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CINDI SULLIVAN & ERIN THOMPSON

Trees Louisville Executive Director /
President & Urban Forestry Coordinator
April 21, 2016 Guest Speakers

Galt House West, Cochran Room, 3rd Floor
• 11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

CLUB CALENDAR



WHAT TO DO when you bring A GUEST to ROTARY

Pre-register your guest at the
louisvillerotary.org website.
Scroll down to the 'Make a
Payment' button. Thank you!

Birthdays

Bill Kelly Jr. - Apr 22
Gordon Ragan - Apr 22
Tracey Clayton - Apr 23
Tracy Holladay - Apr 23
Robert English - Apr 26
Tony Zipple - Apr 26
Turney Berry - Apr 27
Don Kohler - Apr 27



Join the Birthday Table
at the April 21 Rotary meeting
and be recognized!

Upcoming Meetings

APRIL 28

Charles "Skip" Miller
Executive Director
Louisville Regional
Airport Authority

Cindi Sullivan, Executive Director/President of TreesLouisville brings exceptional creative skills and experience to the organization. Her career spans more than 35 years including horticultural and agronomy research, government services, environmental consulting, media and nonprofit work. While with the City of Louisville's Operation Brightside, she coordinated the community garden program, environmental outreach for the elementary school education program, and initiated the Christmas tree recycling and composting programs.

During this time, she was also President and Board member of the National Community Gardening Association. For more than 25 years, Cindi hosted both daily television and radio programs in Louisville focused on horticulture, environmental and lifestyle issues. Cindi is a graduate of the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture where she studied horticulture. She is a certified arborist and has Tree Risk Assessment Qualification.

Erin Thompson is the city's Urban Forester and supervises Louisville Metro's Division of Community Forestry. She received a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Kentucky's Department of Agriculture. She has been active in multiple levels of forestry from woodland restoration to urban arboriculture practices for ten years in the Louisville area. Her love of trees was fostered where she grew up with tree lined streets adjacent to a recreational area in Atlanta. Believing that everyone deserves to live in an environment where trees provide a multitude of benefits, from health to imagination, she is proud to assist Louisville to increase the tree canopy and give all Louisvillians the ideal community to live and prosper in.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Scott Herrmann is a new Rotarian (2016). He has lived in Louisville for the past eight years after spending time in Chicago and Indianapolis. Scott joined Waycross Partners, a local alternative investment management company, in 2015 to manage the strategic marketing and growth efforts of the firm. He spent the prior decade working as vice president for J.P. Morgan's Asset Management and Commercial Bank business units.

Scott has most enjoyed the educational aspects of his work by helping investors better understand the nuances of changing markets and benefits of various investment strategies. Scott is actively involved in community affairs, notably via his service as a Board member for The Home of the Innocents, co-founder of [give] 502 and promotion of the Leadership Louisville Center. In addition, he is an avid traveler and outdoor enthusiast. Scott holds a BS in Finance from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University and MBA from Indiana University Southeast (IUS), as well as FINRA Series 7, 63 and 65 licenses.



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please email it to webmaster@rotary45.org. Thank you.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

MAY 5

John Asher
Vice President
Communications
Churchill Downs

MAY 12

Bob Couch, MD
President
Greater Louisville
Medical Society

MAY 19

Eric Flack
WAVE-TV Troubleshooter
Reporter

MAY 26

David Taliaferro
Director of Microfinance
KIVA Fellow

JUNE 2

David Ray
"USSS in Age of Terrorism:
31 Years Protecting
Presidents"

JUNE 16

Father Ron Knott
"Change is Inevitable, Growth
Intentional: Living
Deliberately, Consciously and
On Purpose"

JUNE 30

**Rotary Leadership
Turnover Extravaganza - "A
Bridge to the Future"**

L.B. Schmidt & Associates, LLC
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HOSPITAL**
Stephen Williams
Riggs Lewis
Matt Ayers


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Can you volunteer for one hour on April 25th?

Rotary Mentors are needed at Western High School for only one hour on April 25 to promote our Rotary Promise Scholarship at our last meeting of the year at Western. Mentors are provided with an easy to follow lesson plan before each meeting. The Rotary Leader starts the meeting with an opening activity and comments. Students are assigned tables by class. Mentors lead the discussion and help a small group of students (8-10) with skills: communication, goal setting, decision making, teamwork, respect, interview preparation, time management, confidence building, college preparation, planning, and leadership based upon the lesson plan (provided). We need ten more Rotarians who want to help promote education and the Rotary Promise Scholarship. No mentoring experience required.

When: Monday, April 25, 8:25 AM to 9:30 AM
Where: Western High School 2501 Rockford Lane, Shively, KY 40216
Preparation: Read the Lesson Plan and be prepared to lead the students.

Contact Walt Kunau: 502.262.2792 / wkunau@bellsouth.net

BE A MENTOR
-- TOUCH A LIFE --

April 25 at 6:00pm • All Members/Guests Invited New Member Celebration Dinner / Love the Hungry Project

All members and guest/spouse are invited to attend the Dinner/Project on Monday April 25. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, followed by a hands-on project with 50's style music creating a fun, upbeat atmosphere, as we package 7,000 meals for children and families around the world in a very short timeframe. Then, a wonderful meal catered by Ladyfingers followed by a recognition program to welcome new members who will receive their Rotary pins will end this great evening.



This Celebration Dinner & Love the Hungry hands-on project held several months ago was a huge success, and those who attended have been looking forward to the next one. Dress casually and enjoy a fun evening with a purpose. Cost is \$30 per person. Register before April 21. [Click Here](#)

Repair Affair Volunteer Day is Saturday, May 14 (8a-1p)

Repair Affair is a community wide program organized by New Directions Housing Corporation to provide basic home repairs to low income and elderly homeowners. Rotary will provide a team of volunteers to make repairs for a participating homeowner. Participating homeowners are screened and selected by New Directions Housing Corporation. We will provide further details once we receive our assignment from New Directions Housing Corporation.

