

Rotary

Club of Louisville



Note from President Kevin Lynch

Hello Rotarians,

Last week's luncheon turned out to be a great celebration of Walt Kunau's time as President of the Rotary Club of Louisville. Walt literally passed the gavel to me, and I'm looking forward to a fun and productive year. This year's Rotary International theme is, *"Create Hope in the World."* That couldn't be more fitting for our Club. Rotarians come from all walks of life, but the one common trait is they want to use their talents to make the world a little better place.



Click [Read More](#) to read the full note that went out on Wednesday.

In Service,

Kevin

[Read More](#)

Note from Delene

Is "perfect" the enemy of good? I recognized myself in [this article](#) recently! Anyone struggle with this? Maybe we should form an accountability group. Sometimes it's just better to get the newsletter out than to spend hours trying to make it perfect, right??

This is a busy time as we transition to a new Rotary year, new leadership, new theme, new location, new budget, new projects and lots of events in addition to our weekly meetings. There is an incredible amount of work that goes on behind the scenes, which can make it a real challenge to set aside any time for life outside of Rotary! But as mentioned in my earlier note, I did squeeze in a quick visit with my daughter in Spokane, WA over the holiday. The weather was absolutely perfect and we were outdoors much of the time, working in the yard and flower beds, exploring the gardens at [Manito Park](#), and enjoying a cookout and fireworks. Tracy is taking some time away with her family this weekend in Tennessee. We both celebrated wedding anniversaries yesterday!

We have several important opportunities coming up:

THIS TUESDAY at 5:30pm: our **Business Synergy** evening networking event hosted by **Maggie Harlow** at Signarama Downtown. This is meant to be an opportunity to network with members (especially those of you who can't make the lunch meetings) AND to introduce others in the community to our Club. Please join us and bring a guest or two! RSVP [HERE](#).

THIS THURSDAY: our first meeting at the **University Club Louisville**! It will be a buffet style meal that opens at 11:45am, so come early if you can. RSVP [HERE](#).

NEXT THURSDAY: **Adam Watson, co-founder of Against the Grain Brewery**, will share "How to

Become an Interesting Old Man" - you don't want to miss it! RSVP [HERE](#). If you are part of the International Service Committee or just want to learn more about it, be there at 10:30am for a committee meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, July 23rd, we will host a **Rotary Day at the Range** - a day of education, safety and fellowship for the gun-curious, beginner shooters, and old-timers alike. As our Community Impact Committee begins the process of exploring how best our Club might make an impact in reducing gun violence in our community, this is a step toward education and beneficial conversation around the many facets of this complex issue. Included will be an introductory course from the Openrange staff, Stop the Bleed training with Whitney/Strong, an opportunity to practice shooting if desired, as well as food and fellowship. Stay tuned for details!

Scroll all the way down to see other important information, more events, and upcoming speakers, and be sure to wish your fellow Rotarians a happy birthday!

Finally, I want to express my deep gratitude for the honor bestowed upon me this week in the form of the Rotary Service Above Self award. I am first a Rotarian, and second, an Executive Director. While I am paid for much of the work I do for our Club, I also contribute many hours as a member, living out our values in the same way that each of you do. I'm proud to be a Paul Harris Fellow and a Mercury level donor to our West Louisville Housing Initiative, and encourage each of you to consider doing the same if you have not already. I will be sharing more about the state of our Club and highlights of the past couple of years over the next few weeks as time permits. I am excited about ways to make our Club even better and welcome your ideas and input as we join forces to...



In service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Delene Taylor'.

Next Week's Meeting - Shawn Dawley, President of OT2 Consulting

Next week's meeting at the **University Club Louisville**, will feature **Shawn Dawley, President of OT2 Consulting**.



"Our ability to thrive comes not from the peace we seek but the pain we endure." In a talk titled "Embrace the Hardship," Shawn will share some personal wartime insights that can help individuals, teams, and organizations prosper during and after difficult challenges.

RSVP by Noon, Monday, July 10th [HERE](#).

