

Rotary

Club of Louisville



Note from President Kevin & Meeting Recap

President-Elect Lori Flanery did a great job leading the August 31st luncheon...she's a natural! Our speaker, Michael Andrews, has been a photojournalist and content creator for 30 years, including several years in Ukraine, where he spent time assimilating with Ukrainians and learning more about the country, its people, and its culture. I enjoyed viewing the meeting recording and have provided a recap and some thoughts below (click [Read More](#)).

We were honored to have Governor Andy Beshear as our speaker on Tuesday...watch for my recap of that meeting next Monday.

Click [Read More](#) below and scroll down to read the full note and meeting recap I sent out earlier this week.

[Read More](#)



Next Thursday's Meeting - Dr. Nat Irvin



Next week's meeting on Thursday, September 14th, at the University Club will feature **Dr. Nat Irvin II**, Assistant Dean of Thought Leadership and Civic Engagement at the University of Louisville.

Lunch is \$25 and the menu will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, and triple chocolate cheesecake; a salad with grilled chicken will continue to be offered, as well as a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option, all available upon advance request.

RSVP [HERE](#) by NOON Monday, September 11th.

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.

Click [Read More](#) to view Speaker's Bio: [Read More](#)

IN MEMORIAM: James Robert Hill

Long-time member **James Robert Hill** passed away on Sunday, September 3rd. He joined our Club in

June 1980 and resigned in 2017 due to health reasons. His son Gant Hill was a member of our club from 2003 until 2018.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, September 14 at St. Francis-in-the-Fields Church, with a reception immediately following the service.

The obituary will be online soon. Meanwhile, Gant has provided the image below. We will have a moment of silence in his memory at our meeting next Thursday.

James Robert Hill

LOUISVILLE - James Robert Hill, 78, passed away on Sunday, September 3.

The son of James Wright and Martha Cochran Hill, Jim was born in Atlanta and spent his childhood in Florida. He moved to Louisville for his high school years, attending Atherton High School and graduating from Aquinas Prep in 1963. He then went on to attend the University of the South, Sewanee, TN, graduating in 1967.



Jim enjoyed a long, colorful and productive career in areas ranging from insurance (Senior VP of Harris & Co and National Sales Director of Humana Inc) and healthcare (Vice President, Norton Healthcare) to publishing (books include *The Island Barbados* and *Christmas in Barbados*) and buying and selling Haitian art. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of the South and for Youth Alive. While he lived most of his adult life in Louisville, he also traveled widely, tending business interests in the Caribbean and living with his family for a year in Barbados.

Jim had a big personality, and was beloved by his legions of friends and colleagues. He loved sports of all kinds, especially the U of L Cards, and doted on his many family dachshunds and granddogs. He connected with people easily and he remained upbeat and courageous even as his mind and body began to fail him. He was devoted to his family, wife of 57 years, Cathy (Catherine Burdorf Hill) son, Gant Hill and his fiancée Annie Bender, and daughters and sons-in-law Raleigh and Alan Swift and Susan and Matt Stack; and his grandchildren, Luke and Sam Swift, Norah and Philip Hill, and Campbell, Henry and Raleigh Stack. Jim is also survived by his beloved sister and brother-in-law Susan and John McCord, niece and nephew, Catherine McCord Gordon and John McCord and their families.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, Sept 14, at 10:00 at St Francis-in-the-Fields Church with a reception immediately following the service.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Essex Nursing and Rehab Center for their skilled and loving care during his final months.

Expressions of sympathy may be given to the University of the South, Sewanee, TN, the Olmsted Parks Conservancy or St Francis in-the-Fields Episcoppl Church.

**Cremation Society
of Kentucky**
1-888-935-1040

IN MEMORIAM: Robert Maddox



Long-time member **Robert "Bob" Maddox** passed away this morning. From Toby Nutt:

"Our man Bob Maddox went to that place we've been singing about all these years just after midnight this morning. He went in for an outpatient procedure Friday morning and then came home. By Saturday he was very disoriented and Mom called for an ambulance early that afternoon. They discovered a brain bleed and his wishes were clear about what to do in a time like this. He lived a great life and did not wish for medical heroics. The hospital room was full of family for four days as we waited for his time to go. Please know how much his 40 plus years of being a Rotarian meant to him."

