

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

Grab a cup of tea or coffee (or bourbon...whatever!) and settle in for a few minutes — there is a lot of new content in this issue!

Tracy Peck arrived back in the U.S. today, and you will see her smiling face at check-in next week! Amber will still be helping out, since I will be in Dallas at the Rotary Large Club Conference with President-Elect Barbara Sexton Smith. We look forward to sharing some of the things we glean from other clubs our size with you.

We mourn the loss of long-time Rotarian [Pat Payne](#), as well as an extended part of our family, [Dr. Daniel Arnold](#), beloved husband of member Claire Arnold.

If you served or are serving in the military, please complete our survey [HERE](#) if you haven't done so yet.

Prefer a digital version of Rotary Magazine to the print edition? Subscribe [HERE](#). If you don't recall seeing the print magazine in a while, it could be that RI has an old mailing address. If you have moved homes or offices this year, make sure we have the correct information.

If you like podcasts, check out [Rotary Voices](#).



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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 [HERE](#) and scroll down to the spotlights and events section. These stories are worth reading!

Rotarians in the Spotlight

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Reminder: You can access meeting/event information and RSVP links on the Home tab in [DaCdb](#) and on our website louisvillerotary.org (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 [Read More](#)

October 16th Meeting Featuring Gemma Sisia, School of St. Jude

Join us at noon at the University Club to hear from **Gemma Sisia**, [School of St. Jude](#). With her will be one of the early graduates, Dr. Suleiman Mohammed, who is now an Emergency



General Practitioner at one of Tanzania's most prestigious hospitals.

"Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Transforming Lives in East Africa"

The RSVP deadline has passed; email admin@louisvillerotary.org if you wish to attend.

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 [HERE](#) for Gemma's bio. Click [HERE](#) for Suleiman's bio.

9th Annual West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit: October 17

The Rotary monthly theme for October is Economic & Community Development. Our Club is proud to once again be an integral part of the annual West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit, to be held this Friday, October 17th, from 10:00am-3:00pm at Louisville Central Community Centers, 1300 W Muhammad Ali Blvd.

President **Ken Selvaggi** will say a few words on behalf of Rotary around 10:25 am and the day will include a keynote presentation, panel discussion (with Rotarian panelists **Rick Harned** and **Kendrick Porter**), breakout sessions, a vendor fair and more. It is free to attend, but please register [HERE](#).

LOUISVILLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTERS | Rotary Club of Louisville

Louisville Central Community Centers, Inc. in partnership with the Rotary Club of Louisville Presents

The Wealth Builder Summit: Prosperity Through Peace

October 17, 2025
10:00AM to 3:00PM
Old Walnut Street

Join industry experts as we explore the pillars of wealth building including wealth management, investing, retirement, and more!

Keynote Presentation | Panel Discussion | Breakout Sessions | Community Wrap-Up | Vendor Fair

To RSVP visit: bit.ly/25WealthBuilder

SCAN ME

Keynote Speaker: Jasmine Presley, Owner/Founder The Presley Post

Panel Moderator: Robert Byers, III, Community Development Relationship Manager Woodforest National Bank

Panelist: Charles Burns, Executive Consultant H&M Consulting & Development

Breakout Leader: Rhonda Jones, Business Coach Small Business Development Center

Keynote Speaker: Jasmine Presley, CEO & Founder The Presley Post

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17TH
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Old Walnut Street
1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd

Panel Line-Up
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Moderated By: Robert Byers, III, Woodforest National Bank

Charles Burns
H&M Consulting & Development

Kendrick Porter
The Escarpine Coach

Edwin Fox
Raymond James Financial Services

Christie McCravy
Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Rick Harned
The Rotary Club of Louisville

Matthew Harrell
APK Development & Construction

RSVP at: bit.ly/25WealthBuilder or scan the QR code

SCAN ME

Humana | WALSH | ONE WEST | Waterfront Park

Click Read More below to see photos from last year's event: [Read More](#)

October 23rd Meeting Featuring Lisa DeJaco Crutcher



Join us at noon on Thursday, October 23rd, at the University Club to hear from **Lisa DeJaco Crutcher**, CEO, Catholic Charities of Louisville, Inc. Her topic will be:

"Challenging Times of Immigration"

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is grilled pork chops with roasted brussels sprouts and fingerling potatoes; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by noon on Monday, October 20th [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 below for the speaker bio: [Read More](#)

World Polio Day is October 24: Donate and Enter To Win

By Amy Luttrell

October 24th is [World Polio Day](#). We have made tremendous progress since the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) was launched. With polio cases down 99.9% since 1988 and wild polio cornered in just two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, it would be easy to say, "Close enough." But that would mean breaking the promise we made to the children of the world: To END POLIO. For everyone. Everywhere.

