

# Rotary Club of Louisville



## Walt's Words of Wisdom



Our featured speaker tomorrow is Dr. Lori Gonzalez, Interim President at the University of Louisville. She will present a "State of the University" message - very timely considering today's announcement. Before she comes to the stage, Educational Justice will be presented with the Big Check as we continue to support this innovative non-profit. EJ won one of the Impact 100 grants for \$100K recently too! Come on down to Joe's...you will be glad you did!

Are you ready to share some holiday cheer? I am – especially when Party Meister Greg Braun is planning the event. Come and See! Wednesday, December 7 at Big Spring Country Club – wear your best holiday outfit so you can win a prize and help everyone else have a

laugh – either with you or at you! I know that situation well. No coal here! Join us for a special afternoon at the Kentucky Opera on Sunday, December 18th at 2:00pm. We will meet with cast members following the performance (thank you Rotarian Barbara Lynne Jamison).

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving! I know once I have recovered, the Salvation Army bell ringing beckons. We take up the tradition of the now decades-long challenge to better our Kiwanian friends for the most money raised. We haven't won for a while, so to up the ante and importance, starting next year, the loser (traditionally your Rotary Club) will have to hoist the Turkey Bowl "loser" Trophy at every meeting in October – leading up to our Thanksgiving Celebration with the Kiwanis Club. Kevin Lynch – you get to be either the victor or victim! You raise the real trophy or hoist the Turkey Bowl! Let's win one for Kevin...you can donate [HERE](#) or at one of our shifts at the Holiday Manor Kroger! Whatever the outcome, the Salvation Army wins! Thank you George Brakmeier for your passion for ringing the bell - for more than 25 years.



WWW:

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. Nelson Mandela. He who opens a school door, closes a prison." Victor Hugo*

*"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." Andy McIntyre*

*"In school they told me practice makes perfect. And then they told me nobody's perfect, so then I stopped practicing." Stephen Wright*

*"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." Aristotle*

*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." Gandhi*

Life is good!

Walt

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## Tomorrow - Dr. Lori Gonzalez, UofL Interim President



Tomorrow's 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.

We will also have a special performance by members of the Kentucky Opera.

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

Thanks to Susan Zepeda for donating this week's door prize - **a ticket to our holiday party** on December 7th (value \$65). Be sure to come get your raffle ticket!

RSVPs are closed; please email [rotary@rotary45.org](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org) to see if any seats are available.

Click for the speaker bio:

[Read More](#)

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## Recommended Bylaws Amendment

By Walt Kunau

As required by our current Bylaws, I recently provided written notice via email that we will vote on recommended updates to our Club Bylaws at our regularly scheduled weekly meeting on December 15th at noon at Joe's Palm Room, 1821 W. Jefferson as well as electronically via SurveyMonkey from December 1st until December 14th at 10:00am.

Thank you to everyone who has taken time to review the proposed Club Bylaws revisions I sent. I have heard from several of you and appreciate the thoughtful comments and feedback shared. We will be incorporating some of that input into the final version you vote on. As a reminder, there will be an opportunity to participate in a Zoom meeting on Monday, December 5, at 12:30pm. Here is the Zoom Link (no pre-registration necessary just click the link when you are ready to join the call):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5601741547?pwd=a0RDc09YRUtKcWVyTOI1WndlbG43Zz09>. I am also available for phone calls or emails.

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## Rotary Foundation Month - Matching Points

By Kelly Burke

As part of our ongoing "**Every Rotarian, Every Year**" campaign, we ask that each member consider making a voluntary contribution of \$100 or more each year to both our local Rotary Fund of Louisville (which funds all of our local grants and service projects as well as our participation as a Club in District and International grants) and to the Rotary International Foundation (global).

November is Rotary Foundation Month, and what better way to honor it on this last day of the month than by making a donation? As a bonus, if you are working toward achieving your first Paul Harris Fellow award (\$1,000 contributed = 1,000 points), you will receive **matching points** for any donations of \$100 to \$500 made before the end of the calendar year!! We will be recognizing new Paul Harris Fellows in January, so this is a perfect time to earn your pin.

It's very easy. Just click [HERE](#), choose Annual Fund-SHARE (default), then One-Time or Recurring Donation and the amount. You can continue as a guest or login if you have already set up your account. If you have any trouble, please call me and I can help, but if you have used SurveyMonkey to register for a lunch meeting, this should be no problem. This will be a direct gift to the international foundation and your tax receipt will come from Rotary International. If you need to know how close you currently are to reaching 1,000 points, contact me at [kellyburke53@gmail.com](mailto:kellyburke53@gmail.com).

If you prefer to donate by check, of course we won't turn that away! Make your check **payable to the Rotary Foundation** and mail to 325 W Main St, Ste 1808, Louisville, KY 40202.

Our local 501c3 foundation (the Rotary Fund of Louisville) is also in need of donations. Those can be made via check, or online [HERE](#).

[Read More](#)

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## Final Call for Rotary Holiday Party RSVPs!

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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## 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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## December 15th Meeting - Liz Curtis Higgs / Joy to the World: An Enlightening Look at Laughter

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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## 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 by THIS Saturday 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** tomorrow 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.



## 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.

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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Maggie Harlow

**Maggie Harlow** teamed up with Kosair Charities to share her (w)rapping skills with volunteers as part of the "WRAP Kosair Kids" program. You can watch the video [HERE](#).