Bob became a Rotarian in 1971. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and Sustaining Member, and served on the Community Impact Committee and The Rotary Foundation Committee.

We will share arrangements when they are available, and will have a moment of silence in his memory at our meeting next Thursday.

One More Host Needed for Our Rotary Friendship Exchange

By Mary Ellen Harned

We will welcome Rotarians from El Salvador arriving October 14 who will stay 8 nights in Louisville before visiting western Kentucky. Would you be willing to provide home hospitality to one couple? Hosts usually provide breakfast and an occasional dinner as well as guest accommodation. They are busy all day with planned activities. To learn more, contact Thom Crimans (502) 767-8723 or Mary Ellen Harned at (502) 439-1827. It's a wonderful experience!

Exciting Update: West Louisville Housing Initiative

It has been an exciting couple of weeks for Rotary! In case you missed it in the news, in President Kevin's note or on our social media pages...we celebrated a big milestone for our West Louisville Housing Initiative on August 24 at the home of our **first homebuyer, Chantez Williams**. You can read the awesome media advisory written by our own Ashley Brauer [HERE](#).



On hand to share in the celebration and pictured above from left to right: Deputy Mayor and Rotarian **Barbara Sexton Smith**, Deputy Mayor **David James**, Rotarian and Community Impact Committee Chair **Luke Schmidt**, realtor **Kristina Ditto**, new homeowner **Chauntez Williams**, Congressman **Morgan McGarvey**, Rotarian and Community Impact Committee Vice Chair **Denise Sears**, Park Community Credit Union SVP/Chief Lending Officer **David Constantino**, Louisville Metro Government Deputy Chief of Staff **Keisha Dorsey**, former mayor **Greg Fischer**, Rotary President **Kevin Lynch**, Head of Governor Beshear's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives **Charles Booker**, Fifth Third Bank Community Impact Manager and Rotarian **Adam Hall**, Fifth Third Bank Kentucky President and Rotary Treasurer **Kim Halbauer**, and Rotary Past President **Jean West**.

You can watch the video on our [Facebook page](#).

Media coverage:
[WLKYWAVE Spectrum](#)

We also received some coverage from the [Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis](#).

THANK YOU to everyone who has pledged/contributed to this important program. If you have not donated and would like to, email Luke Schmidt at lbschmidt@lbschmidt.com.

For those who have multi-year pledges, watch for your second invoice soon, or you can go ahead and mail a check to the **Rotary Fund of Louisville, 657 S Hurstbourne Pkwy, Ste D-226, Louisville, KY 40222**.

Rotary District Training: Thursday, September 14, 6-9pm via Zoom

By Delene Taylor

Join me on Zoom for the District Training Assembly on Thursday, September 14th from 6-9 pm Eastern. There are special sessions for certain officers and committee chairs, and lots of great FREE content for members interested in different areas of focus. Best of all, I have been following [Stephanie Stuckey](#) online for several years and she has a great story... I used to look forward to those pecan log rolls on cross-country trips! Pop in for some are all of it via Zoom on Thursday evening. Click Read More below to see the sessions.

You can register here - just enter your district (6710) and email address and you will receive a custom