Watch the 360 Experience video [The Last Mile: Reaching Every Child in Pakistan](#), this [90-second video](#) with messages from Rotary's top leaders and Rotarians in Lahore and Islamabad, and read an update from Bill Gates [HERE](#).

We have set up a fundraiser using the official **Raise For Rotary** tool provided by The Rotary Foundation — click [HERE](#) to donate.* Donations will count toward Paul Harris Fellow points and will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

If you contribute at least \$25 by October 24th, you will be entered into a drawing for this 10-year-old 750ml bottle of **Russell's Reserve Private Barrel Selection** (distilled 11/10/2014, stored in oak barrels and bottled 11/8/2023), part of our District's "*Purple Pinkie Project*" polio fundraiser.

*Enter the email address where you receive communications from Rotary International. All information exchanged during card donations is TLS-encrypted. This data can neither be detected, intercepted nor used by third parties. Information is also not stored in our data systems.

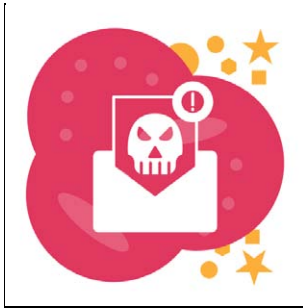


[Read More](#)

Rotary & UNA Unite for Good to End Sexploitation

By Teena Halbig

Rotary in Kentucky and the United Nations Association (UNA) "Unite for Good" in commemoration of UN Day, UN Human Rights Day and World Polio Day to sponsor a one-day conference, and you are invited:



[Modern Day Exploitation: Human Trafficking, Sexual Extortion/Sextortion & Pornography](#)

What in the world is Sextortion? Click [HERE](#) for a short FBI video.

Rotary and the UNA have long worked to end human trafficking. In 2024, work on Sextortion was added to the mix when Teena Halbig, who is active with both Rotary and UNA, saw that boys 14 – 17 years old were committing suicide after sharing sexually explicit photos. Awareness was raised in Kentucky and KY Senator Julie Adams sponsored bill [SB73](#) in 2024 and 2025. It was a phenomenal success, with every vote in favor. As a result, notices were provided about Sextortion to parents, caregivers, and students, including posters in schools, which rolled out in August 2025!

To continue to raise awareness, Rotary in Kentucky and the United Nations Association (UNA) have United for Good for this one-day conference, and you are invited! Click below for details:

[Read More](#)

October 30th Meeting Featuring Dan McDonnell



Join us at noon on Thursday, October 30th, at the University Club to hear from **Dan McDonnell**, [Head Coach, UofL Baseball](#).

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 noon on Monday, October 27th [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 [HERE](#) for Dan's bio.

November 6 Meeting at Canopy Good Business Summit at KICC

On Thursday, November 6th, join us as we #UniteForGood with Rotary Corporate Member Canopy to combine our weekly lunch meeting with the [5th Annual Canopy Good Business Summit](#), presented by LPX Group (also a Rotary Corporate Member), at the Kentucky International Convention Center. **We will NOT have a regular meeting at the University Club on this date.

The theme is **The Business of Joy**. An inspiring lineup of speakers and breakout session presenters (including several Rotarians) will explore how joy not only feels good, but leads to increased engagement, innovation, growth, and a flourishing bottom line.

The lunch buffet will open at **11:05am**. Canopy Board Chair (and Rotarian) **Kent Oyler** will invite **President Ken Selvaggi** to the stage to **ring the Rotary bell** to begin the program at 11:30 and share how, like Canopy members, Rotarians are focused on "good business" and positively impacting



people, our planet, and our future through Service Above Self.