Lunch is \$25 and the menu will be a BUFFET of Asian chicken stir fry with roasted vegetables, salad with ginger dressing, rolls, cookies. Salad with grilled chicken will continue to be offered as well as a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option, upon

advance request. We will **open the buffet at 11:45am**, so plan to arrive early if you wish to eat.

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 the speaker's bio, click [Read More](#).

[Read More](#)

Business Synergy Event at Signarama Downtown - This Tuesday!

Please let us know if you plan to join us THIS Tuesday from 5:30-7:30pm at Signarama Downtown, 1430 Mellwood Ave, for our Business Synergy networking event, hosted by Rotarian **Maggie Harlow** and team. There will be appetizers and a cash bar available. Please invite a friend or colleague!

RSVP [HERE](#).



Meeting Recap - Morgan McGarvey

Last week, we had a packed meeting with guest speaker **Congressman Morgan McGarvey**!

If you missed it, you can view the recording on our [YouTube channel](#). It was also covered by [WAVE](#).

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



We recognized **Ashley Brauer** as *Rotarian of the Year* for going above and beyond in her roles as Club Director and Chair of the critical Speakers Committee, as well as for reviving and chairing the Rotary Leadership Fellows program.



Rotary Fund President **Jean West** presented a \$30,000 check to **Luke Schmidt** and **Denise Sears** for our West Louisville Housing Initiative.



We gave outgoing President **Walt Kunau** a hearty sendoff as he passed the gavel to incoming President **Kevin Lynch**.



Meeting Recap - Coach Jeff Brohm

We filled the room again this week to hear from UofL football head coach **Jeff Brohm**.

If you missed it, you can view the recording on our [YouTube channel](#). It was also covered by [WAVE](#) and [247Sports](#).

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



President Kevin Lynch shared his hopes for "Creating Hope in the World" during the coming year.



The Rotary Service Above Self award was presented to Rotarian and Executive Director **Delene Taylor**.



We had two door prizes this week - a cookbook and teas donated by our host, The Woman's Club of Louisville, won by **Judy Handmaker**, and the bottle of Weller donated by Robert Chatham (and re-donated by both Barbara Sexton Smith and Morgan McGarvey), won by **Alex Novak**.



So Long, Walter

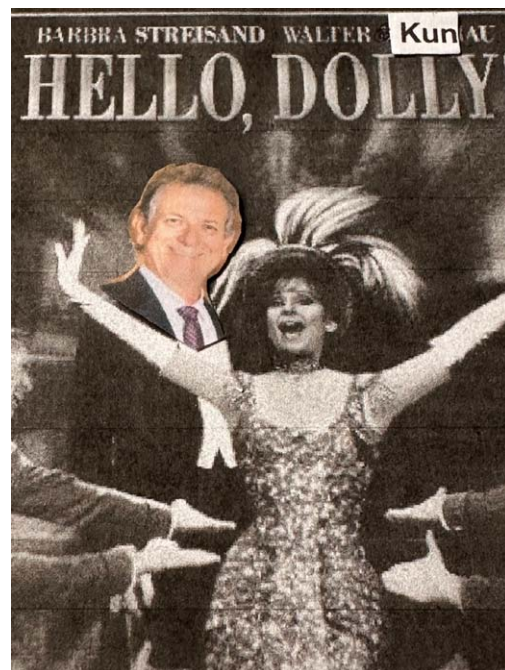
For those who missed the special performance at Walt's final meeting as President, here are the lyrics, sung to the tune of *Hello Dolly*. Thank you to **Charlie Castner** for coming up with this delightful tribute, and to **Doug Myers, Barbara Collins** and accompanist Robert E. Lee for lending their musical talents to the effort (and shout out to **Greg Braun** for the fun graphic!). You can view the performance [HERE](#).

So long, Walter
Here's a song, Walter
Just to say we're really gonna miss your smile
Your words of wisdom are liable to end up in the Bible
and your tee shots on the front nine soar for half a mile!
The IRS tallies
all those back nine rallies
so be sure to keep a record of that cash,
they're watching!

You're the best, Walter!
Surely we've been blessed, Walter!
Take a break and get some rest
Claim that seventh inning stretch
You're a downtown champion this year

So long, Walter
Thanks a ton, Walter
You say "Life is Good" and surely that is so.
Imagine peace, Walter
Discord cease, Walter
A community where all can profit, live and grow!