Join us on May 14 from 8am to 1pm. No special skills are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Mike Fallot: 400-3011 / mike.fallot@ecomtek.com



*The June 4 previously scheduled date has been changed to May 14.

2016 District Conference at Louisville Marriott East - June 10-11 Kevin Wardell, District Conference Chair



Kevin Wardell and his committee have been planning details for the conference, ensuring that all who attend will have a positive, beneficial experience, well worth your time to attend.

The keynote speaker is Rotarian, author and motivational speaker Michael Angelo Caruso. Michael is a valued communication consultant to companies and organizations all over the world. [CLICK HERE](#) for a two-minute video. We look forward to

see many of you at the Louisville Marriott East on June 10-11. Noon is the start time on Friday, ending at 5:00 pm on Saturday.

CONTEST: Register for the conference by May 9th to be entered to win one of two Paul Harris Fellows and 30,000 Marriott Reward Points, enough for free room nights, room upgrades or for travel or gift items!

In what promises to be a fun-filled, educational day and a half, all Rotarians will find something of interest! The package price for reception and all meals and breaks is only \$129 for both days, and individual pricing for either Friday or Saturday is also available for those that can only join us for part of the excitement.

Ruth Brinkley
Alice Bridges
Rick Smith



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Food Literacy Project Volunteer Day is June 25 (10a - 1p)

Location: Oxmoor Farm

Mark your calendar and save the June 25 date. More details to follow soon!

APRIL 14 MEETING RECAP

Wes Jackson

President Greg Braun rang the bell and the meeting began at 12:05. Walt Kunau began the meeting with an invocation, followed by the pledge and Rotary 4-Way Test led by Hank Mangeot. Entertainment was provided by singer, songwriter, guitarist Tyrone Cotton. Special guests from the Indianapolis Rotary Club (Club President



Jeff Lake, Vice President Ramona Adams, Sgt. at Arms Nick Reich and Executive Director Kelly Tingle) were welcomed by President Greg, and other guests were also introduced. Prospective



members were invited to remain for a short 'What is Rotary' session. Ed Jerdonek hosted the birthday table and congratulated birthday celebrants who were present. The next week's meeting guest speakers, Cindi Sullivan and Erin Thompson, were announced. Kelly Burke was thanked for a great Rotary Night Out at The Bristol and 'MOTOWN' at The Kentucky Center on April 13. The cast and crew met for a personal Q&A session immediately afterwards. [Click Here](#)

MEMBER/GUEST ENTERTAINMENT

Rotary Day at the Downs - May 3



Join us for the 51st year at Rotary's Day at the Downs on Millionaire's Row, 4th Level, on Tuesday of Derby week.

Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Lunch buffet opens at 11:30 am
Races start at 12:45 pm

\$95 per person includes entrance to track, program, lunch buffet and gratuity

Spouses/guests are welcome! Limited seating.

Confirm your reservations. Go to the May 3 date on the Rotary calendar, or use this [REGISTRATION LINK](#). Don't delay. Tickets are going fast!

IN THE NEWS

Kudos to ...

- **David Ratterman** - David was inducted into the University of Kentucky (UK) College of Engineering Hall of Distinguished Alumni in a ceremony held on April 15. Less than one half of one percent of the College of Engineering's graduates have received this honor. Congratulations, David! See Press Release at [THIS LINK](#).

STAY IN TOUCH

Contact Members While They Are Away

TJG **Lukas Dwelly** began his year term of U.S. Navy service in Djibouti, Africa. His address is:

Lukas Dwelly
PSC 831, BOX 4905
FPO AE 09363

If you would like to send anything to Lukas, his request is: "Please do not send me any contraband or food. Boxes are x-rayed here and the food will melt. Also, do not put Djibouti or Camp Lemonnier on the address - I will not receive the packages. Normal mail is about four weeks. Priority mail is around 2 weeks. The country address is United States if asked. My wish list are koozies, t-shirts from different parts of the country (size L) and paperback/soft cover books on Marine and Naval history, the Middle East/Islam and the South." [Click Here](#) to access Lukas' entire message.

George Merrifield broke his ankle and fractured his shoulder recently. He is at Forest Springs Health Campus, 4120 Wooded Acre Drive - Room 209, Louisville, KY 40245 (502-243-1643). You may also call George at 502-592-2316.

Bill Carrell is recovering at home and looks forward to return to Rotary this week.



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M.DACDB.COM/ROTARY on your phone's browser.

Scan Your Badge

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Thanks!

WHAT THE BOARD DID

The Board approved the following actions at the April's meeting:

Proposed New Members:

- Jay Mallory, proposed by Kevin Lynch and Dick Brien. Jay is Kentucky Market President at ImageQuest.
- Dayna Neumann, proposed by Cynthia Knappek and Sydney Goetz. Dayna is co-founder of Execuity.
- Claire Arnold, proposed by Cheryl Kersey and Rick King. Claire is Events & Program Coordinator Senior at University of Louisville College of Business.

Resignations:

- Bruce McCrea
- Sidonna Cox
- Johnny Miller
- Fritz Parkins
- James Appleberry
- Brooke Egan

Other Actions:

- New Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs were approved for FY 2016-17.
- The July 28 Rotary meeting will be a dinner meeting to begin at 5:30pm and held off-site at the Germantown Mill Lofts on Goss Avenue. With over 250,000 square feet and both indoor/outdoor space, this former textile mill is the catalyst for revitalization of the neighborhood. A very short program/remarks will be followed with tours and food/bar/fun.