Tickets are **\$60 per person** and will include access to the luncheon and the Mission Marketplace, but not to other summit programming. The luncheon program will include:

- 11:35 Keynote presentation by Robert Egger, champion of food, community and change and a trailblazer behind the [Community Kitchen](#) movement
- 12:30 *NextGen Good Biz Student Superstar* pitch and award
- 1:05 Keynote presentation by [Al Snow](#), WWE superstar turned global wrestling innovator and the pioneer behind the world's first accredited trade school for sports entertainment
- 1:45 Impact Award presentation (to a Rotarian)

You will check in at the Rotary table and pick up your Rotary badge, so you can bypass the regular line. Note that there will be *no option to attend without purchasing a ticket/meal for this meeting*. A portion of your ticket price will help to cover costs for the high school students in attendance that are currently enrolled in Canopy's "Business Beyond Profit" curriculum at their school(s).

Shout-outs to Rotarian member organizations Bernheim Forest & Arboretum, UofL College of Business, Cherry Bekaert, and Dean Dorton, who are sponsors in addition to presenting sponsor LPX Group.

Parking:

Commonwealth Garage – 313 S 4th St

Cowger Garage – 329 W Market St

We could all use a little more joy, right?! I hope to see you on November 6th.

If you want to attend the full-day summit, click [Read More](#) below for the agenda and link to purchase tickets (email director@louisvillerotary.org for the 25% off discount code).

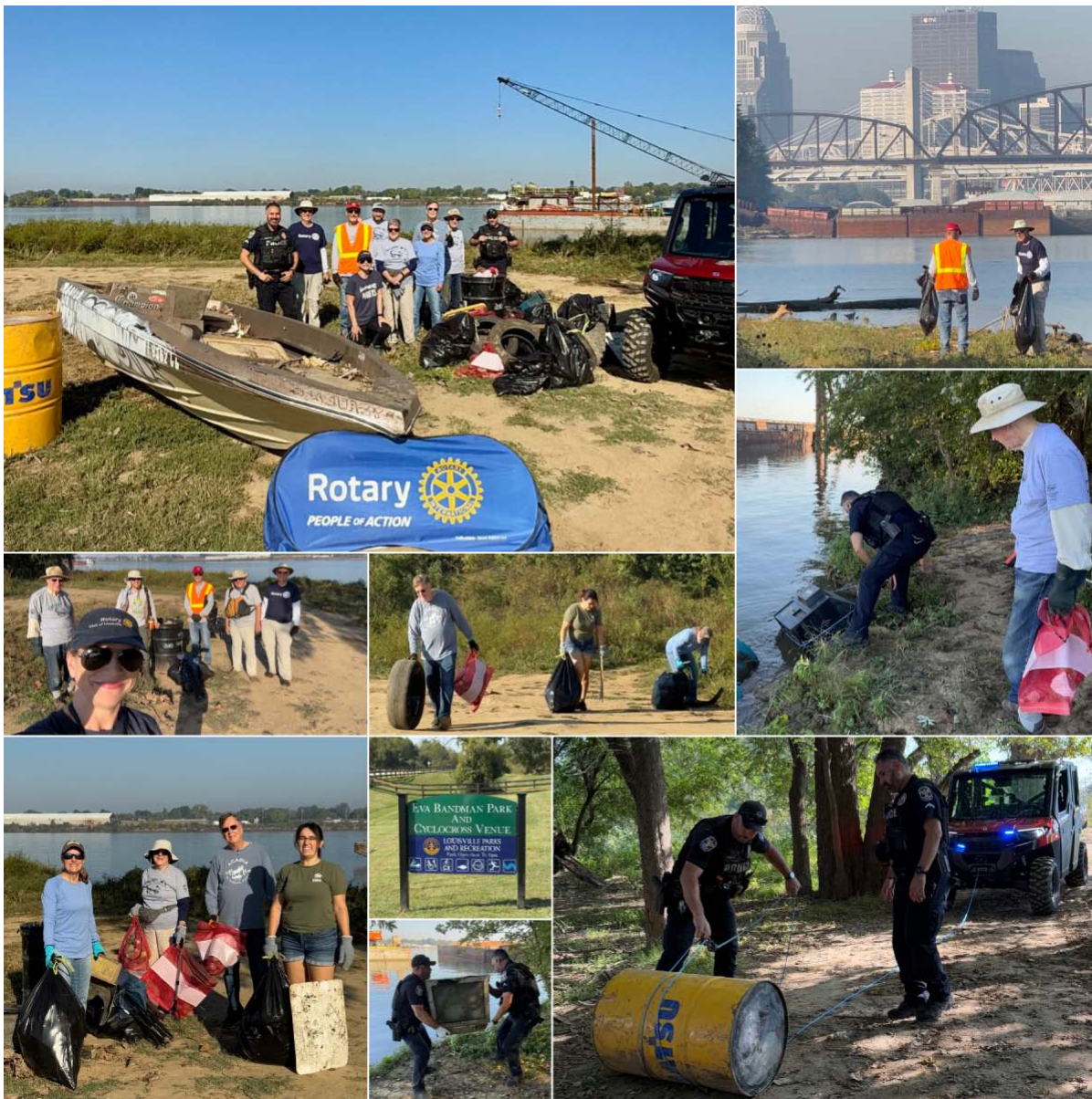
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Rotarians Get Unexpected Help at the Ohio River Sweep