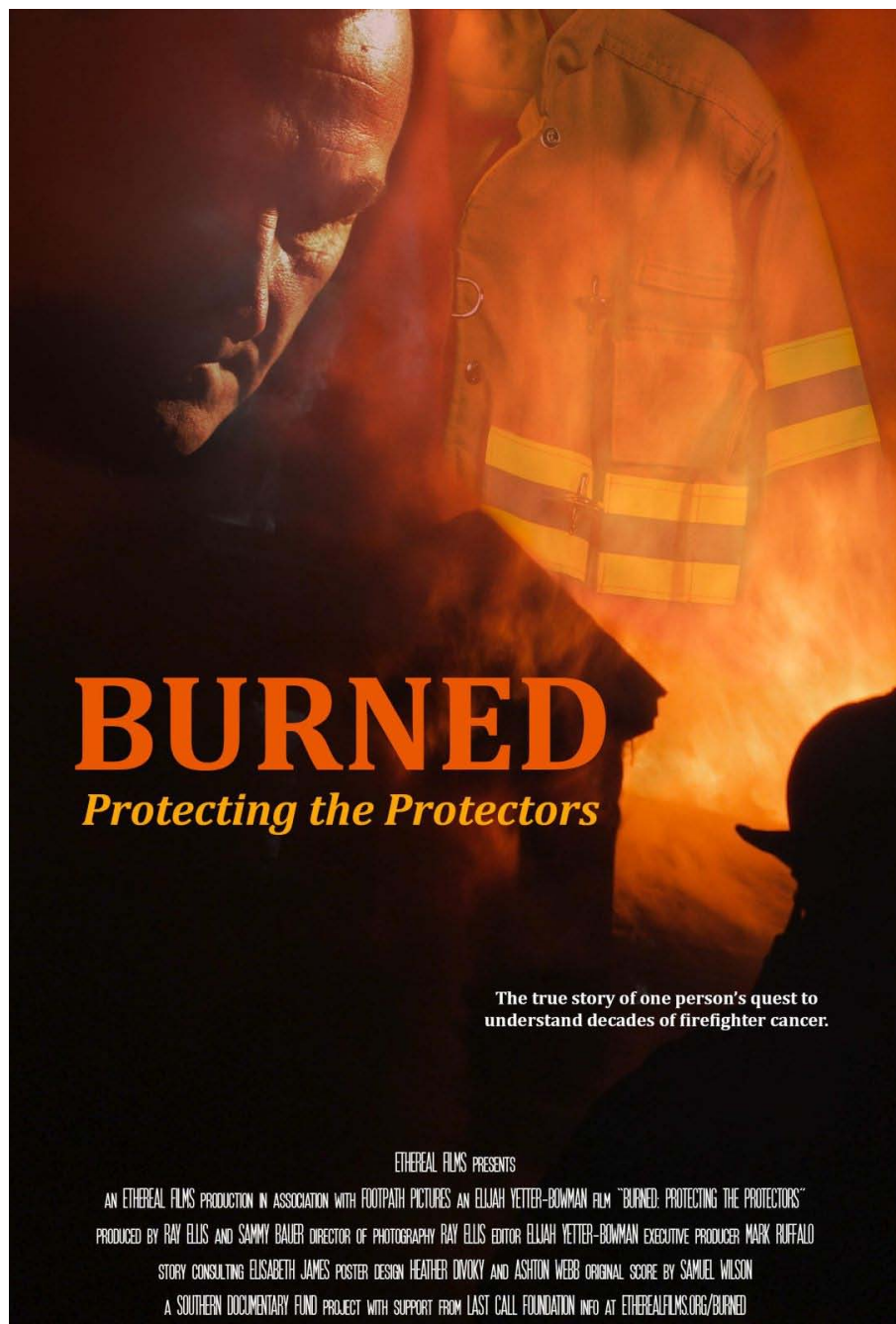
link: <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77700662>

Hope to see you there!

[Read More](#)

Rotary Project: PFAS Awareness Event, September 10th

By Larry Sloan



You are cordially invited to this FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC documentary film screening at Louisville Speed Art Museum Cinema+ on SUNDAY, September 10 at 3:00 P.M. to see [**BURNED: Protecting the Protectors - plus expert panelists and Q & A with attendees.**](#)

This short film by Elijah Yetter – Bowman tells the story of how one woman's persistence reached top elected officials to uncover firefighters' turnout gear and toxic foam contains Forever Chemicals/PFAS. PFAS which have been linked to a plethora of firefighters dying of cancer; in fact, "occupational cancer

is the #1 killer of firefighters”.

Clean water, air, soil, food, are important to human health but virtually ALL of us have PFAS Chemicals in our bodies - but firefighters’ well-being and lives are especially in peril.

The 30-minute film will be followed by a post-screening discussion with panelists at 3:30pm:



Elijah Yetter-Bowman
Ethereal Films Director
North Carolina



Brian O'Neill, Chief
Louisville
Fire Department



Dr. Graham Peaslee
Nuclear Chemist
Notre Dame



Dr. Banrida Wahlang
Toxicology
University of Louisville



Joe Baer, President
KY Professional
Fire Fighters



Teena Halbig
Moderator
V.P. UNA-USA KY Div.

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Floyds Fork Environmental Association

Information: TeenaHal@aol.com or 502 267-6883, Teena Halbig, Vice President UNA-USA KY Div. www.unausa.org

This event is happening because organizations like our Club are dedicated to "PFAS Awareness" (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

Watch the official trailer [HERE](#).

