



Our Guest Speaker

**Ryan Quarles,
Agriculture
Commissioner of
Kentucky**

**Zoom Meeting -
Register [HERE](#)
August 13, 2020
11:30 am-Networking
12:00 pm-Meeting**

**Presentation Title: "Food Insecurity
and our Farmers"**



About our Guest Speaker:

Ryan Quarles was elected Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture in 2015. Under his leadership, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) has started several new programs, including initiatives to combat hunger and connect Kentucky's farmers to new markets. Ryan Quarles has also supported the expansion of Kentucky's diverse agricultural portfolio to include industrial hemp, kenaf, and hops. This has led to the historic rise of Kentucky's Industrial Hemp Program.

As a result of his Kentucky Hunger Initiative, Kentucky now has the strongest food donation immunity law in the country, and more Kentuckians are talking about the chronic problem of food insecurity than ever before. Ryan Quarles' leadership on international trade issues saw the resumption of live equine exports to China, a decision that benefits all sectors of Kentucky's agricultural economy for horse breeders to feed producers. Under his direction, the KDA continues to look for more opportunities for Kentucky farmers to grow domestic and international markets.

To read Ryan Quarles' entire bio, click [HERE](#).

August 6th Meeting Recap:

The August 6th Rotary Club of Louisville meeting featured Jackson Snelling, singer and storyteller, his mother Dacia as well as Dr. Jesse Wright, Psychiatry Specialist and Dr. Joseph Bargione, Licensed Psychologist. Together they discussed the difficult, yet important topic of suicide with a presentation titled, "If I Only Knew," which is the title of the song Jackson wrote to honor the memory of a dear friend. Click [HERE](#) to watch the video of Jackson Snelling's song. Click [HERE](#) to view the meeting presentation.



Community Impact Committee update:

The Community Impact committee launched last year to identify issues facing our community that we as a club can address and positively impact. The committee decided to focus this year's work on racism and social unrest which is currently at the forefront of our community and nation. Before launching into action, the committee is holding extensive interviews and discussions, professionally moderated by President Elect Jean West Losavio, to better understand the underlying issues and concerns from various community perspectives. Following the discovery phase, the committee will recommend a thoughtful strategy of the role the Rotary Club of Louisville should play. To learn more about the initiative, please contact Committee Chair Luke Schmidt, Immediate Past President.

Upcoming Meetings

August 13th

[Rotary Club Zoom Meeting - Ryan Quarles, KY Ag Commissioner](#)

August 27th

[Rotary Club Zoom Meeting - Marty Pollio, JCPS Superintendent](#)

September 10th

[Rotary Club Zoom Meeting - Dr. Eli Capilouto, U of K President](#)

September 24th

[Rotary Club Zoom Meeting - Jim Holmberg, Curator of Collections](#)

August 20th

[Rotary Club Zoom Meeting - District Governor Jo Ann Hepperman](#)

September 3rd

[Rotary Club Zoom Meeting - TBD](#)

September 17th

[Rotary Club Zoom Meeting - Dr. Erica Sutton, Surgery on Sunday](#)

Events & Opportunities

August 25th

[Virtual Business Synergy Experience](#)

August 26th

[Rotary University of Louisville - Session 2 - New Members](#)

September 1st

[Rotary University of Louisville - Session 3 - New Members](#)

September 23rd

[Re:Center Dinner - Lifeline Committee](#)

September 29th

[Virtual Business Synergy Experience](#)

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Birthdays



[Jan M. Grayson](#)
August 11th



[Meredith Erickson](#)
August 12th



[Andrew Koon](#)
August 13th



[Stephen C. Lannert](#)
August 13th



[Armistead F. Stewart](#)
August 14th



[Victor Rice](#)
August 16th



[Alice Bridges](#)
August 17th



[Jason Cissell](#)
August 19th



[Lou J. Zaccone](#)
August 19th



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August 20th



[Jean West Losavio](#)
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August 21st



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