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CLUB CALENDAR

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL 20

Christen Boone
President & CEO, Fund for the
Arts - Master Plan for the Arts

APRIL 27

Eric Gregory
President, KY Distiller's
Association

MAY 4

John Asher
VP Racing Communications,
Churchill Downs

MAY 11

Dr. Michelle Lofwall
Medical Director, UK College
of Medicine Straus Clinic
Heroin Addiction Epidemic

MAY 18

Ty Handy
President & CEO, ICTC



Heather French Henry KY Commissioner of Veteran Affairs

April 13 • Rotary Lunch Meeting
Archibald Room • Galt House West
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

"The Mission of KY Dept. of Veteran Affairs & KY WW1 Centennial Commemoration"

Heather French Henry has been serving our military veterans and their families for over 20 years. As the daughter of a Vietnam Veteran from the Marine Corps. Heather was directly impacted by her father's service and his difficult transition coming home. When Heather became Miss America she travelled the country sharing her family's story to advocate for greater partnerships between community based organizations and government to help assist in homeless, housing, and healthcare needs facing our veterans and their families. She worked closely with members of Congress and Senate to establish groundbreaking legislation to create new opportunities for community outreach in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Heather served as the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs under Gov. Beshear and today serves as the Deputy Commissioner for Governor Matthew Bevin. She is married to Dr. Stephen Henry, notable trauma orthopedic surgeon and former Lt. Governor of KY. The Henry's have two children, Harper and Taylor. They reside in Louisville, KY.

For a more in depth bio of Heather, please click [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 now open. Please [CLICK HERE](#).

MARCH 30 2017 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our **April 6th** Rotary Lunch Meeting featured speaker Clay Cook, Editorial and Advertising Photographer. Clay shared how his journey into photography changed both his health and his worldview. In addition to losing a large amount of body weight, Clay began using his photography skills for philanthropic efforts like providing sanitary water in different African locations.

JUNE 15

Francesca Covey
Strategic Partnerships
Manager, Facebook

Birthdays

Harriette Friedlander - Apr 10
Chris Bottorf - Apr 11
Kathy Evitts - Apr 12
James Molloy - Apr 12
Todd Barron - Apr 12
Barry Brauch - Apr 13
Jim Crain - Apr 13
Daniel Swintosky - Apr 13
Jennifer Helgeson - Apr 13
Barbara Collins - Apr 15
Bill Hirtzel - Apr 16
Ken Middleton - Apr 16



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Theresa Raidy

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

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

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Rotary Promise Scholar Mentor Session - April 19, 2017

Our last session of the year is next Wednesday! We will be coaching our students and role-playing with them on ways to have great Interviewing Skills! This is what we have been building towards all year!

Where: Western High School, 2501 Rockford Lane, Shively, KY 40216 - [Google Map](#)

When: Wednesday April 19, 2017 - Arrive at 8:20am

Who: Contact [Walt Kunau](#) for more information.

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 Falot](#) 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.

[Click HERE](#) to make Hotel Reservations by April 20, 2017 in order to receive the discounted rate (\$145). Enter code: Rotary International District.

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

Do you want to increase your organization's visibility, promote an event, or lead customer's to your webpage? Consider purchasing an advertisement through our Communications Committee. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for information about our advertisement packages. Members with



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You can access our Club calendar, member contact info, and more anywhere anytime on your smartphone! It's more up-to-date than your membership roster.

Scan Your Badge

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

[HERE](#) for information about our advertisement packages. Members with questions about advertising are encouraged to contact [Sherry Duffy](#).

ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

Newsworthy

BETTY RUSSO/NANCY JO TRAFTON - Rotary Club of Louisville's Promise Scholarship program is now partnered with Indiana University Southeast as one of the 4-year college choices. The university was also awarded "Diversity Champion of the Year" by One Southern Indiana and Brown-Forman in the 2017 ONE Awards program.

JOAN FREY - Louisville Business First - Named Academic President of Galen College of Nursing - article [HERE](#).

CHRISTEN BOONE - Courier Journal - Fund for the Arts recognizes local arts leaders through their "Awards in the Arts"

MARK HOGG - Courier Journal - WaterStep featured for finding solutions in landslide situations.

In Memoriam

THOMAS O. MURPHY Jr. - Passed away March 26, 2017 - Obituary can be read [HERE](#).

JACK ROBY (Brother of Rotarian Bill Roby) - Passed away April 3, 2017 - Obituary can be read [HERE](#).

ROTARY SERVICE PROJECTS SUMMARY

This year, our Club sponsored 26 service projects and approved 23 of them with \$95,664 in total funding. Everything from providing scholarships to building water supply systems & solar arrays. Most of our projects are local and are focused on improving the quality of life for our homeless, foster reading for our preschoolers and supporting non-profit organizations. Also, several are international projects; installing micro-toilets in Ghana, sending medical supplies to Haiti and teaming up with the Lexington Rotary Club to provide solar systems to schools in India.

These are just a few examples of our Club's involvement along with dedicated members who share a passion for both community service and fellowship. We have done a lot over these past several months, but we still have a long way to go. **We want to thank our members for all the hard work the Club has done in the past and will do tomorrow.**

To learn more about these great projects, click [HERE](#) to see a summary of our projects for the year.