Rotary Day at Bernheim: October 14th

By Tom Bohnert

Rotary Day at Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 11:00am – 2:00pm. Rotary members and their families are welcome to come out early or stay later to play, hike, fish, or just sit quietly in nature’s beauty.

We will gather at the Education Center Gallery for orientation, as a site to start optional tours and to eat lunch.



Cost is \$15 per carload at the gate. Boxed lunches with a sandwich, chips and a cookie are available for purchase.

RSVP HERE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLBernheim2023>

Rotarian **Dr. Mark Wourms** will present a summary of Bernheim activities during lunch. We may also be able to interact with one of Bernheim's Artists in Residence over lunch or in the field.

Bernheim will have a solar-powered cart that seats 5 guests, and a 10 passenger van as a back-up for another touring option, particularly for those who are mobility challenged.

Optional Tours Include:

- Walking tour to see Forest Giants in a Giant Forest (45-60 minutes)
- Walking tour of the platinum LEED Visitor Center, Edible Garden, and Playcosystem* (30 minutes)
- Driving tour of Bernheim's Art in Nature (30 minutes)

*Note the Playcosystem – an outdoor, natural play environment can be a multiple-hour destination for children on its own. Additionally, any of the above can be cart, van, or driving tours with minor modifications.

Most importantly, Bernheim provides something for every Rotarian and family member on their own or with Rotarian friends.

Events & Opportunities: A Night For Life, September 8th

By Whitney Austin

What: A Night For Life

Organization: Whitney/Strong

Date/Time: September 8, 6:00pm

Location: MegaCorp Pavilion, 101 W 4th St, Newport, KY 41071

Description: A Night for Life is the annual gala to reflect on the organization's vital work and success over the past year, renew our hope for change, and most important - celebrate the impactful work of

our featured heroes as they share their meaningful stories through captivating artistic performances. American cellist, songwriter, and storyteller Ben Sollee will once again bring his global-level talent to A Night for Life to produce these important stories. We look forward to a night of storytelling, hope, and action with you.

Check out the amazing prizes in our [Week of Remembrance Raffle](#). The drawing will occur during A Night for Life at MegaCorp Pavilion and will be shared via Facebook Live. Winner does not need to be present to win.

