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CLUB CALENDAR

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

APR 19

Bob Babbage
Lead Lobbyist, Babbage
Cofounder
Jack Brammer
Frankfort Bureau Chief,
Lexington Herald-Leader
Topic: Sine Die 2018:
Kentucky General Assembly
Regular Session Highlights

APR 26

Russell Coleman
US Attorney, District of
Western, KY
Topic: Ridding Communities
of Violent Crime and Drug
Trafficking

MAY 2

John Asher
Vice President, Racing
Communications at Churchill
Downs
Topic: Annual Derby Program

MAY 10

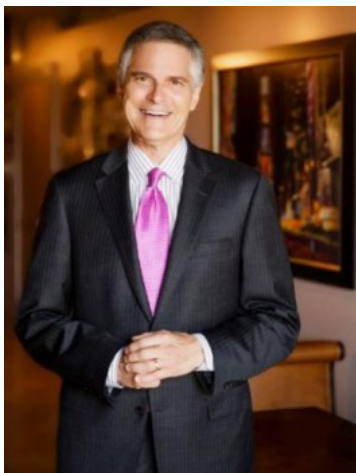
Wes Cowan
CEO, Cowan's Auctions
Topic: PBS Antique Road
Show

MAY 17

**Rotary Promise Scholars
Program**
Maggie Payette Harlow
CEO, Signarama Downtown
Louisville
Topic: Cliff Divers-Get In
Over Your Head

MAY 24

Eric Granger



Bob Babbage

Lead Lobbyist, Babbage Cofounder

Jack Brammer

Frankfort Bureau Chief, Lexington Herald-Leader
April 19 • Rotary Lunch Meeting
4th Floor Loft • Frazier History Museum
11:30 Buffet • 12:10 Meeting

Title: "Sine Die 2018: Kentucky General Assembly Regular Session Highlights"

The Kentucky General Assembly passed tax reform, a two-year budget plan, pension reform and landmark legislation. Bob Babbage, a lead lobbyist specializing in government relations and business strategies, has been at the center of political life in Kentucky for many years. Twice elected to statewide public office as State Auditor and Secretary of State and other lead roles, Babbage established the lobbying firm Babbage Cofounder representing a broad array of businesses and organizations.



Jack Brammer, a state capital reporter for 40 years, first for the Lexington Herald and then the Herald-Leader, is recognized as the "dean of Frankfort press corps." The two veterans of Kentucky politics will demystify the outcome of the session and the impact on the commonwealth.

To learn more about Babbage Cofounder, click [HERE](#). To read more about Jack Brammer, click [HERE](#).

April 19th Menu

House Garden Salad
Chicken Chardonnay
Jack Daniels Chopped Sirloin
Garlic Mashed Red Skin Potatoes
Vegetarian Country Style Green Beans
Dinner Rolls
Assorted Cakes and Pies
Sliced Fresh Fruit

CEO, Yum Center
Topic: TBD

MAY 31

Lisa Bajorinas
Vice President,
Entrepreneurship and Talent
at Greater Louisville, Inc.
Topic: Enterprise Corporation
and the Startup Community

Birthdays

Jennifer Helgeson - Apr 13
Jim Crain Jr - Apr 13
Barry Charles Brauch - Apr 13
Paula Grisanti - Apr 15
Barbara Collins - Apr 15
Bil Hirtzel - Apr 16
Ken Middleton - Apr 16
Chandra Gordon - Apr 17
Laura Douglas - Apr 17
John Hubbuch - Apr 18
Todd Spencer - Apr 19
Barry Barker - Apr 20
Paul Robinson - Apr 20
Bill Kelly Jr - Apr 22
Gordon Ragan - Apr 22
Tracy Holladay - Apr 23



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ROTARY MEETING set-up

The Rotary office thanks you for your patience as we explore the best ways to manage logistics at the Frazier History Museum.

Parking-There are several options for parking at our weekly meetings:

- Frazier Museum of History surface lot - 9th Street
- Louisville Slugger Parking Garage- 20 S. Eighth Street. Pick up a parking voucher from the Rotary registration table before leaving the meeting.
- FREE valet parking at the front door of the Frazier Museum of History
- TARC Zero Bus - FREE and convenient for Rotarians who work downtown

Committee Meetings-There are 2 conference rooms available at the Frazier for committee meetings on a limited basis. These rooms MUST be reserved in advanced and are subject to availability. Please contact the Rotary Office for the use of these rooms.

4th Floor Loft - West Bay-This area is always available for your meetings, but pre-meeting set up, sound checks and musician warm ups can present noise problems. Please understand that these activities are vital to delivering a quality meeting and accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

Meet & Greets-Welcoming fellow Rotarians to the weekly meetings always provides your best opportunity to distribute information and/or recruit volunteers. Please conduct all "meet and greets" in the 1st Floor Lobby rather than outside the 4th floor elevator. This high traffic area must remain as clear as possible so our servers can make their way from the kitchen to the buffet and dining tables.

