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# Rotary

Club of Louisville



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**CLUB CALENDAR**



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

Pre-register your guest at the [louisvillerotary.org](http://louisvillerotary.org) website and select the 'Make a Payment' button. Thank you!



### Birthdays

*The following Rotarians are celebrating birthdays soon!*

Scott Herrmann - Aug 25  
Carolee Allen - Aug 26  
Ray Strothman - Aug 26  
Elizabeth Keller - Aug 27  
Charlie Mattingly - Aug 27  
Irv Maze - Aug 27  
Carol Nord - Aug 29  
Ed Binford - Aug 30  
John Walczak - Aug 30  
Chaz Lavelle - Aug 31



### TOM JURICH

University of Louisville Vice President and Athletic Director

**August 25 Rotary Meeting**

**TOPIC: The Business of College Sports**

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

**Tom Jurich** has made a permanent mark on Cardinal athletics. While his abundance of accomplishments have transformed the university, among the most substantial was engineering UofL's move into the prestigious Atlantic Coast Conference. Louisville has been successful in its highly-competitive new home, joining nine ACC schools ranked among the top 40 in the Learfield Sports Director's Cup final rankings in 2015-16.

CBS Sports has recognized the UofL athletics program recently among the top three nationally in its annual "Best in College Sports" review for three consecutive years, including a second-place national ranking in the 2014-15 season.

From hundreds of millions of dollars in capital improvement to gender equity, from community involvement to national leadership, Jurich's actions prompted one state media outlet to write that "it all shows yet again that the hiring of Tom Jurich, the architect of this Louisville emergence, as UofL AD in the fall of 1997 stands as one of the most significant events in our state's modern sports history."

For more information on Tom Jurich [CLICK HERE](#).

## ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK

### Executive Director Retires

Debe Skidmore (photo at right) was recognized for her service to the club in the role of Executive Director and congratulated on her upcoming retirement.

President Alice's remarks were as follows:

Today we have just one Rotarian of the Week as we say a special thank you to Debe Skidmore, our faithful executive director who has been with the Club for more than five years.

Debe, we invited your husband Harold and daughter Courtney to surprise you and be with us today for this special salute... Debe has been the linchpin of our Club's success, exuding a unique brand of professionalism and genuine warmth that makes each and every member feel special.

With the ever-changing nature of our Club's leadership, Debe has been a steadfast and stabilizing force, providing institutional memory to prevent presidents like me from doing something stupid. She has an uncanny knack for attention to detail, fretting over every meeting, every event, every newsletter—because she cares so deeply about doing the very best for us every single day. She has spent countless hours giving in service above self.

For more of President's Alice's remarks click link below.



Bill Rutledge - Aug 31



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### Upcoming Meetings

#### SEPTEMBER 1

**Charlie Mattingly &  
Reanna Smith-Hamblin**  
*'BBB: Changing Leadership  
and Vision'*

#### SEPTEMBER 9

**Jessica Bird**  
#1 Best Selling Novelist  
*'The Bourbon Kings'*

#### OCTOBER 6

**Matt Thornton**  
CEO, Thornton's Inc.

#### OCTOBER 13

**Jean West Losavio and  
Patsy O'Toole**  
Communications Director, KY  
Cabinet for Health and  
Family Services and Director  
of Congregational  
Advancement, Sisters of  
Charity of Nazareth  
*'Polio - A Public Health  
Update'*

#### OCTOBER 20

**Joe Steier**  
President and CEO,  
Signature Healthcare

#### OCTOBER 27

**Tony Parrott**  
Executive Director, MSD  
*'MSD Vision and  
Infrastructure Challenges'*

#### NOVEMBER 3

**Stuart Alexander**  
Rotary District Governor  
Annual Meeting

#### NOVEMBER 10

**Kent Oyler and  
Wendy Dant Chesser**  
President and CEO, GLI and  
President and CEO of One  
Southern Indiana  
*'Regional Partnerships'*

#### Wed, NOVEMBER 23

**Bob Russell**  
*'Thanksgiving-Reflections on  
Gratitude'*

#### DECEMBER 1

**Derek Anderson**  
Producer, Screenwriter,  
Philanthropist, Entrepreneur,

Debe thanked the club for the honor of serving the club since 2011.

First of all, I want to extend my thanks and deep gratitude for the great privilege it has been for me to serve alongside each of you to achieve the goals of Rotary. I believe in "Service above Self," and I firmly believe in Rotary's mission.

To read President Alice's remarks and Debe's thank you speech in their entirety, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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## 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.

