

Rotary Club of Louisville



Sparks Newsletter - August 30, 2021

Rotary Club of Louisville Weekly Meeting - Thursday, September 3, 2021

Zoom virtual meeting - Register [HERE](#)

In-person meeting - Savor at River House (3015 River Road) - by RSVP only

11:30 am - Networking

12:00 pm - Meeting begins

This Week's Speaker - Luis David Fuentes



This week's meeting will feature Guest Speaker **Luis David Fuentes, PE**. He is an Engineer, Entrepreneur, Community Leader and Publisher of El Kentubano (a newspaper that caters to approximately 26,000 Cuban Americans living in Kentucky).

Presentation topic: **Crisis in Cuba - What Does the Future Hold?**

You can view Mr. Fuentes' bio at [THIS LINK](#).

Meeting Recap - August 26, 2021



The August 26 Rotary Club of Louisville meeting featured a Rotary Riverside Chat with Vince Tyra (UofL Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics & Director of Athletics), Matt Banker (UofL Associate Athletic Director), Drew Deener (Vice President & Talk Show Host of ESPN Louisville), Ryan Chalifoux (student athlete) and Malik Cunningham (student athlete).

The topic "NCAA Name, Image, Likeness Policy & Impact" provided an interesting and informative meeting with viewpoints shared from various perspectives. Darrell Griffith attended the meeting as a guest of Rotarian Rick King, and his presence was 'icing on the cake' when President Jean invited him to share his comments ... and he was pleased to accommodate. With UofL sports directors, athletes and Deener present, along with the hot topic of discussion, and media present from WDRB, WHAS and WAVE ... it was a great meeting with a full crowd of excited Rotarians and guests!

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety on Youtube at [THIS LINK](#).

Rotary Job Board

Have a job opening at your company? Post it on Rotary's Job Board! A fellow Rotarian might know the

perfect person to fill the position!

JOB OPENINGS:

- Rotary Club of Louisville - Executive Director - click [HERE](#) for the job description. Contact Walt Kunau, Search Committee Chair at wkunau@bellsouth.net for more information.
- Northwestern Mutual - Recruiting professionals - click [HERE](#) for more information.
- Maid In Louisville - Front line cleaning techs. Part-time. Flex hours. Weekends or weeknights. Contact Greg Braun - greg@maidinlouisville.com
- DMLO CPA's
 - Tax Manager - click [HERE](#)
 - Auditor - click [HERE](#)
 - Payroll Specialist - click [HERE](#)
 - Information Technology Associate - click [HERE](#)
 - Accounting Specialist - click [HERE](#)
- Canopy Certified, Inc. - Canopy Certification Manager position - click [HERE](#) for details.
- Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary - Director of Communications position - click [HERE](#) for details.
- Kentucky Waterways Alliance - two open positions: Community Engagement Director and Environmental Education Leadership Corps Member - click [HERE](#) for details.

If your company has a job opening to post, send the information to rotary@rotary45.org.

Rotarians in the News - August 2021

News! - President-Elect Walt Kunau Jr Wins Two State Fair Ribbons!



LOUISVILLE, Ky - Apparently President-Elect is multi-skilled and talented, and he just proved it last week at the Kentucky State Fair! He was awarded with a 2nd Place Ribbon for his beautiful sunflower plant, and he also won the 3rd Place Ribbon for his Spicy Crackers! Well deserved kudos and a special salute to Walt for his State Fair entry winners.

WLKY: Barbara Lynne Jamison Unveils New KY Opera Space



LOUISVILLE, Ky - WDRB covered the announcement of a new facility known as the Opera Center on Magazine Street in downtown Louisville. The Center will provide space for rehearsals, auditions, building costumes, special events and business operations. Rotarian Barbara Lynne Jamison is the General Director and CEO of Kentucky Opera.

For more details on the web post, click [HERE](#).

WDRB-TV: Amy Luttrell & Devone Holt Announce New Excel Center



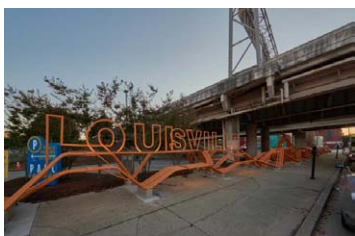
LOUISVILLE, Ky. ♦ On August 17, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky announced the opening by next year of an **Excel Center** in Louisville, a free, public high school for adults who never got their diploma. It offers industry-recognized certifications in many fields, including advanced manufacturing, education, hospitality and technology. Rotarian Amy Luttrell is the President & CEO and Devone Holt is Vice President of External Affairs of Goodwill Industries. For more details on the web post, click [HERE](#).

WHAS-TV's 'Great Day Live!' Features Rotary Club of Louisville President Jean West



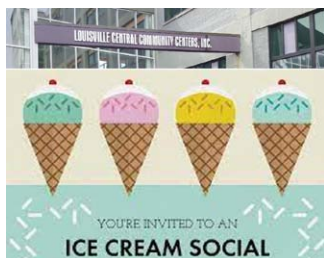
LOUISVILLE, Ky. ❖ On August 11, 2021 the Rotary Club of Louisville was featured on WHAS - TV's Great Day Live when President Jean West was interviewed. President West shared examples of Rotary's commitment to their mission of *'Service Above Self'* with their involvement in numerous projects to help make our world and the Louisville community a better place for every citizen. In the words of President West, "I'm all about telling Rotary's story to anyone who will listen!" Click [HERE](#) to view the web post.

