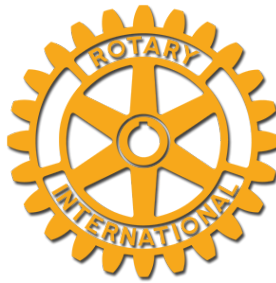


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Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians,

Wow - Thursday's Racial Wealth Gap Simulation was hard but important to hear. The question that I kept asking was "What were they thinking?" It has started a conversation in our club that will continue. Twenty years from now, folks may be asking the same question about us. With the initiatives that your Rotary Club is pursuing, I hope the answer to that question is: we are investing our resources, our time, our energy, our very being into our community and into our neighbors as we, the people, continue to live into forming a more perfect union. This is a high ideal that we choose to pursue with our work in West Louisville, our schools, our Commonwealth, our nation and our world. I want to sincerely thank Kevin Fields, our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair and Steve Jester from Second Presbyterian for hosting this event.

I encourage you to check out these books that were mentioned: [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) and [The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America](#)

This week's WWW:

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little. – FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Ethics and equity and the principles of justice do not change with the calendar. – D. H. LAWRENCE

An imbalance between rich and poor is the oldest and most fatal ailment of all republics. – PLUTARCH

We can either have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both. – LOUIS BRANDEIS

We should measure the prosperity of a nation not by the number of millionaires but by the absence of poverty, the prevalence of health, the efficiency of public schools, and the number of people who can and do read worthwhile books. – W.E.B. DU BOIS

Life is good!

Walt

Tomorrow's Meeting - Dr. Felicia Cumings Smith, National Center for Families Learning

Our featured speaker tomorrow **at Joe's Palm Room** will be **Dr. Felicia Cumings Smith**, the new President/CEO of the [National Center for Families Learning](#).

"Family Learning Communities: A Vision for Equity, Education, and Economic Prosperity"

Dr. Smith will share a new bold vision to use family literacy, family engagement, and



family leadership to build family learning systems in 60 communities by 2030 - where children and families feel valued, gain social capital, and thrive.

RSVPs are closed; please email rotary@rotary45.org to see if any seats/meals remain available.

Click below for the speaker bio.

[Read More](#)

Next Week's Meeting: Pat Armstrong, Kentucky Derby Museum



Next week's featured speaker will be **Pat Armstrong, President & CEO of the Kentucky Derby Museum.**

We will be at **Joe's Palm Room** and the buffet lunch will be \$25 per person (includes water, tea and coffee). If you have special dietary requirements, please note that when you RSVP; we will do our best to accommodate you.

RSVP by NOON Monday [HERE](#).

We will be introducing new members, so please plan to attend and make sure to RSVP.

Our next Rotary University session will follow this meeting; the topic will be Rotary Honors Scholars with presenters Thom Crimans and Craig Mooney. All are welcome.

Click below for the speaker bio.

[Read More](#)

September 22 Racial Wealth Gap Simulation Recap

Last week's experience of the Metro United Way Racial Wealth Gap Simulation led by Trent Findley at Second Presbyterian was eye-opening. Rotarians and guests were randomly assigned roles as a black or white person and we walked through 13 different laws that have been in place here in our city over the years, and how the impact of those policies differ significantly between the two races. While this simulation was focused on economic disparities, the emotional trauma experienced by the black community as a result of these policies and practices should certainly not be overlooked.

From Delene: I am listening to a book I downloaded from Audible called [Then They Came For Mine: Healing from the Trauma of Racial Violence](#), written and narrated by Tracey Michae'l Lewis-Giggetts. She shares the impact of the October 24, 2018 [Jeffersontown Kroger shooting](#), where her cousin Vickie Lee Jones was randomly killed in a racially motivated hate crime along with Maurice Stallard, who was there with his grandson. I learned about this book from a Facebook post on the day it was released (September 13th) from my friend Kellie Watson, whose father had taken her son shopping for school supplies when she had to work late that tragic day. This book, focused on healing, is a powerful read - and it is so relevant to our discussions last week. Please consider this very worthwhile investment of a few hours - you can order the paperback from [Amazon](#) but I highly recommend the [audiobook](#).



Russell on the Move with Kevin Fields & President Walt

Rotarian Kevin Fields invited President Walt and Metro United Way's Trent Findley to be guests on his podcast earlier this month to promote our first meeting at Joe's Palm Room and the Racial Wealth Gap Simulation program the following week. You can listen to it [HERE](#).