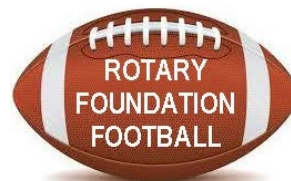
If you are interested to help, contact Past President Greg Braun at 502-817-8224 or email to [greg@maidinlouisville.com](mailto:greg@maidinlouisville.com).



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### 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 be given throughout the competition time period, as well as the end of the season!. Participation details are on the form at [THIS LINK](#).



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### 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](mailto:admin@rotary45.org).



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### Golf Shamble • Audubon Country Club Sept. 20 at 11:00 am • \$50/person

This is limited to the first 24 registrants. Register today online. Go to [www.louisvillerotary.org](http://www.louisvillerotary.org) and select the Event Registration tab to access this event link.



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### 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](http://www.louisvillerotary.org) and select the Event Registration tab to access this event link.



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### 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



Speaker & NCAA/NBA  
Champion

**DECEMBER 8**

**Melissa Fraser**  
CEO, Breakout Business &  
TV Host, Dream Funders

**DECEMBER 22**

**NO Meeting**

**DECEMBER 29**

**NO Meeting**

**TBA**

**Kevin Etter**  
UPS Loaned Executive @  
Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance

**L.B. Schmidt & Associates, LLC**

Luke M. Schmidt

**NORTON**  
HOSPITAL  
Stephen Williams  
Riggs Lewis  
Matt Ayers



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Alice Bridges • President  
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John Hampton • Vice President  
Luke Schmidt • Secretary  
Tom Bohnert • Treasurer

#### Club Directors

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!



### Rotary Cardinal Tailgate Party at Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe October 22 • Game and Tailgate Time: TBD Game tickets \$20/person (20 tickets available) Cafe seating limited to 40 RSVPs

Join fellow Rotarians and guests for food, drinks, and camaraderie before the University of Louisville vs. North Carolina State football game. The pregame party will be at Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe, 2745 Crittenden Drive. The Cafe will provide reserved seating for 40. Register for tickets and/or tailgate before October 1 by completing a form at the meeting or by email to [admin@rotary45.org](mailto:admin@rotary45.org). Food and drink will be paid individually on game day.

### 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](http://www.riconvention.org).

## AUGUST 18 MEETING RECAP

### Guest Panelists - Colmon Elridge and Scott Jennings Guest Moderator - Bill Goodman

Had a stranger witnessed today's meeting of the Louisville Rotary Club in the Cochran Room of the Galt House, he might have wondered whether it was a popularity Contest between Debe Skidmore, Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton? There was, indeed a distinguished panel of political experts, but the initial impression was formed by a beautiful cake and a commemorative Louisville Stoneware plaque for Debe, on display at the entrance to the Hall, with opportunities for Rotarians to express their appreciation for the last five years in which Debe has served the Presidents, Boards and membership of the Louisville Club. The retiring Executive Director of the Louisville Rotary Club was obviously the favorite. Hands down—Debe took the "Miss Popularity" crown. However, the guest panelists, Colmon Elridge and Scott Jennings, provided a lively discussion on the top election 2016, from Frankfort to the Nation's Capital.



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

## 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





Muhammad Sabar, MD

Barry Barker  
Kelly Burke  
Mary Michael Corbett  
Lukas Dwelly  
Charles Farnsley  
Karen Morrison  
Carol Nord

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### Administrative Assistant

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### Member Database

[www.dacdb.com/rotary](http://www.dacdb.com/rotary)

### Club Website

[www.louisvillerotary.org](http://www.louisvillerotary.org)



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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.

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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

**HARRY BRYAN** - Celebrated his 89th birthday by meeting with 25 other Rotarians Saturday morning at Hall's Cafeteria. After breakfast, the group took a memorable bike ride, and Harry won the race to Zorn Avenue with an astonishing speed of 19.7 MPH on the flats. Very impressive! Here's a photo (from left to right - Dennis Dolan, Harry Bryan and Stew Byrne).



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**KEITH KNAPP** - Business First - Higher Education - On the Move - Keith will join Bellarmine as an associate professor and lead the school's first undergraduate program in health care and senior living leadership studies. Congratulations Professor Knapp!

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**REV. KEVIN COSBY** - Business First - 20 People to Know - Kevin was interviewed regarding his work as president of Simmons College of Kentucky and pastor of St. Stephen Church.

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**NEVILLE BLAKEMORE** - Neville was appointed to the Jewish Hospital St. Mary's Foundation Board.