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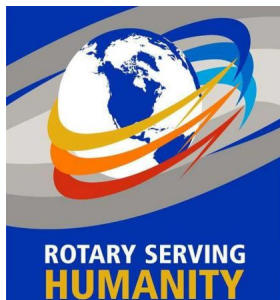


CLUB CALENDAR



**WHAT TO DO
BEFORE BRINGING
A GUEST TO ROTARY**

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



Birthdays

The following Rotarians are celebrating birthdays soon!

Emily Hart - Aug 18
Gwen Mooney - Aug 19
Ben Talbott III - Aug 20
Harry Bryan - Aug 21
Alex Novak - Aug 21
Jean West Losavio - Aug 21
Mike Shackelford - Aug 22
Todd Rover - Aug 23



KY Politics Panel Moderated by BILL GOODMAN of KET
Panelists: COLMON ELRIDGE (D) and SCOTT JENNINGS (R)

August 18 Rotary Meeting

TOPIC: Election 2016 - From Frankfort to the Nation's Capitol

Galt House West - Cochran Room, 3rd Flr.
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

Bill Goodman has been the host and managing editor of the Emmy Award-winning public affairs series Kentucky Tonight on KET since 1996. Additionally, he serves as host for Education Matters, KET's election night coverage, and One to One with Bill Goodman, where he has conducted compelling conversations with guests including Pulitzer Prize-winner George Will; Nikky Finney, poet, professor and recipient of the National Book Award for Poetry; actor Richard Dreyfuss; current and former Kentucky political leaders; and many others. In April 2013, Bill was inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame. Bill graduated from Western Kentucky University. He currently lives in

Lexington.

Colmon Elridge III, in December of 2007, was appointed Executive Assistant and Senior Advisor to Kentucky's 61st Governor Steve Beshear. As Executive Assistant to the Governor, Colmon, 31, has served a lead role in managing the day-to-day operations of the Office of the Governor and an integral role in the creation and implementation of several of the Governor's initiatives transforming Kentucky's education and business climate after the worst economic recession since the Great Depression. In 2014, Colmon was named as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, an award given to Presidents John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, and Gerald Ford, as well as Elvis Presley. In June 2014 he was named one of four rising stars in Kentucky politics by MSNBC.

Scott Jennings is one of the Principals at RunSwitch Public Relations, providing high-level crisis communications, PR, and public affairs counsel to clients. Scott has served at the highest levels of American politics and has earned the respect of the country's most powerful leaders. Before returning to Kentucky in 2007, Scott served as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Political Director, working directly with Karl Rove. He served as liaison for members of Congress, state and local officials, and key business, political and community leaders nationwide. He has a remarkable ability to take complex issues and make them easy to understand. He has an agile mind that operates quickly and critically. He is tough, but he has integrity and a wonderful sense of humor" - Presidential advisor Karl Rove, PRWeek, October 29, 2007

ROTARIANS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Agriculture

William Vail - Aug 24



Upcoming Meetings

AUGUST 25

Tom Jurich

UofL Athletic Director
'The Business of College Sports'

SEPTEMBER 1

**Charlie Mattingly &
Reanna Smith Hamblin**

*'BBB: Changing Leadership
and Vision'*

SEPTEMBER 8

Jessica Bird

#1 New York Times Best
Selling American Novelist
'The Bourbon Kings'

SEPTEMBER 22

Kevin Etter

UPS Loaned Executive @
Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance

OCTOBER 6

Matt Thornton

CEO, Thornton's Inc.

NOVEMBER 3

Stuart Alexander

Rotary District Governor
Annual Meeting

DECEMBER 1

Derek Anderson

Producer, Screenwriter,
Philanthropist, Entrepreneur,
Speaker & NCAA/NBA
Champion

DECEMBER 8

Melissa Fraser

CEO, Breakout Business &
TV Host, Dream Funders

DECEMBER 22

NO Meeting

DECEMBER 29

NO Meeting

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Luke M. Schmidt

NORTON
HOSPITAL
Stephen Williams
Riggs Lewis
Matt Ayers

PAST PRESIDENT NIELS EWING (photo at right) served as Club President during 1986-1987. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a 1912 Society member. He is married to Dixie. Niels enjoys physical fitness, running, photography, biking and computers. Niels is retired from the wholesale milk distribution. A little history ... the Ewing family moved to Louisville in 1888, and their company was engaged in the sale and distribution of high grade butter, bottled milk and cream.



MATT BOONE GARDINER has been a member since 2006. Matt is Owner and President of Boone Gardiner, and he is married to Hope. Matt is also a Residential/Commercial Landscape & Garden Designer, Sustainable Landscape and Garden Designer, Sustainability Consultant, Speaker, Writer and Photographer. He is a member of the Olmsted Parks Conservancy, KY Chapter of US Green Building Council and Kentucky Horticulture Council. Matt was one of Business First's "Forty Under 40"; Leadership Louisville Ignite Graduate, and past president of KY Horticulture Council & Louisville Nursery Association. He is past VP of KY Nursery & Landscape Association. He enjoys writing, gardening, farming, playing squash, hiking, fishing, hunting and camping.

ALAN SINGLETON has been a member since 2011 and is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Sustaining Member. He is married to Jackie. Alan is a member of the American Society of Farm Managers and Louisville Theatrical Association.

As quoted by Alan, "I believe service to others and community involvement are two keys to a life well lived."



MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Audio/Visual Committee - Volunteers Needed

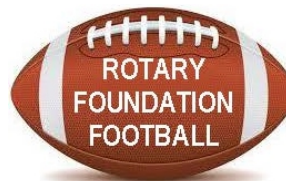
The Audio/Visual Committee needs several Rotarians who can volunteer to help operate the video camera at weekly meetings. You will receive training to operate the camera, and you can select the meeting dates that work for your schedule.