Jack Harlow's Mom Teaches Kosair Charities Volunteers to (W)Rap

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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Denise Sears / SOS International

**Denise Sears** and SOS International will be presented with a Silver Fleur-de-Lis award at the GLI Annual Meeting on February 1 for their collaboration with the Salvation Army and WaterStep in providing critical aid both in Eastern and Western Kentucky following devastating natural disasters. Read more [HERE](#).



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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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## Save the Date for Our Annual FUNdraiser

By Greg Braun



Mark your calendars for this year's Rotary FUNdraiser event on March 27th. It will be a fun night as we honor Rotary's *Past, Present and Future*. I want to tease you with just one of the many prizes we are going to offer.

We will be selling 111 Golden WALTO tickets! What's that, say you? Tickets will be sold up to the night of the event and one ticket will be pulled that evening. The winner can then select from our list of incredible trips around the world. Yes, I said around the world. The first experience is below. But hold on to your hats...in addition to trips, we have bourbon and dinners to give away, and lots of entertainment to keep you jumping. It all adds up to one heck of a night!

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## Rotary FUNdraiser WALTO Package #1: A Four Night Stay in Cortona Italy

By Greg Braun

Introducing a Rotary FUNdraising experience - a chance to win this Italian travel package. We call it...

### **WALTO Package #1: A Four Night Stay in Cortona Italy**



Picture this.

Waking up in beautiful Cortona, Italy. You and a guest are strolling the quaint streets and neighboring villas. What to do today? Maybe check out the artisanal jewelry boutiques that pepper the towns. Or admire the beautiful classic architecture. Or maybe buy a piece of art. Or sit with a bottle of wine and chat with the townsfolk. Or maybe travel to another romantic town that litters the Tuscany Valley. Or

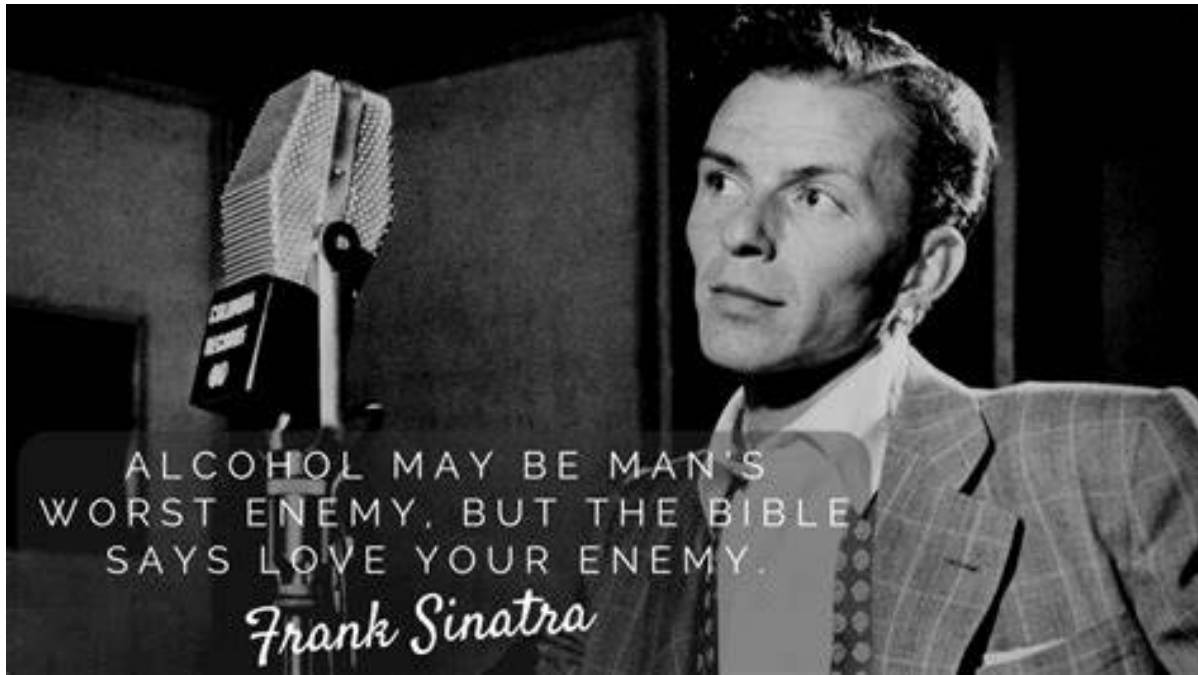


go on a chocolate tasting experience at a local farm. That evening, visit a local restaurant, and enjoy farm fresh food and incredible wine. This trip can be yours if you have the selected golden WALTO ticket. There will be only 111 sold. The trip includes lodgings, one dinner for two, 4-night stay, a couple of fun tours and concierge service assistance in planning and booking. Air fare not included. As they say "Buona Fortuna, e acquista il tuo biglietto, Rotariano!" (Good luck and buy your ticket, Rotarian!)

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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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## Events

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!

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!

## Birthdays



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



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Kevin Lynch  
President-Elect



Barbara Sexton  
Smith  
Vice President



Kim Halbauer  
Treasurer



Jean West  
iPast President



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Flanery  
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Blakemore  
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Club Director



Cynthia Miles  
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Chair



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