By Delene Taylor

We joined forces on October 4th with The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), Ohio River Way, other Rotary Clubs and many other partners to clean the shorelines of the Ohio River as part of the [Ohio River Sweep: Season Finale Celebration](#). Over 400 volunteers removed 17+ tons of trash, almost 3 tons of recyclables, including 231 tires, from 20+ locations throughout Kentucky, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

Our crew at Eva Bandman Park got some unexpected help from LMPD officers patrolling the park in one of the new utility vehicles. They pulled an old (heavy) TV out of the river, and hauled a boat stranded on the riverbank after the recent flooding and a large barrel full of sludge up to join the multiple tires and other trash we collected. Officers Richardson and Hodge were an invaluable part of our volunteer effort, proving that they, too, are People of Action who put Service Above Self.



Click [HERE](#) to see video of the boat being pulled out.

Thank you to those that came out to help. I hope those who were not able to join us will consider doing so next time. It is a great opportunity to make a visible impact while representing Rotary's commitment to environmental stewardship and service. And, DG Dorsey, **it was fun!**

Service & Fellowship for Good at SOS

By Jay Mallory

Thanks to all who came out for our October new member service project partnership with SOS!



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Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring: October 21, November 11 & 19

By Craig Mooney

Please consider joining us to mentor students at Western and Iroquois High Schools. It is very rewarding and a lot of fun.



**Western High School, 2501 Rockford Ln
Tuesdays from 8:30-9:40am**

- October 21, 2025
- November 11, 2025
- February 3, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- April 14, 2026

**Iroquois High School, 4615 Taylor Blvd
Wednesdays from 8:50-10:00am**

- November 19, 2025
- February 18, 2026
- March 18, 2026
- April 22, 2026

We meet in the library at both schools.

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

Committee Fair Highlights Our Incredible Impact

By Delene Taylor

Thank you to everyone who played a role in making last week's Committee Fair a great experience. If you attended, please take a couple of minutes to complete [this survey](#).

While not as many of you attended as hoped, I was energized by watching some of our most dedicated members — our committee leaders — interacting with each other! It was great to see our Rotary Leadership Fellows engaging with members. As you might imagine, the puppies (thank you, Alisa Gray!) were a big hit. Our District Governor, Governor-Elect, and Governor Nominee spent time visiting the tables and learning about the work of our committees and were very impressed.

Congratulations to the winner of the 500 Paul Harris Fellow points: Rotary Leadership Fellow **Catherine Thompson**, whose name was drawn from those who submitted completed "passports."





Thanks to new member **Gina Johnson** for sharing her experience (read her full comments [HERE](#)):

"The Committee Fair was such a valuable experience for me as a new member — it provided not only information, but also a genuine sense of connection and purpose. Thank you to everyone who made it happen (and for all the delicious treats at the different tables!). Today reaffirmed what I'm quickly learning: Rotary is a vital piece of the puzzle in helping restore and sustain our village. The camaraderie, benevolence, and unwavering support among Rotarians are truly unmatched. Today was a beautiful glimpse into the heart of what Rotary is all about. I'm grateful to be a part of this amazing group of people!"

