

# Rotary

## Club of Louisville



### Walt's Words of Wisdom



As we near the time where we celebrate Thanksgiving, I hope you join me in being thankful. Many of us spend this weekend with our family. For me, I have the privilege of celebrating my birthday on Thanksgiving. That means I get to spend my birthday every year with those I love most - my wife Lynn, my two adult children Casey and Dan, his wife Allie, and my Covid rescue dog Shiloh (I am not sure who rescued who there). I am thankful for that. I also have learned to love birthday pie instead of cake. I would not have it any other way. I am reminded that we all choose our friends but inherit our family, especially the extended family. One year, I remember my brother getting a little put out when I asked when they were planning on leaving as they walked through the door after a 10 hour drive -JK ...(or not). *"If there's one thing I've learned over the eons, it's that you can't give up on your family, no matter how tempting they make it,"* Rick

Riordan says.

Did you know that happiness is directly related to being grateful? The happiest people on earth - no matter what life has dealt them - find ways to be thankful. Say thank you, early and often. If you are feeling down, one way to feel better is to count your blessings and say thank you. Another way is to help someone else. Maybe that is where the power of Rotary's "Service Above Self" is found. When you serve at a Repair Affair, a Rotary mentoring session, or any Rotary service project, don't you feel good – deep down good? That is what Rotary does, what you do, with your service to others. You make our community better, you make those that we serve feel valued, you are grateful and you feel great. Make gratitude and service a habit.

Maya Angelou gives us another method to practice: *"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer."*

I am thankful for each of you. You make me happy! I have a front row seat for much of what you do! I am a better Rotarian and a better person because of you. Thank you! *"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."* Marcel Proust

Life is good!

Walt

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### Note from Delene

By Delene Taylor, Executive Director

It is hard to believe it has been a year since I stepped into the Executive Director role! It has been a full-out sprint, and there are still important things that I have not been able to cross the finish line on, despite my best efforts. Those things plague me, but the constant appreciation and gratitude you express, and the impact we are having, made this a very rewarding year. I am thankful for each of you, and look forward to getting to know those I haven't had a chance to yet.

I am so excited that Liz Curtis Higgs is going to close out the calendar year for us on December 15th. I have two all-time favorite authors and she is one of them. She is also a great speaker. If you haven't heard her or don't know who she is, you owe it to yourself to come to this meeting.

Next week, December 1st, we host Dr. Lori Gonzales, Interim President of UofL. We will have a special

performance compliments of Barbara Lynn Jamison from the Kentucky Opera.

Remember, we will not have a regular meeting on December 8th - please plan to join us Wednesday evening at Big Spring Country Club for our [annual Holiday Celebration](#).

Please join me in showing our appreciation for our servers at Joe's Palm Room - we will have envelopes on the table on December 15th for your cash contributions. If you prefer to pay by check or credit card, please email me.

We are collecting for two important causes - the Ukraine and the Western HS Warrior Tree program (scroll down for more info). There will be bins at the meeting on Thursday for your items, or you can make arrangements with Fred or Walt to drop things off at another time if you prefer. Money is always welcome! You can also make a monetary donation to the Salvation Army if you are unable to serve as a bell ringer but want to help us beat those pesky Kiwanians!

My daughter is flying in from Spokane for a week as I type, and I plan to spend some time offline with her. I hope each of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and Happy Birthday President Walt!

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## December 1st Meeting - Dr. Lori Stewart Gonzalez, UofL Interim President



Our December 1st meeting at Joe's Palm Room will feature **Dr. Lori Stewart Gonzalez**, Interim President of the University of Louisville. Dr. Gonzalez will discuss the State of the University, highlighting how UofL is thriving, how it is distinct, and what challenges the university faces, as well as how UofL is addressing retention and planning for the future.

The menu will be a buffet with Tuscan Chicken (sundried tomatoes and spinach), rice, broccoli, and bourbon butter cake OR you may again choose the Caesar salad with grilled chicken. A black bean burger with gluten-free bun is available upon advance request.

Register by noon on Monday, November 28th [HERE](#).

Click for the speaker bio: [Read More](#)

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## Thanksgiving Lunch with Kiwanis

We shared a delicious Thanksgiving meal and fellowship with the Kiwanis Club yesterday. Captain Jimmy Parrish from the Salvation Army inspired us, Kiwanis Treasurer Kay Manning read a fabulous [Ode to the Officers](#), and we kicked off the Red Kettle challenge. WLKY and WAVE covered the event - I'll add links to this post on the website once I have them. We still need bell ringers! Scroll down for the links to sign up. If you can't ring the bell but want to help us win the challenge, please swing by one Saturday and leave your donation at the Holiday Manor Kroger, or you can get it to George Brakmeier.



