their lives during their journey through grief. Learn more [HERE](#).



### New in this issue:

- [District 6710 Conference Highlights](#)
- [Rick Harned Named District Rotarian of the Year](#)
- [Louisville Club Speech Contestant Wins It All](#)

### Social/Networking Activities:

- [Scherman Summer Social](#): Sunday, June 8, 4:00-7:30pm
- [Zone 30-31 Summer Leadership Seminar Social](#): Friday, July 18, 4:30-9:00pm

### Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll to stories below):

- [Serve with Repair Affair](#): June 7
- [Serve a meal](#) at Re:Center Ministries: June 25
- [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 TOMORROW, 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](http://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:

- [Dr. Swannie Jett](#)
- [Ken Grossman](#)

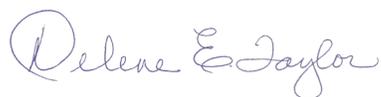
### Events & Opportunities:

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Kentucky To The World Spectacle of Excess: June 11

- [14th Annual NEW Showcase of Entrepreneurial Women](#): June 11

In service,



Executive Director

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## May 29th Meeting Featuring Congressman Morgan McGarvey



Our May 29th meeting at the University Club will feature **Congressman Morgan McGarvey**, who will provide an update on his work in Washington.

We will have a special performance in honor of those who have served our country. We will also be presenting the Rotary *Lifetime Service Award*.

Registration is closed for this meeting. Email [admin@louisvillerotary.org](mailto: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.

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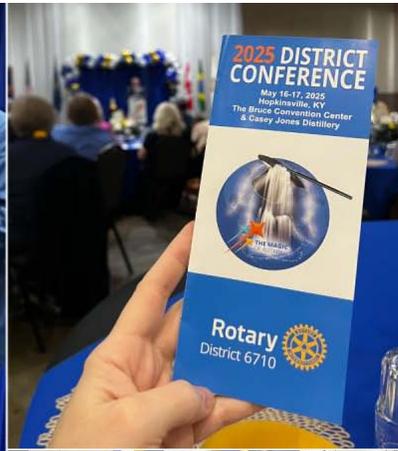
## District 6710 Conference Highlights

By Delene Taylor

The District 6710 Conference at the Bruce Convention Center in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was a wonderful weekend of friendship, inspiration, laughter, music, delicious food and drink, learning and storytelling, idea-sharing, recognition, and MAGIC! I hope you'll take a couple of minutes to read my highlights below.

Representing our club with me at the conference:

President Nominee **Barbara Sexton Smith** and her husband Lacey  
**Rick and Mary Ellen Harned**  
**Mike Kull** and his wife Kathy  
**Larry Sloan**  
**Mike Brumleve**  
**Nick Garner**





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## Rick Harned Named 2025 District 6710 Rotarian of the Year

Huge congratulations to **Rick Harned**, who was named the 2024-2025 District 6710 *Rotarian of the Year* at the district conference in Hopkinsville...a well-deserved honor!



## Louisville Club Speech Contestant Wins It All

By Michael Brumleve

Congratulations to Elizabeth Voss, sophomore at Louisville Collegiate, who was chosen as the 2024-2025 District 6710 Speech Contest grand champion! Elizabeth won first place as a contestant in the local speech contest held by our Club back in March, and advanced to the sectional and then regional competition before the final presentation at the District Conference in Hopkinsville. Thank you to Club Speech Contest Chair **Karen Morrison** and to all the volunteers who made this year's competition a success! Click [Read More](#) below to read Elizabeth's speech.



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## June 5th Meeting Featuring Robby Packard & Chris Enright, PNC Private Bank



Join us at noon on June 5th at the University Club for our meeting featuring PNC Private Bank's **Robby Packard**, VP / Senior Wealth Strategist, and **Chris Enright**, VP / Senior Investment Advisor.

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is chicken picatta with roasted broccolini and mashed potatoes; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by Monday, June 2nd [HERE](#).

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 to view the Speaker Bios: [Read More](#)

## May 22nd Meeting Recap

The May 22nd meeting featured Renee Shaw, Director of Public Affairs for KET. **Nick Garner** shared a moving invocation (see it [HERE](#)) and **Jeremy Vokurka** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. **Rick Harned** shared an update on our Youth & Education Committee. **Julie Schmidt** introduced Renee.



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

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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.



## 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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## 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, June 12th**, and the topic will be focused on the **Rotary Fellowships**. It will last about 15-20 minutes, until our meeting begins.

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.



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## Rotary University Session #5: June 16th

Our next Rotary University session #5 will be on **Monday, June 16th at NOON via Zoom**, when we will discuss *Rotary Beyond the Club*. Register [HERE](#).

Session #4, originally planned for May 27th, has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, July 15th 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*.

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](mailto:jmallory@imagequest.com).

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## Save the Date: 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](mailto:director@louisvillerotary.org).

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July 19



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July 26



Birmingham  
Aug 2



Oklahoma City  
Aug 8

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- ✓ Engages and retains members
- ✓ Leverages the power of our Foundation

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Friday Night!

## 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 Read More to see other area club meetings.

[Read More](#)

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## Re:Center Ministries Meal Service: June 25

By Larry Sloan

Our next meal service will be on Wednesday, June 25th 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!](#)

[Read More](#)

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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 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

[Repair Affair Service Project](#)

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

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, 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  
"Rotary Beyond the Club"

**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 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 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 15th, 12:00-1:00 PM

**Rotary University Session #4 \*\*NEW DATE\*\***

**Comment:** Via Zoom

"Service Above Self"

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



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



F. Gerald Greenwell  
June 8th



Louis Straub  
June 9th



Delene E. Taylor  
June 9th



Jenifer Frommeyer  
June 11th



Robert M. Fink  
June 11th



Samuel L. Clemmens  
June 13th



Federica Fields  
June 14th



Michael B Taylor  
June 14th



Mark Kull  
June 15th



Sarah Davasher-Wisdom  
June 15th



Anne Marie Zwerg  
June 15th



James U. Smith III  
June 16th



Michelle Black White  
June 18th



Karen Morrison  
June 19th



John Jennings  
June 20th



Jacob McGill  
June 22nd



Louis Taylor  
Armstrong III  
June 22nd



Haldane Lamberton  
June 26th

Douglas H. McCall,

Jeffrey A. Underhill

Roland R. Blahnik

Philip Koester



DMD  
June 27th



June 28th



June 28th



June 29th



Douglas E. Myers  
June 30th

### Club Leaders



Lori Hudson Flanery  
Club Director  
President



Ken Selvaggi  
Club Director  
President-Elect



Kevin Fields Sr.  
Club Director  
Secretary



Jay Mallory  
Secretary-Elect  
Membership Chair



Barbara Sexton Smith  
President-Nominee



Craig Mooney  
Club Director  
Treasurer



Claire Arnold  
Club Director



Christen Boone  
Public Image Chair  
Club Director



Alice Bridges  
Club Director



Gary W Dryden Jr.  
Club Director



Alisa O Gray  
Club Director



Kevin John Lynch  
Club Director  
iPast President



Kevin J McCarron  
Club Director



Harry Louis Seeger V  
Club Director



Louis Straub  
Club Director



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