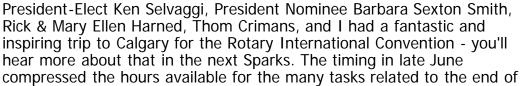
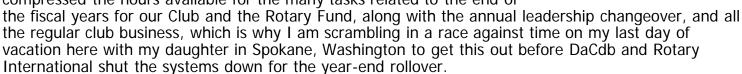


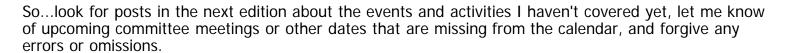
Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

Whew! What a busy month this has been as we have welcomed new members, honored past presidents at a special dinner, enjoyed fellowship at the annual Scherman Summer Social, recognized members for service and contributions, closed out another grant cycle, and received over 30 submissions from committees for 2025-2026 service projects and grants.







Remember, we do not have a meeting this Thursday, July 3rd, due to the Independence Day holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone on July 10th!

New in this issue:

- It's Time to Make Your Annual Contributions
- Rotary University Session #4: July 15th
- Service Above Self Award Presented to Vernon Foster
- Rotary Leadership Fellows Celebration & Welcome
- Repair Affair Service Project: Paint, Sweat & Elbow Grease!
- Interact Clubs Prepping for the School Year
- "Big Check" Presented to Educational Justice
- Lifetime Service Award Presented to Kevin Wardell

Social/Networking Activities:

Zone 30-31 Summer Leadership Seminar Social: Friday, July 18, 4:30-9:00pm

Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll to stories below):

- Pack supplies at SOS: July 22
- Serve a meal at Re:Center Ministries: July 23
- Pick up litter during our Ohio River Sweep: October 4

Committee Meetings:

Lifeline: July 10, 11:00am

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 <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>DaCdb</u> and on our website <u>louisvillerotary.org</u> (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.

In service,



Executive Director

July 10th Meeting: Leadership Transition & Recognitions Meeting

Our July 10th meeting at the University Club will be our annual leadership transition and recognitions meeting, as July 1 marks the start of a new Rotary year and changes in leadership.

We will have a full agenda, including:

- New Member Induction
- Paul Harris Fellow Recognition
- "Big Check" Presentation
- 2024-2025 Rotarian of the Year Award Announcement
- Recognition of Outgoing/Incoming Club and Fund Directors
- President Lori's Remarks
- "Passing of the Gavel" From Lori to Ken
- President Ken's Remarks



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

Please register by Monday, July 7th, 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.

July 17th Meeting Featuring Cathe Dykstra, Family Scholar House

Join us at noon on July 17th at the University Club to hear from **Cathe Dykstra**, President & CEO of Family, Inc. and all subsidiaries, including Family Scholar House.

"Empowering Families, Elevating Communities"

There's more to Family Scholar House than you may realize. Learn about the growth of the organization, the data that shows meaningful impact, and the stories that remind us of what is possible when we invest in people.

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The





menu is Chicken Florentine with grilled asparagus and wild rice; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by Monday, July 14th 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 read more to view the Speaker Bio: Read More

It's Time to Make Your Annual Contributions

By Amy Luttrell

If you haven't already done so for this Rotary fiscal year ending TODAY, please make your annual contributions:

\$100.00 to our local Rotary Fund of Louisville EIN 61-6029858: Click HERE.

This is our local 501(c)(3) foundation that funds the majority of our Club's service projects and grants each year, including our Rotary Honors Scholars and Unsung Heroes programs and scholarships, our Interact Clubs at Western and Iroquois High Schools, our Rotary Leadership Fellows program, the annual speech competition, the monthly meals we serve at Re:Center Ministries, Imagination Library, our sponsorship of refugee families, our reading program at West End School, our Habitat for Humanity and Repair Affair projects, the West Louisville Housing Initiative, and international projects like the Ghana clean water and sanitation project, riverbank filtration wells in Egypt, malaria treatment for mothers and children in Uganda, and clean water and restroom facilities in schools in El Salvador. You can read about our service projects HERE.

\$100.00 to The Rotary Foundation (international organization): Click HERE.

This is the international foundation that funds Rotary's effort to eradicate polio and provides matching funds for the global grants listed on our website (scroll down to the International section) that we support. The Rotary Foundation is also the source of district matching grants that we benefit from each year for projects like Habitat for Humanity and the West End School literacy program. Your donation to The Rotary Foundation has an impact both globally and locally!

We ask that each member contribute \$100 or more to each foundation. If you are simply unable to donate at that level, please contribute what you can - we would love to be able to say we have participation from all of our members. The payment forms linked above default to \$103 (the additional \$3 helps cover some of the merchant fees we are charged), but you can click the "Change Amount" button to adjust the amount.

If you have already made your contributions this Rotary year (July-June) or plan to donate via another method, THANK YOU!

Rotary University Session #4: July 15th

Session #4, originally planned for May 27th, has been rescheduled to **Tuesday**, **July 15th at NOON via Zoom**. Register <u>HERE</u>. 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*Otw**) 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@imageguest.com.