If you are interested to help, contact Past President Greg Braun at 502-817-8224 or email to greg@maidinlouisville.com.



Are you ready for some football? Join the fun! Sign up by Sept 1st

The Rotary Foundation Committee and the Rotary Fund of Louisville Committee have kicked off the annual Foundation Football fundraising efforts. Join the friendly competition by selecting your favorite college and NFL football teams. Prizes will given throughout the competition time period, as well as the end of the season!. Participation details are on the form at [THIS LINK](#).



Rotary Leadership Institute Saturday, August 27 (8a - 3p) in Lexington

If you're interested in pursuing leadership in Rotary, please sign up for the next Rotary Leadership Institute on Saturday, August 27 in Lexington at Four Points Sheraton, 1938 Stanton Way. (Take I-64 to Exit 115, turn left onto Newtown Pike and right onto Stanton.)

RLI is a series of three fast-paced, interactive one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. First-time participants attend Part I. This is free to our members. Our Club picks up the tab (\$50 per person) which includes breakfast and lunch. If you can attend on August 27, send an email to admin@rotary45.org.



Golf Shamble • Audubon Country Club

AUDUBON



Randy Coe



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Executive Director

Sept. 20 at 2:00 am - \$50/person

This is limited to the first 24 registrants. Register today online. Go to www.louisvillerotary.org and select the Event Registration tab to access this event link.



Rotary Member Party for Rotarians Only Sept. 27 at 5:30 pm • \$50/person

This 'Rotarians Only' Member Party is limited to the first 50 registrants. The location is the residence of Neville Blakemore. Hors d'oeuvres, prizes and entertainment are planned for your enjoyment. Go to www.louisvillerotary.org and select the Event Registration tab to access this event link.



New Member Celebration Dinner / Love the Hungry Project All Members & Guests Are Invited! • October 11 at 6:00

All members and guest/spouse are invited to attend the Dinner/Project on Tuesday, October 11. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, followed by a hands-on project with 50's style music creating a fun, upbeat atmosphere, as we package 7,000 meals for children and families around the world in a very short timeframe. Then, enjoy a wonderful catered meal followed by a recognition program to welcome new members who will receive their Rotary pins to end this great evening.



Dress casually and enjoy a fun evening with a purpose. Cost is \$30 per person. Register by or before October 6. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

FYI for new members who have not yet received a Rotary pin: If you have attended both New Member sessions, registration will be free for you and your spouse/guest. Contact the office at 589-1800 to confirm your free registrations. Thank you!

Plan ahead for the 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.



Watch your inbox for a special message from Stuart Alexander on how to make your hotel reservations to guarantee you are at the District hotel. Make your convention reservation by December 16 to get the low \$340 registration rate. To register, visit www.riconvention.org.

AUGUST 11 MEETING RECAP

Guest Speaker Ryan Quarles

The Rotary Club of Louisville meeting of August 11, 2016 was called to order by President Alice Bridges. The invocation was provided by Kathy Evitts. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary Four Way Test was led by Dennis Dolan. President Alice introduced the Rockin' Rotary Band, which played the opening notes to the "Green Acres" theme, followed by a rocking rendition of "Don't Stop Believing." President Alice welcomed several guests to the meeting and invited guests to visit the What is Rotary? table to learn more after the meeting.



Immediate Past President Greg Braun made several announcements, including asking Rotarians to join the A/V committee. He conducted a drawing and the winning Rotarian going to the Aug. 30 Bats game will throw out the first pitch, and Vice President John Hampton was the winner!

Registration is available online for the Golf Shamble on Sept. 20, and there is a Member Party planned for Sept. 27 at Neville Blakemore's home. Following, President Alice introduced Theresa Raidy and Amy Luttrell to kick off the annual Rotary Foundation Football fundraising game. September 1 is the deadline to join the fun!

Several members were recognized as "Rotarians of the Week," with this week's theme being agriculture: Past President Niels Ewing, whose family owned a milk wholesaling operation; Matt Boone Gardiner, Owner/President of Boone Gardiner Garden Center; and Alan Singleton, General Manager at CGB Agri Financial Services.

[Click Here](#) to access the complete meeting report minutes provided by Ashlev Brauer.

Theresa Raidy

Administrative Assistants

Jonathan Wysong
Jennifer Pierce

Member Database

www.dacdb.com/rotary

Club Website

www.louisvillerotary.org



Access Members on Your Smartphone

Access the Club calendar, member contact info and more, anywhere anytime on your smartphone, for the most up-to-date info. Go to: M.DACDB.COM/ROTARY on your phone's browser.

Scan Your Badge

Be sure your badge is scanned when you attend a meeting.
Thanks!

KY CENTER TICKETS

We are pleased to announce that discounted tickets for 'Broadway Across America' shows at The Kentucky Center are available to Rotarians at the link below. FYI: The link will only work in Google Chrome or Firefox. The link will not work in Internet Explorer or a mobile device/tablet.

The promo code is: ROTARY

A few things to note:

- The Book of Mormon doesn't offer Sat Eve group sales so it has not been included in the link.
- All shows are not on sale to the general public but with this special link you can purchase them now with the group sales rate when applicable.
- The Illusionist is not included since other special arrangements for Rotary is being planned by our Social Activities Committee.



Here's the link: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/baasc/EN/link/promotion/home/ee56f62ce740ef0ea30e1d7311473b9b400bf5f8>

ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

ASHLEY BRAUER - Promoted to Senior Account Manager at Guthrie/Mayes Public Relations.