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CLUB CALENDAR

Want to Bring A GUEST TO ROTARY?

Pre-register your guest at www.louisvillerotary.org and select the 'Make a Payment' button. Thank you!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAY 11

Dr. Mark Jorrich
President, Kentucky Society
of Addiction Medicine

MAY 18

**Rotary Promise Scholarship
Program (11a-11:45a)**
Ty Handy
President & CEO, JCTC
(12:05p-1p)

JUNE 1

Francesa Covey
Strategic Partnerships
Manager, Facebook

JUNE 8

**Highlighting Leadership
Fellows**
Ankar Gopal
President, Interapt



JOHN ASHER

VP Racing Communications, Churchill Downs

May 4 • Rotary Lunch Meeting
Archibald Room • Galt House West
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

John Asher, vice president of Racing Communications at Churchill Downs Race Track ("CDRT"), has worked in the Thoroughbred racing industry as an award-winning journalist and publicist for more than 30 years. He joined Churchill Downs, home of the world famous Kentucky Derby and the flagship operation of Churchill Downs Incorporated ("CDI"), in January 1997 and has served in his current position since March 1999.

As a radio journalist at WHAS-AM and WAVE-AM in Louisville, Asher earned five Eclipse Awards for "Outstanding National Radio Coverage of Thoroughbred Racing." Other horse industry honors include the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners' Warner L. Jones Jr. Horseman of the Year award in 2006; the Charles W. Engelhard Award for excellence in media coverage from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders; the Dean Eagle Award from the Knights of Columbus Bishop Spalding Council No. 2761; and a media award from the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association. Access John's complete bio [HERE](#).

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 closed online. Please call the office for last-minute registrations.

APRIL 27 2017 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our **April 27th** Rotary Lunch Meeting featured speaker Eric Gregory, President of the KY Distiller's Association. Eric shared never-before-seen statistics about Bourbon/Distillery tourism and how the industry affects the local and regional economies.

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

A video recording of our meeting can be seen [HERE](#).

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 29
Rotary Leadership
Changeover Meeting

JULY 6
Rob Samuels
President, Maker's Mark
Distillery

JULY 13
Mark Carter
CEO, Passport Health

JULY 27
Hal Heiner
KY Cabinet Secretary for
Education and Workforce
Development

Birthdays

Robert Chatham - May 2
Jerry Clanton - May 3
John Hampton - May 3
John Curtin - May 5
Terry Tyler - May 5
Will Barber - May 6
Ben Reno-Weber - May 6
Tony Kemper - May 7



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DISTRICT 6710

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.



SPARKS, Website, and Display Wall Advertising

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ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

Newsorthy

JOHN WALCZAK - Courier Journal - Louisville Zoo welcomes new Sumatran tiger as well as a female bongo, which was born at the zoo on April 16th.

PENNY PEAVLER - Courier Journal - Community Forum contributor: Groups imagining a new path for Louisville's arts and culture.

REAL ESTATE ROTARIANS - Louisville Business First - Congratulations to all involved in the **Comr Commercial Real Estate Champions** supplement this week! The Rotary Club was well represented.

MARK HOGG - Courier Journal - Colombian natural disaster sparks impromptu rescue mission by Louisville WaterStep group. Click [HERE](#) for the article.

MUHAMMAD BABAR, MD - Louisville Medicine - Member Spotlight - allows Greater Louisville Medical Society members to learn about other members. Dr. Babar's experience in being a Muslim-American is highlighted, showing that his religious upbringing and his profession are inherently intertwined. The full article can be seen [HERE](#).

ROTARY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

Last week, Rotarians helped Habitat for Humanity build a new home in the Portland neighborhood in West Louisville. The Rotary Club of Louisville would like to thank all of the

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volunteers involved with this project. Below are a few pictures from the build.



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