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CLUB CALENDAR

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAY 4

John Asher
VP Racing Communications,
Churchill Downs

MAY 11

Dr. Mark Jorrich
President, Kentucky Society
of Addiction Medicine

MAY 18

Ty Handy
President & CEO, JCTC

JUNE 1

Francesca Covey
Strategic Partnerships
Manager, Facebook

JUNE 8

*Highlighting Leadership
Fellows*
Ankar Gopal



ERIC GREGORY

President, KY Distiller's Association

April 27 • Rotary Lunch Meeting
Waterford Room • Galt House West
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

Eric Gregory, President of the Kentucky Distillers' Association, is a veteran communicator with more than 25 years of experience in governmental affairs, marketing, journalism and strategic public relations. As KDA President, Gregory oversees all aspects of the 136-year-old association that promotes, protects and represents the Commonwealth's signature Bourbon and distilled spirits industry, including the famous Kentucky Bourbon Trail® tour.

Kentucky's historic distilleries produce 95 percent of the world's Bourbon, a rich heritage that dates back more than 200 years. Today, Bourbon is "America's Official Native Spirit," a leading export and a popular symbol of Kentucky craftsmanship and tradition. Gregory joined the KDA in 2008 after seven years as Governmental Affairs Manager at East Kentucky Power Cooperative. He previously served as Vice President of Public Affairs for Preston-Osborne, a prominent Lexington public relations, marketing and research firm.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Gregory began his career as an award-winning journalist for the Lexington Herald-Leader. He also served as a reporter and editor at the Honolulu Advertiser, and has been nominated twice for the Pulitzer Prize. Gregory is a native of Henderson, Ky. He and his wife, Ellen, live in Midway, Ky., with their three children.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 2017



DAY AT THE DOWNS - This year, the Rotary Club will be hosting its first exclusive and private Day at the Downs on Wednesday, May 3rd. Cost is \$125 per person, which includes a buffet-style lunch, private seating in the Stakes-Parlor room, and access to the 4th Floor viewing balconies on both trackside and above the paddocks.

To see another preview of the room, [CLICK HERE](#).

Registration now open. Please [CLICK HERE](#).

APRIL 20 2017 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our **April 20th** Rotary Lunch Meeting featured speakers Christen Boone, President and CEO of Fund for the Arts, and Penny Peavler, President and CEO of the Frazier History Museum. They outlined the Master Plan for the Arts in the Louisville MSA, citing programs that will bring arts activities to neighborhoods all throughout the city, boosting economic, educational, and social growth in the area.

President, Interact

JUNE 22

Hal Heiner
KY Cabinet Secretary for
Education and Workforce
Development

JUNE 29

**Rotary Leadership
Changeover Meeting**

JULY 7

Rob Samuels
President, Maker's Mark
Distillery

Birthdays

Anthony Zipple - Apr 26
Robert English - Apr 26
Turney Berry - Apr 27
Donald Kohler - Apr 27
Gary Noel - Apr 28
Kevin Lynch - Apr 29
Boyce Martin - Apr 29
Clarence Short - Apr 29



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A detailed look at our last meeting can be seen [HERE](#).

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity - Raise the Roof - April 26-28, 2017

The Lifeline Committee will join UPS to help Habitat for Humanity build a new home in the Portland neighborhood on April 26-28. Thanks to all who have signed up - we have now reached our volunteer goal and are fully staffed. If you are volunteering, please watch for email communication to verify your schedule. Contact [Mike Fallot](#) or [Jerry Martin](#) for more information.



Rotary District 6710 Conference - Marriott, Downtown - May 19-20, 2017



Registration is now open for the District Conference!

- Begins May 19th, 1PM
- Concludes May 20th, 4PM
- Earlybird Registration Deadline/Hotel Deadline: April 20th

To register, click on the banner at the top of the [district website](#), which will prompt you to log in to DACDB. OR log in to DACDB and go to May on the event calendar tab.

Rotary Intl Atlanta Convention - June 10-14, 2017

Join District Governor Stuart Alexander and other Rotarians for the annual Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, June 10-14, 2017. A block of rooms has been reserved for Rotarians in District 6710. To register, visit www.riconvention.org.



Meeting and Event Sponsorship Packages

We are excited to have officially kicked off our meeting sponsorship program! In our goal to keep membership dues affordable while maintaining an extremely high quality membership experience, we invite your organization to sponsor an upcoming meeting. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information, [HERE](#) for a breakdown of our meeting sponsor benefits packages, and [HERE](#) for our event sponsor benefits.



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ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

Newsworthy

BARRY BARKER - Courier Journal - TARC buses to have Wi-Fi by June 1st

BOB CONNOLLY - Louisville Business First - Stites & Harbison, PLLC named 5th largest law firm in terms of number of local healthcare lawyers

FRANKLIN JELSMA - Louisville Business First - Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP named 7th largest law firm in terms of number of local healthcare lawyers

JIM MURPHY - Louisville Business First - Hoge Parnters LLC named 6th largest law firm by

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number of lawyers that practice family law

DENISE JEROME - Louisville Business First - Profiled as one of the top "People to Know" for Derby events this year.

ALICE BRIDGES/KEVIN COSBY - Courier Journal/Louisville Business First - Passport Health moves its headquarters to West Louisville. Kevin Cosby says the move, along with the building of the new YMCA, is just the "win" the West End has been looking for and hopes than minority-owned business will invest in the new space as well. Congrats to President Alice in AOB's involvement with Passport's move to the West End!

ROTARY pROMISE SCHOLAR MENTORS

A note from Walt Kunau:

Last week, the Rotary Promise Scholar Mentors tied up their final meeting of the year! One young man picked a very special tie for himself, a Breast Cancer Awareness tie. He told me that his grandmother passed recently from breast cancer and he wanted to honor her memory. He has a white tux that he plans on wearing to his Prom and that pink tie would be a perfect match. Thank you Ken and Kathy for valuing these young people with gifts that make memories.

As I opined yesterday, some of the "payment" we receive from these students were the smiles. They walked in smiling, they walked out smiling and so did all of you! I hope this thank you brings another smile to your face. I could go on and on about smiling and if you want to hear some of my thoughts about what the smile might signify – just ask!

We had 14 Rotarians yesterday including Jackie Ford for the first time – thank you! James Kelly, Steve Mudd, Thom Crimans, Kathy Knotts, Tony Grant, Carolee Allen, Will Vail, Jackie Ford, Lisa Sutton, Ken Grossman, Ken Middleton, Carol Nord & Karen Morrison.

For a statistical report on this year's mentoring sessions, please [CLICK HERE!](#)

