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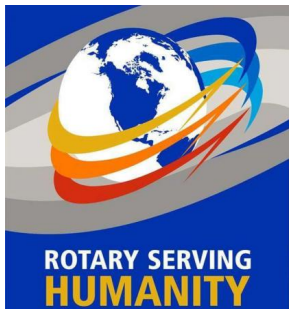
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CLUB CALENDAR

Want to Bring A GUEST TO ROTARY?

Pre-register your guest at
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select the 'Make a Payment'
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**ROTARY SERVING
HUMANITY**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DECEMBER 22
NO Meeting

DECEMBER 29
NO Meeting

JANUARY 5
David Adkisson
KY Chamber of Commerce
"A new day in Frankfort and
what it means for business."

JANUARY 12
Christopher J. Waller
Executive Vice President -
US Federal Reserve Bank
St. Louis, MO

JANUARY 19
James Redford
Documentary Filmmaker



ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY ANNUAL MEETING

December 15
Replaces Weekly Rotary Lunch Meeting
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Big Spring Country Club
5901 Dutchmans Ln
Louisville, KY 40205

The Rotary Club of Louisville will be hosting its Holiday Party and Annual Meeting at Big Spring Country Club. The party will begin at 5:00pm with a cash bar, music, and entertainment. At 6:00pm, the annual meeting will begin and board election results will be announced. The buffet will open shortly after that and attendees will enjoy games, prizes, music, and dancing.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

District 6710 - Paul Harris Fellow Matching Campaign The Rotary Foundation

We want to help you or someone you care about become a Paul Harris Fellow this year. Rotary District 6710 is offering up to \$50,000 in matching funds to help you reach your Paul Harris Fellow goal. In order for your contribution to be eligible, you must submit at least \$100 made payable to "The Rotary Foundation" and sent to Rick Harned, our District Rotary Foundation Chair.



For complete instructions, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Randy and Christe Coe Matching Campaign Rotary Fund of Louisville

It is that time of year when generous souls consider which charities will be the beneficiaries of their holiday gift giving. Past President Randy Coe and his wife, Christe, have offered a challenge to Rotarians in hopes of making the Rotary Fund of Louisville one of your charities of choice this season. The Coes will match your gifts \$1 for every \$2 donated up to a total of \$5,000. That means that a \$500 gift will result in \$750 going into the community to support Rotary service projects. We have a way to go to meet the \$10,000 goal! Drop a check off at the registration table, call the office, or use **MAKE A PAYMENT** button on our [WEBSITE](#) to make your gift today.



DECEMBER 8 MEETING RECAP



Our **December 8th** Rotary Meeting featured **Melissa Fraser**, partner at Strothman & Co. and TV Host of Dream Funders. She pointed to Louisville's community connectivity as a source for business development.

See our Rockin Rotary Band performance [HERE](#).

Off-site; Frazier History Museum

JANUARY 26

Mark Bolton
Director, Metro Corrections

FEBRUARY 2

Mayor Greg Fischer
State of the City Address
Offsite Meeting

FEBRUARY 9

Kevin Moore
Managing Director, Actors
Theatre of Louisville

FEBRUARY 16

Bruce Williams
Pastor, Bates Memorial
Baptist Church

MARCH 23

Unsung Heroes
Recognition Program

Birthdays

Charles Cronan - Dec 15
Mike Richardson - Dec 19
Tracie Texas Shugart - Dec 20
Nirupama Kulkarni - Dec 23
David Wood - Dec 23
Dorn Crawford - Dec 25
Bill Smithwick - Dec 25
Lindy Casebier - Dec 27
Mary Michael Corbett - Dec 27
Michael Vincenti - Dec 28



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Notes from our meeting are [HERE](#).

ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

KEVIN COSBY - Guest Contributor - Courier Journal (Forum), Dec. 11 - Article about how the real poverty in West Louisville is absence of social capital, connections, role-models and institutions that pass values of success to younger generations.

JEFF UNDERHILL - Business First - Underhill Associates shows swanky condominium model unit at The George at 42. The renovated property will contain family living spaces from 1800 to 2500 square feet.

DENISE JEROME - Business First (Business of the Year) - Michaelis Events was a finalist in this year's program for the Small Business category.

CHRISTEN BOONE - Business First (Business of the Year) - Fund for the Arts was a finalist in this year's program for the Nonprofit category.

DONNA HARGENS - Business First (First Honors) - Superintendent commentary on recent K-PREP scores for JCPS. She outlines a focus on reducing low test scores, closing achievement gaps, and continuing to improve the overall graduation rate.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

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 questions about advertising are encouraged to contact [Sherry Duffy](#).



Rotary and Salvation Army Bell-Ringing

The Rotary Club of Louisville will be helping our local Salvation Army with its bell ringer program.

Holiday Manor Shopping Ctr.: Dec. 17 - 9:00am-4:00pm (1.5 hr shifts)

To sign up and select a shift, see **George Brakmeier** before our lunch meetings or [email](#)/call the Rotary Office.



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. Make your convention reservation by December 16 to get the low \$340 registration rate. To register, visit www.riconvention.org.



Habitat for Humanity - Raise the Roof

Join our Lifeline Committee in helping Habitat for Humanity by partially building a new home. Our volunteers will frame a house



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in one "Raise the Roof" weekend, currently scheduled for mid to late April. We will need roughly 60 volunteers, or about 15 per day to do the framing so the Habitat volunteers can complete the house. Members interested in volunteering should see Mike Fallot or Jerry Martin for more information.



MEETING PREVIEW - JANUARY 5, 2017



DAVID ADKISSON - On January 5th, the President of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce will be reporting on changes the Chamber and state government expects see in the coming year after the Republican party won majorities in both the state Senate and House of Representatives earlier this fall. He hopes that, in the coming year, Kentucky businesses will benefit from economy-growing and job-creating policies that will likely come from Frankfort lawmakers.

A more in depth commentary on how the election results should influence business process in Kentucky, please read Mr. Adkisson's Guest Commentary on Page 39 of the December 2nd issue of Business First.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 2017

BOWLING - The Social Activities committee has scheduled our annual bowling event on January 28th, location and time TBD.

BROADWAY - The Rotary Club will be eligible to purchase group-rate tickets with included dinner for a showing of The Illusionists on Wednesday, March 15th. More information on the show can be seen [HERE](#).

DAY AT THE DOWNS - In 2017, the Rotary Club will be hosting its first exclusive and private Day at the Downs on Wednesday, May 3rd. Cost will be \$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 a preview of the room, [CLICK HERE](#).

We invite you to add these dates to your calendar. Registration and more detailed information coming soon.

ROTARY CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Earlier this year, Rotary District Leadership moved to have each club post Board Meeting minutes online for member review. Our Club Office is in the process of uploading our monthly board meeting minutes to DACdb. To access the board minutes, members will need to visit DACdb and navigate the following in our club files.

After logging in, click the following:

Files ---> Club Files ---> 2016-2017 Board Meeting Minutes ---> Select a File

To view last month's meeting now, please [CLICK HERE](#).