

Rotary



Club of Louisville

Sparks Newsletter - April 5, 2021

Weekly Zoom Meeting - Register [HERE](#)

Thursday, April 8, 2021

11:30 am - Networking

11:40 am - Pre-meeting

12:00 pm - Meeting begins

This Week's Speaker: Sadiqa Reynolds, President and CEO, Louisville Urban League



Sadiqa Reynolds is the President and CEO of Louisville Urban League. Her appointment made her the first woman to hold this title in the affiliate's 95-year history. She has previously served as Chief for Community Building in the Office of the Mayor where she oversaw approximately 1500 employees. Sadiqa serves on several boards including Fund for the Arts, the Louisville Chamber, WAVE3 Editorial Board, WDRD Advisory Board and is a Director for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

To read Sadiqa's entire bio, click [HERE](#).

Pre-Meeting Conversation - 11:40 am

In the month of April, Rotary International's Focus is Saving Mothers and Children. Please join us for conversation hosted by Rotarian **Dr. Bob Hilgers**, chair, International Service Committee, discussing cervical cancer initiative in Haiti and other service projects aimed at saving mothers.



Meeting Recap - April 1, 2021

The April 1st Rotary Club of Louisville Zoom meeting featured a "double-header" with two guest speakers. Erika Shields spoke about her vision and the challenges faced in her newly appointed role as Chief of Police for LMPD. John Walczak, Director, Louisville



Zoo, discussed "Pursuing Louisville Zoo's Mission" during his 36 years at the zoo.

Click [HERE](#) to watch Erika and John's presentations.

Upcoming Speakers

April 15	Scotty Davenport	Basketball Coach	Bellarmine University
April 22	Mike Jones	CFO	UPS Airlines
April 29	Dale Romans	Top Trainer	Churchill Downs
May 6	Shannon Bishop Arvin	President	Keeneland
May 13	Ben Chandler	President & CEO	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
May 20	Susan Elkington	President	Toyota Kentucky
May 27	Jonathan Webb	Founder & CEO	AppHarvest
June 3	John Yarmuth	U.S. Representative	KY - District 3
June 10	Bill Carstanjen	CEO	Churchill Downs, Inc

Business Synergy Virtual Event April 13th at 5:30 p.m.



Fellow Rotarian Bruce Engelhardt will talk about veterans in the workplace using the context of his experience as a career nuclear submariner in our Navy and his experience with all five services as a senior officer in the joint services arena and the pentagon. To register, click [HERE](#) or contact the Rotary office at 502-589-1800 or rotary@rotary45.org.

Rotary Wild Lights and Dinner Zoo event May 14th at 6:30 p.m.



Join your fellow Rotarians on Friday, May 14th at the Louisville Zoo for the "Rotary Wild Lights and Dinner Zoo event." Social hour begins at 6:30 pm with a BBQ dinner starting at 7:15 pm. The Wild Lights Journey will kick off at 8:15 pm. Cost is \$55.00/ per person which includes dinner, parking and ticket for the Wild Lights journey. Zoo staff will be available to assist Rotarians needing help going to and returning from the

Rotary Areas of Focus: Where Your Gifts Go Part 2

Rotary is committed to working in seven areas, to build international relationships, improve lives and create a better world, to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

- **Saving mothers and children:** Nearly 6 million children under age five die each year because of malnutrition, poor healthcare and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.
- **Supporting education:** More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. We work to strengthen communities' capacity to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparities in education and increase adult literacy.
- **Growing local economies:** Our service projects enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.
- **Supporting the environment:** Our newest area of focus, added in 2020. Clubs can begin applying for environment-related global grant project support on July 1, 2021.

What cause are you most passionate about? Contribute to the Rotary Foundation (affiliated with Rotary International) [HERE](#), and add your talent and treasure to Club projects here and abroad.

Events

April 8th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Sadiqa Reynolds, President, Lou Urban League](#)

April 15th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Scotty Davenport, Basketball Coach, Bellarmine](#)

April 22nd

[RCoL Zoom mtg-Mike Jones, CFO, UPS Airlines](#)

May 6th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Shannon Bishop Arvin, President, Keeneland](#)

May 13th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Ben Chandler, President/CEO, Foundation Healthy KY](#)

May 20th

[International Service Committee meeting](#)

May 27th

[Lifeline Committee meeting](#)

April 13th

[Virtual Business Synergy Experience-Admiral Bruce Engelhardt \(ret.\)](#)

April 22nd

[Lifeline Committee meeting](#)

April 29th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Dale Romans, Trainer, Churchill Downs](#)

May 11th

[Business Synergy event - Tour St. James church \(in-person\)](#)

May 14th

[Rotary Wild Lights and Dinner Zoo Event](#)

May 20th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Susan Elkington, President, Toyota KY \(TMMK\)](#)

May 27th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Jonathan Webb, Founder/CEO, AppHarvest](#)

Birthdays

[Graeme](#)

[Erskine H.](#)

[Marisa Midkiff](#)

[Nicole George](#)



Donovan
April 5th



Courtenay III
April 6th



Neal
April 6th



April 7th



Clyde K. Warner Jr.
April 7th



Michael L. Brumleve
April 9th



Abbreial Drane
April 9th



R. Lowell Pratte
April 9th



Christopher L. Bottorff
April 11th



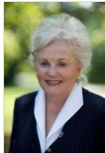
Kathy Dehoney Evtts
April 12th



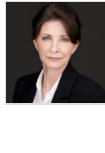
James T. Crain Jr.
April 13th



Brianna Roberts
April 15th



Barbara J. Collins
April 15th



Paula Grisanti
April 15th



William J. Hirtzel
April 16th



Chandra Gordon
April 17th



Todd A. Spencer
April 19th

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President-Elect



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