The Show Features:

- Hot topics
- Latest news on
 - Family services and community engagement opportunities
 - Business and economic development facts
 - Job training and employment news
 - Community health and education initiatives
 - Entertainment and cultural enrichment
- Special guest appearances by community leaders
- Community discussions
- Listener call-ins
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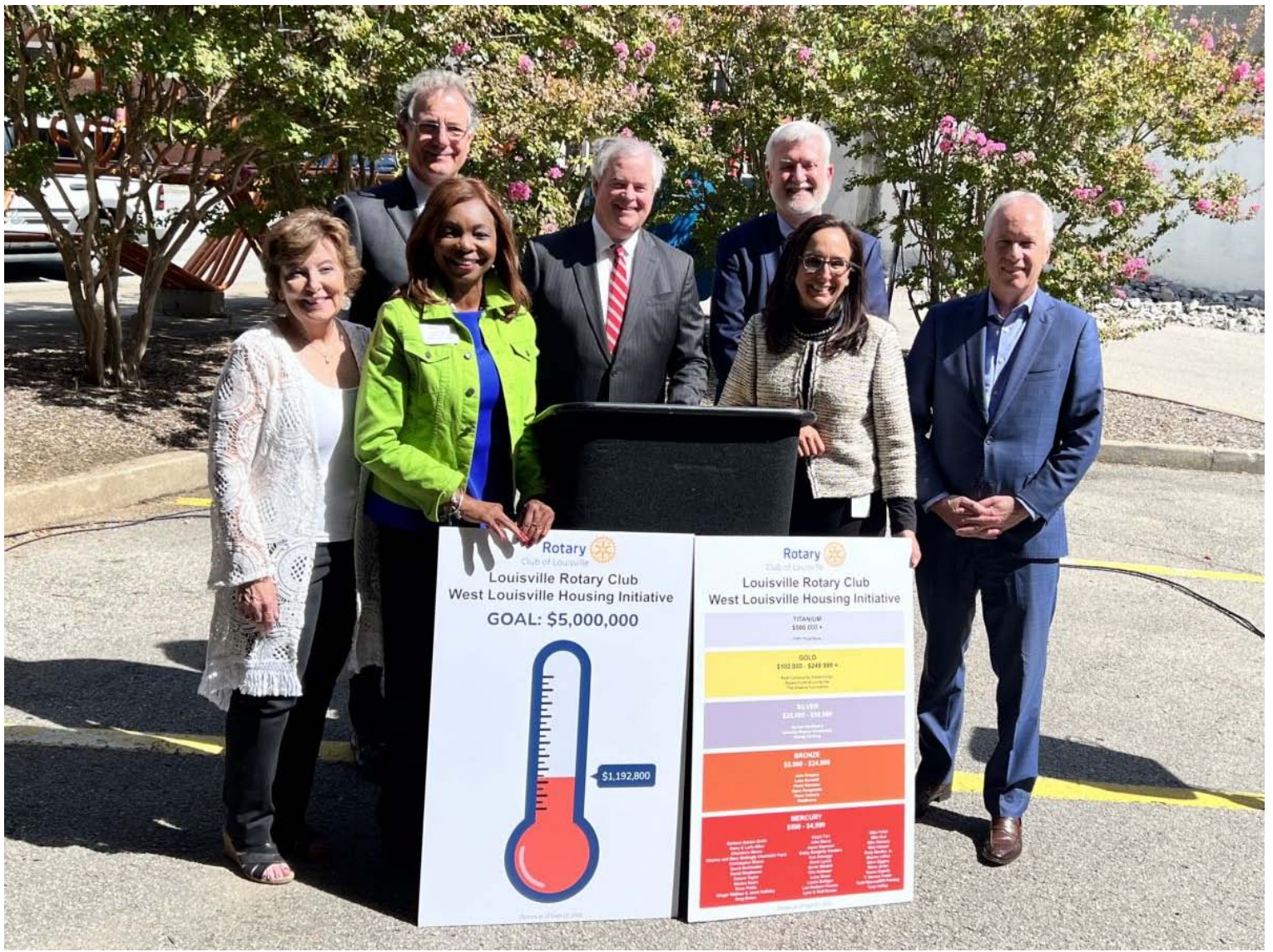
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Rotary in the Spotlight: West Louisville Housing Initiative Launch

By Delene Taylor

I am thrilled to share that our Club has been very much in the spotlight the past couple of days as we announced the public launch of the West Louisville Housing Initiative and the \$500,000 commitment from Fifth Third Bank!