Rotary District 6710 Leaders Visit Louisville

Our Club Board was delighted to host a reception for **Dorsey Ridley**, our Rotary District 6710 Governor, prior to his official club meeting visit last week. District Governor Nominee **Karl Buss** joined us as well.

District Governor-Elect **Sherrill Smith** could not be at the reception, but he did join us for our meeting and committee fair the next



day. Click [HERE](#) to see meeting highlights and [HERE](#) to see committee fair highlights.

Thank you to Rotarian **Kent Oyler** for welcoming us to his beautiful home!

October 9th Meeting Recap

The October 9th meeting featured our official visit from Dorsey Ridley, Governor, Rotary District 6710. **Larry Sloan** shared the invocation and Rotary Leadership Fellow **Woo Smith** led the pledge and Rotary 4-Way Test. As time permits, President **Ken Selvaggi** invites longer-term Rotarians to share a little about themselves; **Vernon Foster**, Senior Executive Director and Assistant Dean, UofL College of Business, was featured this week. Rotary Foundation Chair **Amy Luttrell** and DG Dorsey Ridley recognized new Paul Harris Fellow **Alice Alt**. Assistant Governor **Rick Harned** introduced Dorsey.



You can view the recording on our [YouTube channel](#). Provide feedback about the meeting [HERE](#).

October 2nd Meeting Recap

The October 2nd meeting featured Attorney General Russell Coleman. **John Bush** shared the invocation and **Herbert Johnson** led the pledge and Rotary 4-Way Test. As time permits, President **Ken Selvaggi** invites longer-term Rotarians to share a little about themselves; **Gary Cobbs**, President & CEO of [YMCA of Greater Louisville](#), was featured this week. **Julie Schmidt** introduced AG Coleman.



You can view the recording on our [YouTube channel](#). Provide feedback about the meeting [HERE](#).

If you are interested in the two books that AG Coleman recommended, they are: [The Anxious Generation](#) and [The Least of Us](#).

September 25th Meeting Recap

The September 25th meeting featured Senator Mitch McConnell. **Julie Schmidt** shared the invocation and **René Brown** led the pledge and Rotary 4-Way Test. As time permits, President **Ken Selvaggi** invites current members to share a little about themselves; **René Brown** with RCB Health Corporation was featured this week. President Ken introduced Senator McConnell.



You can view the recording on our [YouTube channel](#). Provide feedback about the meeting [HERE](#).

September 18th Meeting Recap

The September 18th meeting featured Dr. Jeff Guan, Professor of Computer Information Systems and Associate Dean for Programs at the UofL College of Business. **Alice Bridges** shared the invocation and **Mary Ellen Harned** led the pledge and Rotary 4-Way Test. As time permits, President **Ken Selvaggi** invites current members to share a little about themselves; **Ashley Brauer** with [Max Strategic Communications](#), was featured this week. **Melanie Higgs** introduced Dr. Guan.



You can view the recording on our [YouTube channel](#). Provide feedback about the meeting [HERE](#).

Re:Center Ministries Meal Service: October 22

By Larry Sloan

Our next meal service will be on Wednesday, October 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at 757 S Brook St. We need a couple more volunteers; let me (Larry.Sloan@yahoo.com or 502-552-3990) or Ginger Wallace (glw2169@gmail.com) know if you can help.



Thanks to recent volunteers who came out to serve and fellowship with the men in the addiction recovery program at [Re:Center Ministries!](#)

[Read More](#)

Please Support Our Interact Club Fall Blood Drives

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

Our Club is proud to sponsor the Interact Clubs at Western and Iroquois High Schools, and to guide these young scholars in Service Above Self.

This is our 4th year hosting blood drives, creating a way to serve that can become a lifelong habit in a world where the need for blood is crucial.

Next up is our blood drive at Western HS on Tuesday, October 28th.

If you are able, come out to 2501 Rockford Ln from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and help with a volunteer shift or by giving blood.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Western High School

2501 Rockford Ln
Shively, KY 40216

Tuesday, October 28, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Help us earn Red Cross scholarship funds by donating at our drive!