June 26th Meeting Recap

The June 26th meeting featured Nadareca Thibeaux with LOUMED. **Brett Corbin** shared the invocation and **Coye Still** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. Membership Committee Chair **Jay Mallory** inducted three new members, we celebrated two graduating Rotary Leadership Fellows and welcomed three new Fellows, and recognized **Vernon Foster** with the Service Above Self award (see stories below). Club Director **Gary Dryden**, **Jr**. introduced the speaker.



You can view the recording on our <u>YouTube channel</u>. Provide feedback about the meeting <u>HERE</u>.

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Service Above Self Award Presented To Vernon Foster

By Ashley Brauer

At our last meeting, I had the distinct privilege of presenting the *Service Above Self* Award to **Vernon Foster**. It's one of the most meaningful recognitions in Rotary.

Vernon has been the driving force behind the transformation of our Rotary Leadership Fellows Program. His tireless dedication, mentorship, and vision have redefined how we cultivate the next generation of leaders from the University of Louisville College of Business Graduate Programs's MBA program.

From personally meeting with every candidate to hosting interviews and guiding the entire selection process, Vernon



exemplifies what it means to lead with purpose and heart. His commitment to

Rotary's core values has made our club stronger and our community better.

Vernon, thank you for your unwavering service and leadership. You truly embody the spirit of "Service Above Self."

Click Read More to see full remarks: Read More

Rotary Leadership Fellows Celebration & Welcome

By Ashley Brauer



One of the most meaningful things I do is chair the Rotary Leadership Fellows program. The three-year fellowship is designed to develop the next generation of leaders and help them grow roots to stay here in Louisville.

At our meeting last week, we celebrated **Eric Gurevich** and **Antigone Mehani-Asghari** for completing the program.

We welcomed **Demarco Harris**, **Catherine Thompson** and **Aaron DuVall** as new Fellows.

Our continuing Fellows are Tonya Augustine, Amalia Maciel Gamez Guerra, Danielle Lavender, Matthew Molter, Maggie Roth, and Woo Smith.

The Rotary Leadership Fellows Program is more than a leadership pipeline — it's a community of purpose-driven leaders shaping the future of Louisville.

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Welcome New Members

At the June 26th meeting, **Jay Mallory** inducted new members **Michael Bryant**, **Jason Schmidt**, and **Luke Fitzgerald**. Sponsor **Matt Riggle** helped with the pinning and introductions.



Click Read More to read the introductions: Read More

Repair Affair Service Project: Paint, Sweat & Elbow Grease!

By Alisa Gray

Several Rotarians volunteered with New Directions' Repair Affair on Saturday, June 21. Thanks to a lot of paint, sweat, and elbow grease, the team was able to seal a wheelchair ramp and deck for community members in need. This is one of the hands-on service opportunities supported by the Lifeline Committee a few times each year. Keep an eye out for fall dates—we'd love your help and promise to put you to work!



Our Interact Clubs are Prepping for the School Year

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

What happens during the school year is dependent on the planning that happens during the summer! Our Interact clubs now have regular planned projects that they can advertise to their school communities.



June 12th Meeting Recap

The June 12th meeting featured Rotary International Treasurer Beth Stubbs, who highlighted many of our service projects in a very interactive meeting. **Julie James** shared the invocation and **Alan Singleton** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. Past President and Youth & Education Committee Chair **Walt Kunau** presented a "big check" to Educational Justice and President-Elect **Ken Selvaggi** recognized Paul Harris Fellows (see stories below). President **Lori Hudson Flanery** introduced Beth.



You can view the recording on our <u>YouTube channel</u>. Provide feedback about the meeting <u>HERE</u>. Read More

"Big Check" Presented to Educational Justice

Past President and Youth & Education Committee Chair **Walt Kunau** presented a "big check" to Bryan Warren, Executive Director, and Bayley Amburgey, Manager of Programs and Student Recruitment for <u>Educational Justice</u>.



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Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

At the June 12th meeting, President-Elect Ken Selvaggi handed out lots of Paul Harris Fellow pins!



Congratulations to:

Sandra Dodge, new Paul Harris Fellow Kelly Burke PHF +1 Lori Hudson Flanery PHF +1 Andrew Holden PHF +1
Julie James PHF +1
Louis Seeger PHF +1
Tom Bohnert PHF +2
Ken Selvaggi PHF +2
Ginger Wallace PHF +3
Kevin Lynch PHF +5
Alan Singleton PHF +5
Thom Crimans PHF +7
Joyce Seymour PHF +7
Barbara Sexton Smith PHF +8

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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June 5th Meeting Recap

The June 5th meeting featured PNC Private Bank's Robby Packard and Chris Enright. **Josh Suiter** shared the invocation and **Maggie Roth** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. Speakers Committee Vice Chair **Sarah Hugenberg** introduced our speakers. **Craig Scherman** recognized this year's Ted Buerck Scholarship recipients.



You can view the recording on our <u>YouTube channel</u>. Provide feedback about the meeting <u>HERE</u>.

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May 29th Meeting Recap

The May 29th meeting featured Congressman Morgan McGarvey. **René Brown** shared the invocation and **Dade Luckett** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. Our Music & Arts Committee arranged a special performance by Soprano Abigail Mires, who sang our national anthem in honor of Memorial Day as well as *Je ne t'aime pas*.