## Last Week's Meeting Recap - Mike Anderson, Churchill Downs

Last week's meeting featured Mike Anderson, President of Churchill Downs, who shared many exciting new changes coming to the Downs. **Charlie Castner** livened things up with *Camptown Races* and President Walt exchanged flags with **Bill Learn** (cousin of Past President **Daniel Ash**) who was visiting from Jacksonville, Florida.

If you attended the meeting please, please share your feedback: [HERE](#).



## Appreciation for Joe's Palm Room Servers

Please consider showing gratitude to our servers this holiday season. We will have envelopes on the tables at our meeting on December 15th if you would like to bring cash. If you prefer to pay with credit card, you can do that here: <https://bit.ly/RCLTips>. Adjust the quantity in increments of \$1 and please make your credit card contribution no later than Monday, December 12th so we have time to cash it out.

## December 15th Meeting - Liz Curtis Higgs



Our December 15th meeting at Joe's Palm Room will feature **Liz Curtis Higgs**, award-winning speaker and best-selling author. She will be sharing "*Joy to the World: An Enlightening Look at Laughter*." If you have not heard Liz, just read her bio and you will be amazed that she is coming to our little stage!

The menu will be a buffet TBD. A vegetarian or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Register by noon on Monday, December 12th [HERE](#).

Click for the speaker bio: [Read More](#)

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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Christen Boone



Congratulations to **Christen Boone**, appointed as market director of the [PNC Institutional Asset Management group](#) in Kentucky, effective Jan. 1, 2023.

She will lead a local team of service and sales professionals to deliver asset management solutions to institutional clients, including corporations, health care systems, insurance companies, unions, municipalities, nonprofits, endowments and foundations.

Read more [HERE](#).

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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Mike Mountjoy

Congratulations to **Mike Mountjoy**, inducted into the [Kentucky Entrepreneur Hall of Fame](#).



## Winter Clothing Drive for Ukraine

By Fred Cowan

Partnering for Peace, the collaboration between our Club and the Peace Corps community, is sponsoring a winter clothing drive for families in Ukraine who have been forced to flee their homes. Please drop off winter clothing items such as jackets, sweaters, gloves, warm socks and scarves the next two Saturdays between 9 am and 12 pm at the home of former Ukrainian Peace Corps Volunteer Tim Nicolazzi, 1214 South Floyd Street. Tim is a member of Partnering for Peace and a prospective Rotarian. Alternatively, you may **bring clothing to the meeting** next Thursday and deposit in the bin provided. For additional information, please contact me at 502-417-6669 or [fjcowan@gmail.com](mailto:fjcowan@gmail.com). We will be sending the clothes to Ukraine in December.





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## Western High School Warrior Tree Program: Donations Needed

By Walt Kunau

When shopping for the holidays this season, please consider supporting the Western High School Warrior Tree Holiday Program with a donation of Clothing, Toys, Food, Snacks and/or Monetary Donations. Many in our community go without food and clothing, and children are at the most risk. Youth over the age of 12 in Louisville miss out on holiday programs such as Angel Tree and Shop with a Cop. With the generous support of the community along with the staff at Western, more than 80 Western High School families were helped last year - let's make that number higher this year! Contact me to arrange collection of donated items: 502.262.2792 or [wkunau@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkunau@bellsouth.net)

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## It's Time To Ring The Bells!

By George Brakmeier



Please join us for this year's Salvation Army Bell Ringing service project at the Holiday Manor Kroger on US 42. You can choose one or more of the following shifts - we need 4 volunteers for each shift and guests are welcome:

Saturday December 3rd, 10th and 17th

Shifts are from 9:00 to 10:30, 10:30 to noon, noon to 1:30, 1:30 to 3:00

Register in DaCdb:

December 3: <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77634201>

December 10: <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77634316>

December 17: <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77634318>

For more information, my cell phone is 502-552-2002.

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## Rotary Holiday Party - December 7th - Big Spring Country Club

From the Rotary Elf Elwe,

This year's holiday party will be at the newly renovated Big Springs Country Club on Dutchman's Lane. You and your guest(s) will enjoy a huge buffet, with a holiday cash bar.

The program will include a word from President Walt and lots of fun and games for prizes before live music to dance the night away.