More information and to buy a ticket: <https://www.whitneystrong.org/anfl-2023>

Member to contact / email: Whitney Austin, whitney@whitstrong.org

Events & Opportunities: The Big Table, September 10th

By Delene Taylor

What: The Big Table

Date/Time: Sunday, September 10, 5:00-7:00pm

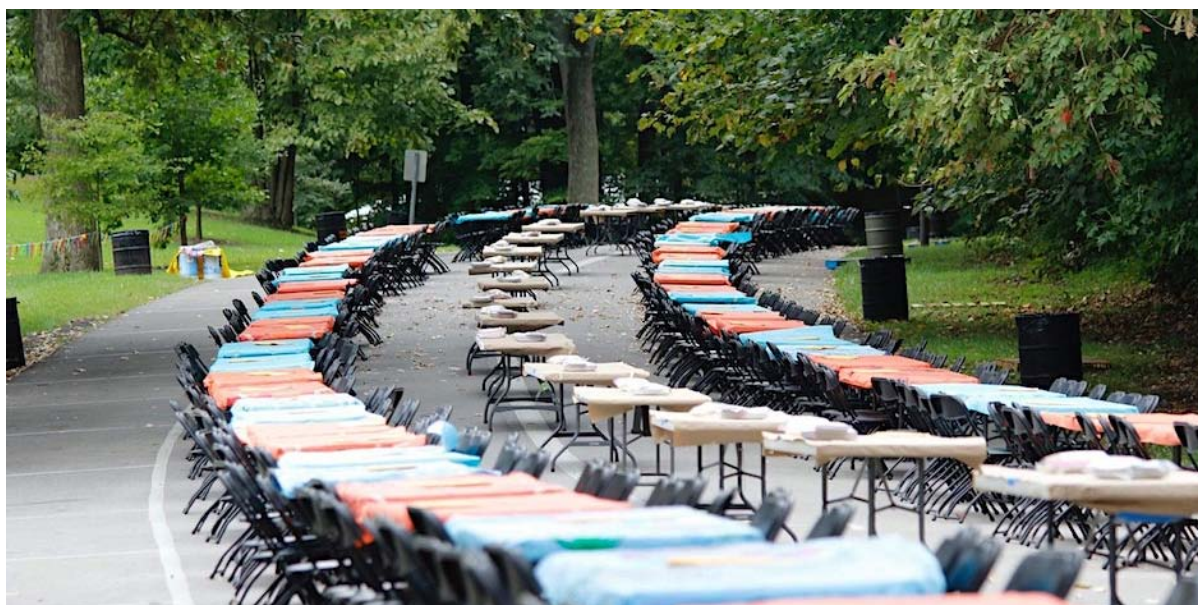
Location: Iroquois Park

Description: Magical things happen when we share a meal. We talk. We Connect. We heal. We build community. [The Big Table](#) is a giant outdoor potluck with ~2,000 people! Each family is asked to bring a dish to share with at least eight people - a recipe that reflects something about them, has a family story, or personal significance, along with a recipe card.

If you are interested in being a Table Host, you will welcome participants to your table and guide the conversation that occurs with easy prompts provided by the Big Table Team. Here are [Table Host facilitation instructions](#). Volunteers are also needed to help set up / tear down.

More information and video/pics from prior event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-big-table-join-a-community-of-dreamers-to-change-the-world-tickets-680703591767>

Member to contact / email: Delene Taylor / rotary@rotary45.org



Events & Opportunities: The Woman's Club of Louisville

By Trudy Wheeler

What: Centennial Celebration

Organization: The Woman's Club of Louisville

Date/Time: See dates below

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville

Description: The Woman's Club of Louisville has three events that we would like for the Rotary Club members to know about as we celebrate the Centennial of our Clubhouse. The Open House is free to the public and is on Sunday, September 24th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. The Progressive Dinner is a **ticketed event** and is on Saturday, September 30th. This is also open to the public and is a benefit for our Club. The luncheon on October 4th will not be advertised to the public, but we are extending invitations to the Rotary Club and a few other organizations that we have been affiliated with throughout the years; Rotary members would need to make a reservation by emailing manager@wclouisville.org.

More information: <https://www.wclouisville.org/>

Member to contact: Trudy Wheeler, trudy.wheeler56@gmail.com



Celebrating 100 Years



Sunday, September 24, 2023

Open House

Reception & Clubhouse Tours

1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Clubhouse Centennial Celebration

Cocktails and Dinner by Wiltshire Pantry

Dancing and Entertainment

5:30 p.m.

Reservations \$150

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Deputy Mayor Barbara Sexton Smith

Mayoral Proclamation

11:00 Reception in Grand Hall

Noon Luncheon in Dining Room

Luncheon Reservations \$25

Events & Opportunities: GLI Grand Opening, September 26th

By Sarah Davasher-Wisdom



What: Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting

Organization: GLI

Date/Time: September 26, 2023, 4-6pm

Location: 101 S 5th Street, Suite 2300

Description: Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of our new home! Hear from special guests including: Russ Cox, President & CEO, Norton Healthcare & GLI Board Chair, and Mayor Craig Greenberg

More information/register:

<https://greaterlouisvillekycoc.weblinkconnect.com/events/Grand-Opening-Celebration-5215/details>

Note: This section features upcoming events and opportunities to serve with our nonprofit member organizations. Submissions must be from a member (or spouse/partner) of our Club who is either an employee or board member of the organization for which the event/opportunity is being shared. Click [HERE](#) to submit.

Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Iroquois High School

By Craig Mooney

We have set the dates for the Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring program at Iroquois High School for the 2023-2024 school year.

Iroquois will begin the school day at 8:40am. We will work with the students during first period from 8:40am until 9:45am. The schedule is as follows:

- September 13th
- October 18th
- December 6th
- January 31st
- February 14th
- March 27th

** Thursday May 9th is the tentative date for the Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration luncheon.

Contact me at cmooney@bosseconstruction.com if you would like to participate.

Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Western High School

By Craig Mooney

We have set the dates for the Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring program at Western High School for the 2023-2024 school year.

Western will begin the school day at 8:40am. We will work with the students during first period from 8:40am until 9:45am. The schedule is as follows:

- September 19th
- October 17th
- November 14th
- January 23rd
- February 27th
- March 19th

** Thursday May 9th is the tentative date for the Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration luncheon.

There will not be sessions at JCTC this school year.