16-year-olds may donate with a signed Red Cross parental consent form.

Go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: WesternHS
or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment today.



Come to give blood Oct. 20-Nov. 16 for a \$10 e-gift card
+ chance at \$5K prize! rcblood.org/harvest



1-800-RED-CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Email lbartrom@hotmail.com or click [HERE](#) (use Sponsor Code "WESTERNHS" if prompted) to sign up.

Stay tuned for information about the Iroquois High School drive.

[Read More](#)

New Living Well Through Life Series Begins November 15

By Alisa Gray

The Lifeline Committee is excited to announce the return of our *Living Well Through Life* series — a program dedicated to exploring, learning about, and celebrating the aging journey.

Our first session will be Saturday, November 15, 10:00 to 11:00 am: **Yoga for All Ages**

Location: the brand-new Waterfront Park [PlayPort indoor space](#) (1105 Rowan Street, 40202)

This will be a welcoming, beginner-friendly session — a chance to move, stretch, and focus on wellness together in a beautiful new community space.

Looking ahead, we hope to bring you more opportunities through this series, with our next goal being a program at the [THRIVE Center](#).

We want to make sure we have enough for the class, so please RSVP [HERE](#) by November 8.

We hope you'll join us for this energizing kickoff event!

Thanksgiving Celebration with Kiwanis Club: TUESDAY, November 25th

It is our year to host the annual Rotary/Kiwanis Club Thanksgiving Celebration and *Battle of the Bells* kickoff!

Join us on TUESDAY, November 25th, at the University Club to hear **Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville**, President of [Louisville Seminary](#), share his thoughts on gratitude and giving thanks.



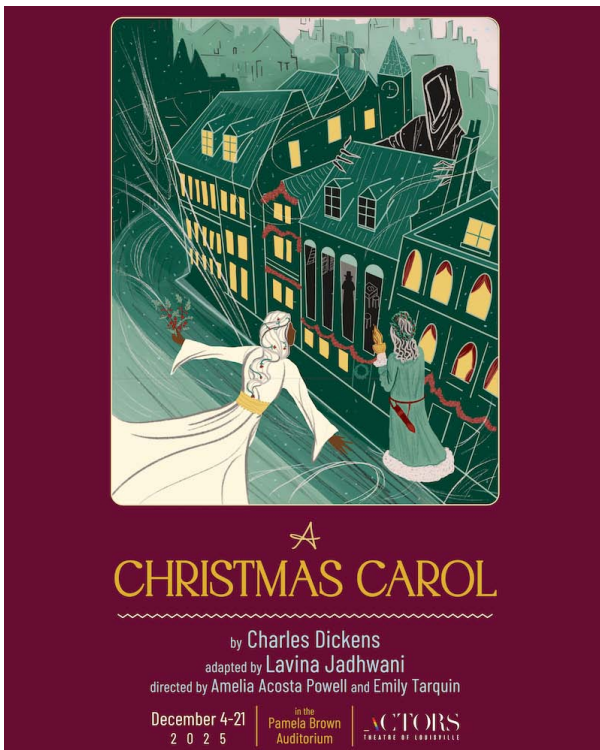
Lunch is \$35 and will be a traditional Thanksgiving spread with roast turkey, sides, salad and dessert; a vegetarian and/or gluten-free option is available with advance reservation.

There is a \$10 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 \$10 cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card.

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP by NOON on Thursday, November 20th.

Rotary Day at Actors Theatre: December 6th

By Mackenzie White



Join fellow Rotarians and their families on **Saturday, December 6th, at 2:00 pm** at Actors Theatre for *A Christmas Carol*.

This holiday tradition comes to life on stage with music, merriment, and the timeless story of redemption, and it's even better with friends!

Click [HERE](#) and use the code **ROTARY15** for 15% off tickets.

If there is interest, we will organize a meetup for fellow Rotary members and their families prior to the show.

Rotary Annual Meeting & Holiday Party: Dec 3

By Mackenzie White

We will start selling tickets soon for our Rotary Holiday Party & Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Hurstbourne Country Club on **Wednesday, December 3rd, from 5:30-9:00 pm**. We're getting an earlier start this year! Join us in your most festive holiday attire for cocktails (cash bar) at 5:30 pm.