I've been posting photos and videos from the media event at the Louisville Knot on our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages - please like and share with your networks!

Walt, Luke, Denise, Jean, David and Kim did a fantastic job at the podium and in interviews. My phone and email has been blowing up with messages from people wanting to learn more, and multiple people mentioned it at a luncheon I attended Tuesday.

The press event was covered by WDRB, WAVE, WHAS, WLKY, Spectrum, Business First and other outlets. Click [Read More](#) below for the links to view.

This is an exciting time to be in Rotary! If you haven't pledged or made a donation yet, you can download the pledge form [HERE](#) or you can click [HERE](#) to donate online.

[Read More](#)

Rotarians in the News

It is quite a challenge to keep up with all of our members in the spotlight across our community and beyond - so many of you are receiving recognition for the impact you are having!

Congratulations to **Louis Straub**, Market President of Independence Bank for being recognized by Business First as one of this year's [Most Admired CEOs!](#)



He and others will be honored at a dinner on November 17th.

Gill Holland spoke at [Startup Week Louisville](#) - you can read the article [HERE](#).

Rotarian **Ben Reno-Weber** was also a speaker.



Dave Christopher was a speaker at the [2022 OPTIMIZE Conference](#), hosted by Aging2.0 and the Louisville Healthcare CEO Council.



Congrats again to [Sophia Fischer](#) and [Abby Piper](#) for being honored at Monday's *Forty Under 40* event. Larry Sloan attended to show his support. From Sophia: "Larry has been a mentor and friend throughout my Rotary journey. Working together on Repair Affair and the monthly meal at the Re-Center Mission, I so appreciate Larry's friendship and support!"



Re:Center Ministries Dinner - Join Us TONIGHT

By Larry Sloan

Our next meal for the men going through alcohol and drug addiction rehab at ReCenter Ministries will be TONIGHT, September 28th at 733 E. Jefferson Street, right next door to the Rabbit Hole Distillery. Parking and the entrance is in the back. We meet at 5:30 and dinner is served at 6:00pm.

We are looking for new volunteers for this program, which has been supported by our club since 2015. We serve a meal monthly and sit with the men while they eat the meal. A couple of months ago, one of our volunteers sat with a participant in the Life Change Program and wound up offering him a job at his company! Two of the men helped us with the Habitat For Humanity House landscaping last year. Three of the men in this program helped us with our Repair Affair project last month. If you have not participated in this rewarding experience, please consider it.

Save the Date for Repair Affair: October 7, noon-4pm

By Larry Sloan

We have another Repair Affair on the horizon! We are partnering with Underhill Associates on this one; it will probably be a yard cleanup. AND we will just be working from Noon to 4:00! I'll let you know the location of the home as soon as I learn it. In the meantime, mark your calendars and let me know if you plan on joining us.

A Beautiful Day For Rotary Golf!

By Cliff Elgin

A small group of Rotarians and guests enjoyed a great afternoon of golf at Glen Oaks Country Club with near perfect golf weather. **Brett Corbin** was the big winner, scoring prizes for the best gross score, the best net score, and closest to the pin. He also won the longest drive competition but graciously gave that prize to the second place longest drive, guest Richard Hoppengardner. Thanks to our sponsors, Cliff Elgin Consulting, Raymond James, Susan Grant, Image Quest, and especially Green Health Cleaning - as new club member Selma Domingos joined us for lunch at the club before play started.



Rotary Large Club Conference in San Jose

By Delene Taylor

President-Elect **Kevin Lynch** and I were fortunate to be able to attend the annual Rotary Large Club Conference in San Jose, CA last week....a truly valuable experience, as we were able to engage with and learn from other clubs with 200+ members that are similar to ours. Next year's conference will be Oct 24-26 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana...please plan to join if you can.

Click Read More below to see a collection of photos and some of the highlights.