Those Commodores, Walter
What's in store, Walter?
Will they make it to the Final Four again?
Here's hoping!
Never fear, Walter
This could be their year, Walter!
You made us proud,
We hope you know
Gee, we hate to see you go
You're the best, win, place or show!
Life is Good!



Rotarian in the Spotlight: Mark Kull

Rotarian **Mark Kull** and his family are featured in a [WDRB story](#) about 4-year-old Nouri from Burkina Faso, who needed multiple surgeries to fix his heart, kidney stones and a hernia. Those of you who joined us for our Day at the Downs may remember this adorable little boy!



Rotarians in the Spotlight

Congrats to Rotarians **Lori Flanery**, **Swannie Jett**, and **Denise Sears** on their recognition as **Nonprofit Visionary Leaders** by Louisville Business First! In its second year, the awards program honors outstanding executive directors or presidents/CEOs of Louisville metropolitan area nonprofits...leaders who have created innovative programs or procedures in recent years to advance or change the organization and whose dedication has led to success for their organization and community. All honorees will be featured in print and online on August 25 and at an in-person luncheon on Tuesday, August 22 at the Galt House Hotel.

Rotary Picnic with Ponies & Puppies

By Alisa Gray



Join the Kentucky Humane Society for a Picnic with the Ponies and Puppies on September 9th at Willow Hope Farm in Simpsonville, KY. Learn about our Equine C.A.R.E. (Connect, Assist, Rescue, Educate) Program and the commitment KHS has made to finding solutions for neglected, abused, and abandoned horses in Kentucky. KHS's 42-acre farm is home to about 30 horses at any given time, and you can get a firsthand look at the equines in their care. We will offer equine demonstrations, a tour of the farm, time to spend with some KHS puppies, and provide a spot to have a picnic with your fellow Rotarians and their families. We will have Kingsley's BBQ, delicious sides and light cocktails.

\$25 per person – includes lunch and visit/tour

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Spots are limited and carpooling is encouraged. Please RSVP [HERE](#) by Sep 6 at 12:00 pm.

Request for Event Location Ideas

As we plan out new social and Business Synergy events as well as Board meetings for the coming year, we would like to compile a list of unique/interesting location options. If your business has a good space or you are on the Board of an organization that can offer free (or very low cost) use of space, please email rotary@rotary45.org with details/contact info.

Events

July 11th, 5:30-7:30 PM

Business Synergy event at Signarama

Location: Signarama Downtown

Speaker: Business Synergy

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

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

RCOL Weekly Club Meeting: Shawn Dawley

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

Speaker: Shawn Dawley, OT2 Consulting

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

International Service Committee Meeting

Location: University Club 200 E. Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: International Service Committee Meeting

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

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Barry Dunn

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

Speaker: Barry Dunn, Kosair for Kids

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Adam Watson

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

Speaker: Adam Watson, Against the Grain
Brewery

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Will Farmer

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

Speaker: Will Farmer, DVM, Equine Medical
Director, Churchill Downs

August 23rd, 5:00-7:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Birthdays



Steven Matly
July 8th



Franklin K.
Jelsma
July 10th



David L. Hardy
July 12th



Walter J. Swyers
July 14th



Charles A.
Roederer Jr.
July 15th



Kevin W. Cosby
July 15th



Doug James
July 17th



Barry Glen Allen
July 19th



Stephanie Kelley
July 20th



Clifford T. Elgin
July 21st



Tyler N. Allen
July 23rd



Richard H.C.
Clay
July 24th



Andre Kimo
Stone Guess
July 24th



Miles Burkholder
II
July 25th



Tony H. Coffey
July 25th



John Lueken
July 26th



G. Raymond
Schuhmann
July 28th



Morgan Hancock
July 28th



Maria A Smith
July 30th



Allan M. Parnell
July 30th



Cynthia P.
Collier
July 30th



Gary Dryden
July 30th



Paul J. Bickel III
July 31st



Alan N.
Singleton
July 31st



Anthony L.
Newberry
July 31st



Todd Bale
July 31st

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