Leaving Early-The 9th Street elevator offers your best opportunity to leave quietly without disturbing the meeting. This elevator is located by passing the restroom and turning right down the hallway. A bowl for your name badge is on a table in the West Bay so you can skip the stop on the 1st Floor.

April 12, 2018 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our April 12th Rotary Club meeting featured **Donald Davidson**, Author and Indianapolis 500 Historian. Davidson has attended every Indy 500 race since 1964. Davidson began by comparing the Indy 500 with the Kentucky Derby. This year is the 102nd running of the Indy 500 – there is a similar excitement and feeling surrounding both races. Both tracks are in residential areas and there is magic in the air.

Davidson also invited club members to visit the Indy Motor Speedway's museum to check out a new temporary exhibit, "The Amazing Unsers: From Albuquerque to Indianapolis." The exhibit features memorabilia and cars from the family that won nine Indy 500 races.

Davidson asked several trivia questions and handed out tickets to qualifiers and the Indianapolis Grand Prix to members with the correct answers. Did you know:

- No one with the last name "Smith" has ever won an Indy 500 race.
- Dario Franchitti is Scottish.
- The last American to win was Alexander Rossi in 2016.

Davidson reminisced about growing up in England and being fascinated with the race and the drivers' names. He had been dreaming of seeing one in person since he was seven or eight years old. It was a defining moment in his life when he first walked into the track in 1964.

A detailed summary of Donald Davidson's presentation and the Rotary Club of Louisville meeting can be read [HERE](#).

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

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Scan Your Badge

It is important to always get your badge scanned when you attend a meeting.
Thanks!

April Matching Gifts Campaign!

Become a Paul Harris Fellow, or achieve your next level of PHF faster! The club will match your donation of \$100-\$500 to The Rotary Foundation (Rotary International's foundation) with points that count as dollars toward Paul Harris Fellow recognition. This promotion, to encourage more Rotarians to support the Foundation's important work, extends through the month of April. The promotion does not cost the club any money. Click [HERE](#) to access flyer with details on eligible donations and how to give. For questions, contact Rick Harned or Mike Kull.

Mentors Needed for the Promise Scholars Program!

- April 20th at JCTC-Southwest Campus-Session 1-9:30 am-10:30 am & Session 2-10:45 am-11:30 am
- April 26th at Western High School at 8:45 am-9:30 am

For more information, please contact Walt Kunau.

Lifeline Committee - Louisville Rescue Mission!

The Lifeline Committee's next Louisville Rescue Mission meal to be held on Wednesday, April 25th. Set up begins at 5:30 pm and dinner is served from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. If you would like to participate by bringing food or helping with serving, please contact Larry Sloan.

Rotary Day at the Downs!

Rotary Club of Louisville's "Day at the Downs" will be on Wednesday, May 2nd in the Stakes-Parlor Private Dining Room and Covered Patio. The patio features a private cash bar and expansive views of the track, paddock and downtown Louisville. NOTE: The Day at the Downs will serve as that week's Club meeting. We will not meet on Thursday, May 3rd.

Ticket price includes admission, racing program, Chef's Table Buffett, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Ticket prices are as follows:

- Young Professional Rotarians: \$125.00/ticket
- R-85s and R-120s: \$125.00/ticket
- PrePaid/Regular Club Membership: \$95.00/ticket
- Guests: \$125.00/ticket

A limited number of tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reserve your tickets by clicking [HERE](#) and a staff member from the Rotary Club office will contact you to collect payment. Tickets will be mailed to you once they are printed by Churchill Downs.

Derby Week festive attire is encouraged. No jeans, shorts or halter tops are permitted in the Stakes-Parlor Room.

We look forward to seeing you at the track on May 2nd!

District 6710 Conference!

The District 6710 Conference will be held in Paducah, KY on June 1-2. It will be 2 days when Rotarians throughout our District will highlight accomplishments both locally and internationally, providing club awards, training officers, and completing a service project. Please make plans to attend, especially if you have never attended a District Conference. To register, log into DACdb and click on "Calendar" and then "My Club Calendar." Click on the event and then follow the prompts.

Lifeline Committee - Honor Flights!

2018 Honor Flights will be on June 6th and June 27th. The Lifeline Committee is looking for WWII and Korean War Veterans who would like to participate in the trip as well as Rotarians to support the welcome home festivities. Every service member deserves a THANK YOU and a WELCOME HOME! Contact Sophia Fischer or Jerry Martin for more information.

Golf Scramble - Save the Date!

The Rotary Club of Louisville Golf Outing will be held on Tuesday, June 12th at the Glen Oaks Country Club. The cost per player is \$79.00. Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer and registration form. For more information, contact Cliff Elgin.

Meeting and Event Sponsorship Packages

In our goal to keep membership dues affordable while maintaining a high-quality membership experience, we invite your organizations to sponsor an upcoming meeting.

For more information, please contact the Rotary Club of Louisville office at rotary@rotary45.org or 502-589-1800.





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Help Us Keep In touch!

Under the weather or know a club member who is? Please let us know. We want to let our members know we are thinking about them - especially if they will be out for an extended period. Contact the Rotary Club office staff or Larry Sloan at lsloan0033@yahoo.com.