Save the Date! Saturday, September 25, 9:30am The Louisville Sign Project



Our club was instrumental in the installation of a community landmark known as the Louisville Knot sign located at the corner of 9th & Main Street. It is not maintained by the city and we are meeting at 9:30 am on Saturday, September 25, to give it a quick wash and wipe down, pull a few weeds, etc. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. A 600-gallon water truck will be there and everything else we need is provided. All we need is you!

Save the Date! Saturday, September 25 at 12noon - Ice Cream Social



Join us for an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 25, at 12 noon. Kevin Fields is providing the location for our ice cream party at Louisville Central Community Center at 1300 W. Muhammad Ali. Cost info TBA. Mark your calendars for September 25 at noon!

A River Runs Through It

By Gail Story



As the ❖doors of opportunity❖ opened during 2020-21, Districts 6710, 6060, 6460, and 6510 came together to begin a journey down the Ohio River. The result is a multi-District service opportunity led by us in District 6710. The journey will begin on September 27, 2021 as we ❖Serve to Change Lives❖.

The American Queen Steamboat Company and Rotary have partnered to begin community service outreach and develop a lasting relationship in our service effort within the 7th Area of Focus ❖ the Environment. Under the leadership of District 6710 Community Service Chair Bernie Strenecky, we will be working to save the river and planting friendship trees along the way for environmental effects and community beautification. [Read More](#)

Rotary Golf Day - October 11 at Glen Oaks Country Club



Rotary Golf Day is Back in Full Swing - New Lower Price & Better Format

Glen Oaks Country Club on Columbus Day, October 11
11:30 Buffet Lunch / 12:30 First Tee Time

The Social Committee has taken a bite off the fee this year. A total fee of \$50 includes a Buffet Lunch with One Drink & a Round of Golf with Cart. Individual prizes (male and female) will be awarded for:

- Longest Drive
- Longest Putt
- Closest to the pin
- A few frogged surprises!

Players may sign up individually, pairs, threesomes or foursomes. Foursomes for actual play (other than registered foursomes) will be random assignment.

Players must register before October 4, so please contact Rotary office to register and pay \$15 deposit. The balance of \$35 will be paid to Glen Oaks on October 11. Sponsors welcomed!

KY HONOR FLIGHT - Wednesday, October 20, 2021



This is the first (and perhaps only) 2021 Honor Flight for Kentucky and Southern Indiana area veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

Several Rotary club members regularly volunteer in the Ground Crew for these flights under the direction of Bill Brundage, owner of Brundage Jewelers. Crew members greet and assist the arriving veterans and their families to check in between 5 am to 6 am. Donuts, bottled water and coffee are offered before they board the chartered

airliner for a departure around 7 am.

Upon arrival in Washington DC, charter buses with police escorts take them to visit the various war memorials and the Arlington Cemetery. This includes stops for lunch and group meetings with some of our elected officials. They return on the same charter flight in early evening, usually arriving back to the Louisville Ali airport between 9pm and 10 pm.

Ground crew volunteers are waiting upon their arrival to assist the vets as they deplane and to escort them through the airport. Then they are reunited with their families and friends who line the corridor on the west end of the second floor of the terminal to cheer and thank them for their service. There are usually several hundred people there, including many veterans, patriotic singers and bagpipers joining in the reception to welcome them home. It is a very emotional experience for the vets, their families, well-wishers and all of the volunteers who assist the vets in checking out and departing for home.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering for training as an Honor Flight Ground Crew member and joining either (or both) the morning or evening shifts, please send an email to the co-chairs for this flight:

Sophia Fischer, Sophia.fischer@nm.com

-or-

Jerry Martin, gerald@riverhillcapital.com

Thank you, on behalf of the Rotary Lifeline Committee - Larry Sloan, Chairman.

Events

Birthdays



[John T. Walczak](#)
August 30th



[Kathey Sanders](#)
August 31st



[William J. Rutledge](#)
August 31st



[Charles J. Lavelle](#)
August 31st



[Amos Benjamin](#)
September 2nd



[Stanley W. Whetzel Jr.](#)
September 2nd



[Tyler Neal Thompson](#)
September 5th



[Thomas C. Nugent III](#)
September 6th



[Maggie Elder](#)
September 6th



[Thomas M. Williams](#)
September 6th



[Linda Bartrom-Moore](#)
September 6th



[Craig W. Scherman](#)
September 6th



[Billy C. Scott](#)
September 6th



[Charles D. Hartlage](#)
September 9th



[John H. Harralson Jr.](#)
September 9th

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President



[Walter L. Kunau Jr.](#)
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[Kenneth Richard Grossman](#)
Vice President



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iPast President



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[Thom S. Crimans](#)
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Virtual Meeting Coordinator



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