

Rotary

Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians!

Dr. Marty Pollio, Superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools, is our speaker this week. We will also be introducing a new member, presenting a very special award, and recognizing our Ted Buerck Scholarship recipients - it's going to be a great meeting!

If you missed my email on Monday, click Read More below to view the full message.

WWW:

"If your plan is for one year, plant rice. If your plan is for ten years, plant trees. If your plan is for one hundred years, educate children." Confucius

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Malcolm X

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." Andy McIntyre

"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself." Chinese Proverb

"I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death." Robert Fulghum, from "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten: Uncommon Thoughts On Common Things"

Life is good!

Walt

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Note from Delene

First - I want to say CONGRATULATIONS to Tracy Peck who has been with us for a year! Please let her know how much you appreciate her. I've heard nothing but positive comments about how well she took care of everything while I was away. In fact, Walt may have suggested I leave more often LOL. She is quick to give credit to those of you who stepped up to help things run smoothly – it was a great team effort. Special thanks to Joyce and our hospitality team as well as Ashley Brauer.

Now for a recap of my trip "down under" to Melbourne, Australia for the Rotary International Convention! Warning - it's long, but so many of you have asked for details that I tried to cover as much as I could. Click Read More below.



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This Week's Meeting - Dr. Marty Pollio, JCPS Superintendent



This week's meeting at The Woman's Club of Louisville will feature **Dr. Marty Pollio, JCPS Superintendent**. His talk is titled *"Progress and Change. The Future State of JCPS"*

The RSVP deadline has passed; please email admin@rotary45.org if you would like to attend.

For directions to The Woman's Club and the speaker's bio click [Read More](#).

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Next Week's Meeting - Hannah Drake, Author and Poet

Next week's meeting at The Woman's Club of Louisville will feature **Hannah Drake**, blogger, podcast host, activist, public speaker, poet, and author of 11 books. She serves as the Chief Creative Officer at IDEAS xLab and co-lead artist of the [\(Un\)Known Project](#), which seeks to discover the hidden names and stories of Black people enslaved in



Kentucky and beyond. Her title is "*Go Back & Tell*".

RSVP by Noon, Monday, June 12th [HERE](#).

Lunch is \$25 and the menu will be beef stroganoff with egg noodles, salad roll, and lemon bar. A salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian, 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.

For directions to The Woman's Club, and the speaker's bio, click [Read More](#).

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Last Call for Craig Scherman's Party This Sunday

Craig Scherman will host his annual party for members and their guests at his beautiful home in Anchorage (1208 Evergreen Rd) this Sunday, June 11th, from 4:00-7:30pm. \$30 will cover food from Mark's Feed Store, open bar, live music, beautiful views, great conversation and a whole lotta fun! Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.



Photos of last year's event:

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Meeting Recap - Dan Maloney

Last week, we were fortunate to have our own Dan Maloney provide updates about our Louisville Zoo. He also shared some fascinating stories about his time at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina! If you missed it, the recording will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#).

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



We also welcomed two new members to the club. Please congratulate **Keith Miller** and **Todd Bale** when you see them!



Max Monohan gave a brief presentation on our Repair Affair partnership.



Gordon Costley and Charlie Castner entertained us!



New Member Celebration

Thanks to Rotarian Kelley Spillson for hosting our new member celebration!



New Member Celebration at Epiphany

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Join Us at the University Club Beginning July 13th

Our meetings will move to the newly-renovated University Club on the UofL campus beginning July 13th. Stay tuned for more details.



Rotarians in the Spotlight: Ashley Brauer



Congratulations to **Ashley Brauer** for the exciting write-up in Louisville Business First highlighting her new business, [Max Strategic Communications](#).

Click [HERE](#) for the article.

NEW CLUB PROJECT: Welcoming Refugees to our Community

In the coming months, our Rotary Club will co-sponsor two refugee families in partnership with Kentucky Refugee Ministries. We are now collecting needed household items. Click read more below to see the list of products. You are asked to bring items to our regular meetings on two Collection Dates **ONLY: June 29 and July 6!** We also welcome your donation of Kroger or Walmart gift cards in any amount on the same dates. Your support to help these families resettle in our community is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to be a hands-on member of our team for apartment set-ups, welcoming at the airport and befriending the family in their first few months, please contact Mary Ellen Harned (harneds@twc.com) or Larry Sloan (larry.sloan@yahoo.com) for the next steps.



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Opportunity: Rain Harvest Dam Construction Project in India

By Roland Blahnik

There is a wonderful opportunity to go to India and work on a Rotary project to construct a Rain Harvest Dam. It is likely to be an amazing, perhaps life-changing, experience. You will also visit some of India's top attractions, like the Taj Mahal and the Agra Fort, and finish up in Kathmandu. Arrive in India October 20, 2023, and leave for home November 10, 2023. See the itinerary and details [HERE](#).

Trips like this led to my involvement in Kenyan projects, and my current efforts to participate in an Indian project like you will experience in India.

Please contact Elias Thomas ethomas@metrocast.net to arrange your attendance. If you would like to talk with me about my two experiences resulting in working with Kenya and working on starting projects with India, reach out to me at: rrblahnik@yahoo.com or 502-553-1955.

Events

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 11th, 4:00-7:30 PM

[Craig Scherman's Fabulous House Party](#)

Location: 1208 Evergreen Rd

Speaker: Summer Member Social

June 15th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[Louisville Weekly Club Meeting: Hannah Drake](#)

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

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

Birthdays



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



Erica Fields
June 14th



Mark Kull
June 15th



Sarah Davasher-Wisdom
June 15th



James U. Smith III
June 16th



Michelle Black White
June 18th



Karen Morrison
June 19th



John Jennings
June 20th



Heather Gibson
June 22nd



Haldane Lamberton
June 26th



Chester B. Diamond D.D.
June 27th



Douglas H. McCall D.M.D.
June 27th



Lynn Sanders
June 27th



Jeffrey A. Underhill
June 28th



Roland R. Blahnik
June 28th



Douglas E. Myers
June 30th



Sam Gwathmey Tyler
July 2nd



Shahid Ikram
July 3rd



Sharon Riehemann
July 4th



Steven Matly
July 8th

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