Wear your craziest holiday attire, as prizes will be given to the Best Dressed from the wise Elf of holiday fashion, Craig Winkleschoss!

Tickets are \$65 per person and advance registration is required:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLHolidayParty2022>

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

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## Rotary Day at the Opera - December 18, 2pm



Join your fellow Rotarians for a special afternoon at the Kentucky Opera on **Sunday, December 18th at 2:00pm**. Not only will we receive a **discounted rate of \$30** (reg price \$39), but we will also have the opportunity to **meet with cast members** following the performance (thank you Rotarian Barbara Lynne Jamison). The Kentucky Opera will provide wine and light bites if we have at least 25 attending, so let's show out! If you have family/friends in town for the holidays, invite them.

Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP. Note that once you submit the RSVP form, you will be taken to our website where there will be a link and instructions to purchase your tickets directly from the Kentucky Opera.



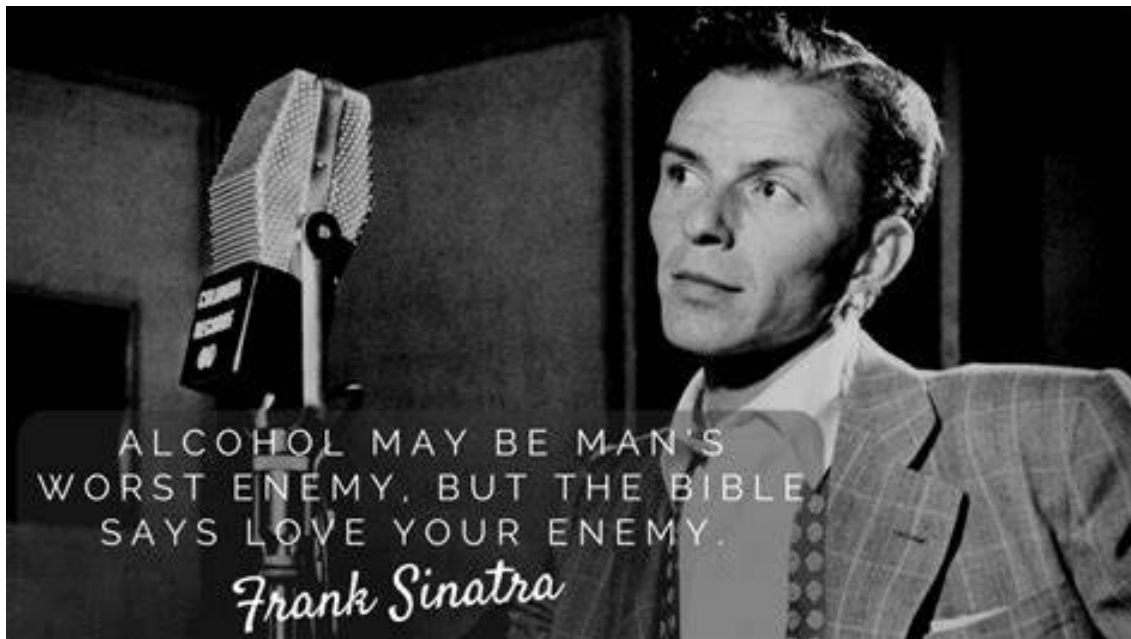
### The Gift of the Magi

Presented at the Opera Center (708 Magazine Street), this heartwarming holiday classic brings you close to the action. Jim and Della cannot afford to buy each other presents for Christmas; as a result, they pawn their most prized possessions to purchase gifts for each other. However, their surprises go awry in this adaptation of O. Henry's classic story, delivered with beautiful melodies sung in English.

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## WANTED: Bourbon!

By Greg Braun



Hello Rotarians, Greg Braun here, and I need some of your bourbon!

This year, the Rotary Super FUNdraiser will be on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

We will be celebrating our past, present, and future. And I promise a "super-tacular" night for you and your guest, so make sure you save the date!

We will be raising money for our local **Rotary Fund** and for the **Louisville Rotary Club** itself – to help recover from the Covid crunch. And one of the many fun things we will offer is a vast array of bourbon to the guests that night.

We need all types of Bourbon (unopened, naturally) and all sizes.

1. For a pre-holiday raffle promo campaign
2. For event day games, prizes, etc.

I'm asking that you check those shelves for some dusty unopened bourbon and send it my way. You can bring it to a meeting, or I'm happy to come get it from you – you can call me at 502-817-8224 and I can pick it up. Any amount helps – and yes, we will provide a donation receipt for tax purposes.

So **reserve** the date - March 27<sup>th</sup> - and find a **reserve** bottle or two to donate to a great cause!