We will have a brief Annual Meeting at 6:30 pm — where the outcome of the election for the proposed slate of 2026-2027 officers and directors (more on that soon) will be announced — followed by dinner, entertainment, dancing and prizes!

We are collecting fantastic door prizes! If you or your organization would like to contribute, please email me at mackenzie.white@pnc.com. Some of the prizes donated last year included: ballet, opera, orchestra and PNC Broadway show tickets, Filson Historical Society and YMCA family memberships, Geoff Nicholson socks, Michter's Distillery gift box, gift certificates, and a Paul Harris Fellow award!



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2025 Battle of the Bells: December 6, 13, 20

By George Brakmeier

Join us for our annual "*Battle of the Bells*" competition with the Kiwanis Club on Saturdays in December at the Holiday Manor Kroger on US 42. Shifts are from 9:00 to 10:30, 10:30 to noon, noon to 1:30, 1:30 to 3:00; guests/children are welcome.

Register for December 6th [HERE](#)

Register for December 13th [HERE](#)

Register for December 20th [HERE](#)

If you can't take a shift but want to help us win the challenge, swing by, drop some coins or bills, and cheer us on! Or, you can make a donation [HERE](#).

Contact me at 502-552-2002 or gbrakmeier@centralelectronic.com with questions or if you need assistance with signing up.



Click Read More to see more photos and the list of bell ringers from last year!
[Read More](#)

Update from Global Scholar Forest Clevenger

By Claire Arnold



I'm so grateful to have received a Rotary Global Grant last fall to support my graduate studies in the United Kingdom. At the London School of Economics, I studied a one-year MSc in Behavioral Science with a focus in Wellbeing. This degree blended psychology, econometrics, and policy-making. It focused on how large institutions can alter the "choice-architecture" of day-to-day decisions to help folks live happier, healthier lives. My anticipated graduation is this December. My course mates were from all over the world. It was common to sit down for a meal and to have five or six continents represented at the table. All of them had such unique paths that led them to studying happiness and wellbeing with quantitative methods. For my own dissertation, I focused on examining school start times in JCS through a difference-in-differences

approach. Using self-reported data related to student wellbeing, I examined any effects of later school start times for secondary school students and earlier school start times for primary school students. [Read More](#)

Save the Date: Rotary Tri-District Allstar Conference in Louisville, May 8-9

By Delene Taylor

Do you find yourself usually experiencing post-Derby letdown after the first Saturday in May? You won't have to worry about that next year! Our district is combining with Districts 6580 (Indiana) and 6760 (Tennessee) for a Tri-District *Allstar* conference on May 8–9 at the Galt House, so save the dates and plan to continue the fun next May. I HIGHLY encourage you to consider attending all or part of this event — it will truly enhance your experience of Rotary, expand your network of Rotarians making a big impact in our region, and increase your knowledge and leadership skills.

Events

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Gemma Sisia, School of St. Jude](#)

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

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

October 17th, 10:00-3:00 PM

[West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit](#)

Comment: Old Walnut Family Strengthening Center Louisville Central Community Centers, Inc. 1300 W Muhammad Ali Blvd Louisville, KY 40203

October 21st, 8:30-9:40 AM

[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Western HS](#)

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

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

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

Speaker: Lisa DeJaco Crutcher, Catholic Charities

October 24th, 8:00-8:00 PM

[World Polio Day](#)

October 28th, 8:00-2:00 PM

[Western High School Interact Club Blood Drive](#)

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

November 6th, 11:45-1:30 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting @ Canopy Good Business Summit \(KICC\)](#)

Comment: Kentucky International Convention Center 221 S 4th St Louisville, KY 40202

November 13th, 10:30-11:30 AM

[Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee Meeting](#)

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

November 15th, 10:00-11:00 AM

[Rotary Living Well Through Life: Yoga For All Ages](#)

Comment: PlayPort Event Space at Waterfront Park 1105 Rowan Street Louisville, KY 40202