Contact me at cmooney@bosseconstruction.com if you would like to participate.

Events

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

[NO ROTARY Meeting Today](#)

September 13th, 8:40-9:45 AM

[RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School](#)

September 19th, 8:40-9:45 AM

[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

September 27th, 5:00-7:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Ryan Quarles](#)

Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E

September 9th, 11:00-1:00 PM

[Rotary Picnic with Ponies and Puppies](#)

Location: Willow Hope Farm 4416 Todds Point Rd Simpsonville, KY 40067

Speaker: Rotary Picnic with Ponies and Puppies

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Nat Irvin](#)

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

Speaker: Dr. Nat Irvin II, Asst Dean of Thought Leadership & Civic Engagement, UofL

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Maj. Gen. Donn Hill](#)

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

Speaker: Maj. Gen Donn Hill, Commanding General, Security Force Assistance Command

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBD](#)

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

Speaker: TBD

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Nikki Lanier](#)

Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E

Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Ryan Quarles, KY Commissioner of Agriculture

October 14th, 1:00-5:00 PM

Rotary Day at Bernheim

Location: Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest
2075 Clermont Rd Clermont, KY 40110

October 18th, 8:40-9:45 AM

RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

October 23rd, 7:00

Rotary Large Club Conference: Baton Rouge, Oct 23-25

Location: Baton Rouge, LA

Speaker: Rotary Large Club Conference: Baton Rouge

Subject: Save the Dates

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Christy Brown

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

Speaker: Christy Brown

November 8th, 5:00-7:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

November 10th, 6:00-8:00 PM

Wine Swap Party

Location: Home of President Kevin Lynch 14713 Forest Creek Way Louisville, KY 40245

Speaker: Wine Swap Party

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Elaine Gravatte

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

Speaker: Elaine Gravatte, President, Sense Color | DDW

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBD

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

Speaker: TBD

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jamal Muashsher

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

Speaker: Jamal Muashsher, President & CEO, Valvoline Global

December 14th, 6:00-10:00 PM

Rotary Holiday Celebration

Location: Big Spring Country Club 5901 Dutchmans Ln Louisville, KY 40205

Speaker: Rotary Holiday Celebration

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

Happy Holidays - NO MEETING

Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Nikki Lanier, CEO, Harper Slade, LLC and The RAARE Woman Collective

October 17th, 8:40-9:45 AM

RHS Mentoring at Western High School

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBD

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

Speaker: TBD

October 25th, 5:00-7:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Kim Schatzel

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

Speaker: Dr. Kim Schatzel, UofL President

November 9th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: David Jones, Jr.

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

Speaker: David Jones, Jr.

November 14th, 8:40-9:45 AM

RHS Mentoring at Western High School

November 23rd, 11:30-1:00 PM

Happy Holidays - NO MEETING

Speaker: Joint Meeting with Kiwanis Club on Tuesday?

December 6th, 8:40-9:45 AM

RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

December 13th, 5:00-7:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

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

Happy Holidays - NO MEETING

Birthdays



Scott Koloms
September 7th



Markus Blome
September 7th



Charles D.
Hartlage
September 9th



A Holland
Houston
September 9th



Christen Boone
September 11th



Laurie Bottiger
September 11th



Stephen Swan II
September 11th



John
O'Callaghan
September 12th



Todd A. Lanham
September 12th



Jay P. Davidson
September 12th



Edward
Galloway
September 13th



Brett Corbin
September 16th



Maggie Payette
Harlow
September 16th



DeVone Holt
September 17th



Anne Monell
September 19th



Stewart G
Bridgman Jr.
September 19th



Aaron McGahee
September 20th



Nancy Jo
Trafton
September 20th



Stephen Tarver
September 25th



Stephen C.
Payne
September 27th



Steven D Kerrick
September 27th



Patrick M. Payne
September 28th



Tommy
Sturgeon
September 29th



Philip J. Tamplin
Jr.
September 30th



Mark Hohmann
October 2nd



Stuart E.
Alexander III
October 3rd



Judy Handmaker
October 5th



James C.
Worthington Sr.
October 6th



Michael J
Buckman
October 6th

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Craig Mooney
Club Director



Denise L Sears
Club Director



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Joe Wilhoyte



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