Thank you,

Greg Braun, Rotary 2023 FUNdraiser Chair

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## Rotary 2022-23 Speech Contest

By Karen Morrison

Each year our club hosts a speech contest open to all Louisville area high school students (private, public, independent and home taught). The winner will advance to the sectional competition followed by a regional competition. Finalists from each region in the district will compete at the annual Rotary District 6710 Conference to be held in Bowling Green, KY on May 12-13, 2023.

The contest offers students an opportunity to speak on a meaningful topic, to sharpen their speaking skills, and to gain recognition in addition to monetary rewards. By participating, they will learn about Rotary, our history, and our worldwide mission. Students will also have the potential of establishing a more meaningful relationship with members of our club.

The topic for this year's competition is **Imagine Rotary**.

Click here for more info and to download an entry form:

<https://louisvillerotary.org/speech-contest/>

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## Events

November 24th

**[NO MEETING - Happy Thanksgiving!](#)**

**Speaker:** NO MEETING - Happy Thanksgiving!

December 1st

**[RCoL Weekly Meeting Speaker: Lori Gonzalez](#)**

**Speaker:** Lori Gonzalez, UofL Interim President

December 7th

**[Rotary Holiday Celebration at Big Spring Country Club](#)**

**Speaker:** Rotary Holiday Celebration

December 10th

**[Bell Ringing Benefiting Salvation Army](#)**

**Speaker:** Bell Ringing / Salvation Army

December 15th

**[RCoL Meeting - Liz Curtis Higgs](#)**

**Speaker:** Liz Curtis Higgs

**Subject:** Joy to the World: An Enlightening Look at Laughter

December 18th

**[Rotary at the Opera](#)**

**Speaker:** Rotary at the Opera

**Subject:** The Gift of the Magi

December 29th

**[NO MEETING - Happy New Year!](#)**

**Speaker:** NO MEETING - Happy New Year!

November 30th

**[Rotary Leadership Retreat](#)**

December 3rd

**[Bell Ringing Benefiting Salvation Army](#)**

**Speaker:** Bell Ringing / Salvation Army

December 8th

**[NO MEETING due to Holiday Celebration](#)**

**Speaker:** NO MEETING due to Holiday Celebration

December 15th

**[International Service Committee Meeting](#)**

December 17th

**[Bell Ringing Benefiting Salvation Army](#)**

**Speaker:** Bell Ringing / Salvation Army

December 22nd

**[NO MEETING - Happy Holidays!](#)**

**Speaker:** NO MEETING - Happy Holidays!

## Birthdays



Charles W. Brockwell Jr.  
November 24th



Walt Kunau  
November 24th



Kent Weyland  
November 25th



Rick Smith  
November 27th



Jay Mallory  
November 29th



Charles R. Oberst  
M.D.  
December 1st



Claire Arnold  
December 1st



Cynthia Miles  
Brown  
December 2nd



Alisa O Gray  
December 2nd



Harry C  
Stephenson, M.D.  
December 4th



Amy Luttrell  
December 4th



Robert M. Slider  
December 5th



Katie Jo Glesing  
December 6th



Anthony  
Hammond  
December 7th



Ingrid Hernandez  
December 9th



Scott Neff  
December 10th



Willie Billingslea  
III  
December 14th



Thomas K Stone  
December 15th



Harry Louis  
Seeger V  
December 18th



Sam Cilone  
December 19th



Tawana Bain  
December 19th



Tracie Texas  
Shifflett  
December 20th



Tracy Evette  
Davis, JD, CDP  
December 21st



Adam Fields  
December 22nd



Jason Pierce  
December 23rd



Anuj Rastogi  
December 23rd



David Y. Wood  
December 23rd



T. Vernon Foster  
December 23rd



Jon Sanders  
December 23rd



Dorn Crawford  
December 25th



Michael B.  
Vincenti  
December 28th



Lisa DeJaco  
Crutcher  
December 28th



Kimberly Mallory  
December 31st



David C. Dick  
December 31st

## Club Leaders



Walt Kunau  
President



Kevin Lynch  
President-Elect



Barbara Sexton  
Smith  
Vice President



Kim Halbauer  
Treasurer



Jean West  
iPast President



Lori Hudson  
Flanery  
Secretary



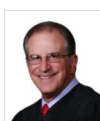
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Ashley Brauer  
Club Director



Cynthia Miles  
Brown  
Club Director



Frederic J. Cowan  
Club Director



Thom S. Crimans  
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