November 20th, 11:00-11:45 AM

[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

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

November 20th, 1:00-2:00 PM

[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

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

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

[Happy Thanksgiving - NO MEETING](#)

October 16th, 1:00-2:00 PM

[Community Impact Committee Meeting](#)

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

October 20th, 3:00

[Rotary Large Club Conference \(Dallas, TX\)](#)

October 22nd, 5:30-6:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

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

October 23rd, 1:00-2:00 PM

[Youth & Education Committee Meeting](#)

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

October 27th, 6:00-9:00 PM

[UN Day Event: Human Trafficking & Sextortion](#)

Comment: Lang House 115 S Ewing Ave Louisville, KY 40206

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dan McDonnell](#)

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

Speaker: Dan McDonnell, UofL Baseball Coach

November 11th, 8:30-9:40 AM

[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Western HS](#)

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Maj. Gen. Haldane B. Lambertson](#)

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

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

November 19th, 8:50-10:00 AM

[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Iroquois HS](#)

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBA](#)

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

Speaker: TBA

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: Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, Louisville Seminary

December 3rd, 5:30-9:00 PM

[Rotary Annual Meeting & Holiday Celebration at Hurstbourne CC](#)

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

[NO MEETING due to Holiday Party 12/3](#)

December 11th, 10:30-11:30 AM

[Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee Meeting](#)

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

December 13th, 9:00-3:00 PM

[Rotary/Kiwanis Battle of the Bells](#)

Comment: Kroger on Holiday Manor (US42)

December 20th, 9:00-3:00 PM

[Rotary/Kiwanis Battle of the Bells](#)

Comment: Kroger on Holiday Manor (US42)

January 1st, 11:30-1:00 PM

[Happy Holidays - NO MEETING](#)

February 3rd, 8:30-9:40 AM

[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Western HS](#)

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

February 18th, 8:50-10:00 AM

[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Iroquois HS](#)

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

March 10th, 8:30-9:40 AM

[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Western HS](#)

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

April 14th, 8:30-9:40 AM

[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Western HS](#)

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

April 29th, 11:00-6:30 PM

[Rotary Day at the Downs](#)

Comment: Churchill Downs 700 Central Ave Louisville, KY 40208

May 8th, 12:00

[Rotary Tri-District Allstar Conference](#)

Comment: The Galt House Hotel 140 N Fourth St Louisville, KY 40202

Comment: Hurstbourne Country Club 9000 Hurstbourne Club Ln Louisville, KY 40222

December 6th, 9:00-3:00 PM

[Rotary/Kiwanis Battle of the Bells](#)

Comment: Kroger on Holiday Manor (US42)

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBA](#)

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

Speaker: TBA

December 18th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBA](#)

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

Speaker: TBA

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

[Happy Holidays - NO MEETING](#)

January 8th, 10:30-11:30 AM

[Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee Meeting](#)

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

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

[Mayor's State of the City Address \(at KCA\)](#)

Comment: The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts 501 W Main St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Mayor Craig Greenberg

February 19th, 1:00-2:00 PM

[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

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

March 18th, 8:50-10:00 AM

[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Iroquois HS](#)

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

April 22nd, 8:50-10:00 AM

[Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring at Iroquois HS](#)

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

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

[NO MEETING due to Day at the Downs](#)

Birthdays



Maggie Roth
October 19th



Dean Robert Schlader
October 21st



Steven A. Eggers
October 21st



Aleksandra Dovedan
October 21st



Robert L. Hallenberg
October 21st



John R. Guthrie
October 22nd



Julie Scoskie James
October 23rd



Ashley Brauer
October 23rd



Diane Clark Curtis
October 24th



Mark Lieberfreund
October 24th



Kendrick L. Porter
October 25th



Julie H. Schmidt
October 25th



Matthew Boone
Gardiner
October 25th



Bradley Leedy
October 25th



Barney A. Sutton
October 26th



Mary Lang
October 26th

Charles R.M. Farnsley
October 26th

Mary Ellen Harned
October 27th

Thomas H. Bohnert
October 28th

Darrell Fuller
October 28th



Das Roprai
October 31st



Joseph Yearby Jr.
November 2nd



Thom S. Crimans
November 3rd



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iPast President



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Jeffrey A. Underhill
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