We were happy to welcome Past District 5360 Governor Steven Leavitt from Alberta, Canada and his wife Pat and daughter Stacy, who were passing through our area as part of a <u>year-long nationwide</u> <u>awareness campaign</u> to help people transform their grief into a gift through service.

We were also thrilled to have with us special guest Elizabeth Voss, a junior at Louisville Collegiate, who won our Club's speech competition this year and advanced to the championship round at the recent District 6710 Conference...which she also won!

You can view the recording on our <u>YouTube channel</u>. Provide feedback about the meeting <u>HERE</u>.

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Lifetime Service Award Presented to Kevin Wardell

By Karen Morrison

What an honor it was to present the 2024-2025 Lifetime Service Award to past president **Kevin Wardell!** It was made even more special by the recognition and heartfelt remarks shared by Congressman Morgan McGarvey about his friend. Kevin's wife Linda and son Justin were able to attend with him. Click Read More below to read about Kevin's incredible legacy of service, or you can click **HERE** to view the recorded presentation.



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Re:Center Ministries Meal Service: July 23

By Larry Sloan

Our next meal service will be on Wednesday, July 23rd 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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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 <u>Heart of America Zone 30-31</u> 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-missit 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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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**.



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Speaker Lineup

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

7/24 Dr. Jay Morgan, Morehead State University

7/31 Dan Dry, Photographer

8/7 Dan Ratterman, Shady Rays

8/14 Amy Luttrell, at Goodwill West Louisville Opportunity Center

8/21 Coach Pat Kelsey

8/28 Colin Bird, Canadian Consul General

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Events

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

NO MEETING - Happy Independence Day Speaker: NO MEETING - Happy Independence Day

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

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 State

July 10th, 11:00-11:45 AM **Lifeline Committee Meeting**

Comment: University Club Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville,

KY 40208

Speaker: Lifeline Committee Meeting

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

Rotary University Session #4 **NEW DATE**

Comment: Via Zoom Speaker: Service Above Self

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

New Member Service Project at SOS

Comment: SOS 1500 Arlington Ave Louisville, KY 40206

July 24th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Jay Morgan, Morehead

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

July 31st, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dan Dry

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: Dan Dry

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 General

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Layla George

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Layla George, Belvedere Reimagined

October 2nd, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: AG Russell Coleman Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: AG Russell Coleman October 9th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: District Governor Dorsey Ridley

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: District Governor Dorsey Ridley

October 22nd, 5:30-6:30 PM Re:Center Ministries Dinner

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

November 25th, 11:30-1:00 PM

Joint Thanksgiving Meeting with Kiwanis Club

Comment: University Club Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville,

KY 40208

Speaker: Joint Thanksgiving Meeting with Kiwanis Club

December 3rd, 6:00-10:00 PM

Rotary Annual Meeting & Holiday Celebration at

Hurstbourne CC

Comment: Hurstbourne Country Club 9000 Hurstbourne Club Ln

Louisville, KY 40222

Speaker: Rotary Annual Meeting & Holiday Celebration at

Hurstbourne CC

December 25th, 11:30-1:00 PM Happy Holidays - NO MEETING

Speaker: N/A

Speaker: Dr. Jay Morgan, President, Morehead State University

August 7th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dan Ratterman, Shady Rays Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

Louisville, KY 40208

Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Dan Ratterman, Shady Rays

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

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Colin Bird, Canadian Consul General

September 24th, 5:30-6:30 PM **Re:Center Ministries Dinner**

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

October 4th, 9:00-12:00 PM

Ohio River Sweep

Comment: Eva Bandman Park 1701 River Rd Louisville, KY 40206

October 16th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Gemma Sisia, School of St.

<u>Jude</u>

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

Speaker: Gemma Sisia and Suleiman, School of St. Jude

November 6th, 11:30-1:00 PM RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Maj. Gen. Haldane B.

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

Speaker: Maj. Gen. Haldane (Hal) B. Lamberton, KY Adjutant

General

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

Happy Thanksgiving - NO MEETING

Speaker: N/A

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

NO MEETING due to Holiday Party 12/3 Speaker: NO MEETING due to Holiday Party 12/3

Birthdays



Douglas E. Myers June 30th



Sam Gwathmey Tyler July 2nd



Steven Matly July 8th



Julie Andersen July 9th



Franklin K. Jelsma July 10th



Heidi Harmon Potter July 12th



David L. Hardy July 12th



Lyndon Pryor July 13th

Walter J. Swyers July 14th

Kevin W. Cosby July 15th

Charles A. Roederer July 15th

Barry Glen Allen July 19th





Gregory E Ross, EdD July 21st



Clifford T. Elgin July 21st



Tyler N. Allen July 23rd



Richard H.C. Clay July 24th



Tony H. Coffey July 25th



Miles Burkholder II July 25th



John Lueken July 26th



G. Raymond Schuhmann July 28th



Cynthia P. Collier July 30th



Allan M. Parnell July 30th



Gary W Dryden Jr. July 30th



Maria A Smith July 30th

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