[Read More](#)

2022-23 Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Schedule

By Craig Mooney

Please consider volunteering some of your time and expertise to support our signature service project - mentoring Rotary Honors Scholars. No experience necessary! We need mentors for our three October dates listed below:

- Wednesday, October 12 from 7:40am - 9:15am at Iroquois High School, 4615 Taylor Blvd
- Friday, October 14 from 8:15am - 9:00am at Western High School Early College at JCTC Southwest Campus, 1000 Community College Dr, SOAR Room, Building A
- Tuesday, October 18 from 8:15am - 9:15am at Western High School, 2501 Rockford Ln, Shively

Click Read More below for future dates. Please contact cmooney@bosseconstruction.com to volunteer or with questions.

[Read More](#)

District Treasurer Position Open for 2023-24

District Governor Elect Tom Reed is seeking a District 6710 Rotarian to serve as his District Treasurer for his one-year term in 2023-24. Duties include "keeping the books" on District supplied software, quarterly virtual meetings with District Finance committee, approximately 120 checks prepared during the full-term, monthly statements, cash basis, etc. Approximate time commitment of 3-4 hours weekly with one seasonal peak.

"Service above Self" interested Rotarians may contact Tom at tdreed6710@gmail.com or 502-294-0687.

World Polio Paint the Stadium Purple Day - October 24

Through our alignment with Louisville City FC, Lynn Family Stadium will be bathed in purple to mark World Polio Day on October 24 from 9pm until midnight. Why purple? It comes from the purple dot painted on the fingers of children, who have received the potentially life-saving polio vaccination. It's a growing trend for iconic buildings to be illuminated in purple to recognize the work of Rotary International and partners in the fight for a polio-free world. As long as polio exists anywhere, it is a risk to children everywhere...it is only a plane ride away. Save the date and if you are in the area that evening, take a photo and help us spread awareness about Rotary's impact.

Events

September 28th

[Re:Center Dinner - Lifeline Committee](#)

September 29th

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Felicia Smith/NCFL](#)

Speaker: Felicia Smith/NCFL

October 6th

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Pat Armstrong/Derby Museum](#)

Speaker: Pat Armstrong/KY Derby Museum

October 13th

[RCoL Weekly Meeting: 3rd District Congressional Candidate Forum](#)

Speaker: 3rd District Congressional Candidate Forum

September 28th

[*POSTPONED* Rotary Leadership Retreat](#)

Speaker: Rotary Leadership Retreat

Subject: Annual retreat for Rotary Board Directors and Committee Leaders

October 4th

[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - October](#)

October 12th

[ROTARY Honors Scholars Mentoring Iroquois High School](#)

October 14th

[ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College](#)

October 18th
[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School](#)

Speaker: Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

October 26th
[Re:Center Dinner - Lifeline Committee](#)

November 1st
[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - November](#)

November 9th
[ROTARY Honors Scholars Mentoring Iroquois High School](#)

November 11th
[ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College](#)

November 22nd
[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School](#)

Speaker: Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

November 24th
[NO MEETING - Happy Thanksgiving!](#)

December 7th
[Rotary Holiday Celebration at Big Spring Country Club](#)

December 29th
[NO MEETING - Happy New Year!](#)

October 20th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Ingrid Hernandez](#)

Speaker: Ingrid Hernandez / President - INgrid Design

October 27th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Josh Heird / UofL Athletics](#)

Speaker: Josh Heird, University of Louisville Athletic Director

November 3rd
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dan Mann](#)

Speaker: Dan Mann, Executive Director, Louisville Regional Airport Authority

Subject: RI Foundation Focus

November 10th
[RCoL Weekly Meeting: Speaker: Maggie Keith and Lindsey McClave](#)

November 17th
[RCoL Weekly Meeting Speaker: Mike Anderson/Churchill Downs](#)

Speaker: Mike Anderson/President, Churchill Downs

November 22nd
[Joint Meeting with Kiwanis Club](#)

December 1st
[RCoL Weekly Meeting Speaker: Lori Gonzalez](#)

Speaker: Lori Gonzalez, UofL Interim President

December 22nd
[NO MEETING - Happy Holidays!](#)

Birthdays



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



Samuel Graber
October 7th



Roger M. Dalton
October 7th



David Dunn
October 9th



John Morse
October 11th



Frederic J. Cowan
October 11th



Nachand Trabue
October 11th



Joyce E. Seymour
October 11th



T. Dade Luckett III
October 11th

Mark K. Wourms
October 12th

Lee Guillaume
October 12th

Thomas R. Roth
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October 15th



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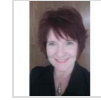
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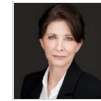
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