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UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 23  
Dennis Ocho



## REV. DR. BRUCE WILLIAMS

Senior Pastor: Bates Memorial Baptist Church

February 16 • Rotary Lunch Meeting  
Archibald Room • Galt House West  
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

Topic: Smoketown Rising & The West End

Often dubbed, "the preacher's preacher" **Dr. Bruce Williams** is frequently asked to serve as an instructor and guest speaker for various community wide events throughout the country. Dr. Williams is committed to changing the lives of the marginalized, people that society has forgotten. Through his message of transformation and restoration, Dr. Williams encourages people to believe in themselves, and to believe that there is something greater for their lives. He desires that all people seek after and discover their purpose.

For a more detailed bio of Bruce, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## FEBRUARY 9 2017 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our **February 9th** Rotary Lunch Meeting featured speaker Kevin Moore, Managing Director of the Actors Theatre of Louisville. During his presentation, he explained why the Actors Theatre is considered one of the best in the world, why Louisville is seen as a trendsetter in the dramatic arts, and why Kevin feels so at home in Louisville. He also included some short previews of what we can expect at the Humana Festival of New American Plays this year.

A detailed look at our meeting can be found [HERE](#).

A video of our meeting can be seen [HERE](#). The video shown at the beginning of Kevin's presentation is [HERE](#).

## 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 Fund of Louisville - Valentine's Day Special Matching Gift

Paralympian, Polio Survivor

### MARCH 2

**Jerry Abramson**  
Deputy Assistant to Former  
President, Barack Obama  
Former Lt. Governor of KY  
Former Mayor of Louisville,  
KY

### MARCH 9

**Joel Christopher**  
Executive Editor, Courier  
Journal

### MARCH 16

**Chuck Sgro**  
Habitat for Humanity House  
Construction Leader  
**Erica Hart**  
Habitat for Humanity  
Homeowner  
"Strength, Stability, and  
Self-Reliance Through  
Shelter"

### MARCH 23

**Unsung Heroes**  
Recognition Program  
**Ben Reno-Weber**  
Co Founder, Chief  
Storyteller, MobileServe

### Birthdays

John Gregory - Feb 13  
Michael Tague - Feb 13  
Lukas Dwelly - Feb 16  
David Reed - Feb 16  
Mitch Rue - Feb 17  
Douglas Kottke - Feb 18  
Bob Maddox - Feb 18



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As of December 31, 2016, The Rotary Fund of Louisville had received nearly \$8000 in donations which were eligible for Randy and Christe Coe's 1 for 2 match up to \$10,000. Randy and Christe are anxious to see the Rotary Fund achieve the full benefit of their matching gift offer, so have agreed to extend the deadline for matching gift eligibility to February 14!

So this Valentine's Day, show that you truly have a heart and make your gift to the Rotary Fund of Louisville to take advantage of this matching gift opportunity. While you are at it, if you have not done so already, consider making your annual gift to The Rotary Foundation. Remember-- \$100 to the Rotary Fund of Louisville, \$100 to The Rotary Foundation, Every Rotarian, Every year. Thank you for your past generous support and your thoughtful consideration of making giving to the Rotary Fund of Louisville and to The Rotary Foundation a heartfelt tradition.

### Food Literacy Project - Iroquois Farm - March 18, 2017

Join in on the fun, learn how your food gets to your table, and help kids learn the impact of agriculture here in Kentucky. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

### Love the Hungry - New Member Celebration - March 28, 2017

It's almost time again to celebrate our new members and contribute to solving world hunger. You'll spend the evening with Rotarians and Guests preparing meals for the hungry both abroad and at home. Dinner is provided, and new members are given their membership pin and be introduced. Rotarians and guest are \$30, new members are free. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



### Habitat for Humanity - Raise the Roof - April 26-28, 2017

Join our Lifeline Committee in helping Habitat for Humanity by partially building a new home. Our volunteers will frame a house in one "Raise the Roof" weekend, currently scheduled for April 26-28. 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 for either half or full days should contact [Mike Fallot](#) or [Jerry Martin](#) for more information.



### Rotary District 6710 Conference - Marriott, Downtown - May 19-20, 2017



Mark your calendars for District Conference! Attending will expand your Rotary knowledge and takeaway new ideas for improvements to your clubs. Join us-it will be fun! Make sure you LIKE the Rotary District 6710 Facebook page. Exciting details on conference will be coming soon!

### 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. To register, visit [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org).



## ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

### Newsworthy

**JOHN WALCZAK** - Courier Journal/Louisville Business First - New Leopard Leap exhibit garners \$1 Million gift from John Schnatter (Papa John) topping the Zoo's fundraising campaign goal of over \$10.4 Million. Little penguin exhibit is profiled for its high-tech engineering.

**TY HANDY** - Louisville Business First - JCTC nears its goal for high-tech center.

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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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### Scan Your Badge

It is important to always get your badge scanned when you attend a meeting. Thanks!

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**CYNTHIA KNAPEK** - Courier Journal - Leadership Louisville Center raises \$2.2 Million to help pay for site renovations.

**IAN DERRER** - Courier Journal - KY Opera performed Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado" and gets great review.

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### Memorials

**WILLIAM SIMPSON** - Passed 2/6/2017 - Donations can be made to St. Matthews Episcopal, Louisville Red Cross, YMCA Greater Louisville. Obituary can be seen [HERE](#).

**WILLIAM HANCOCK** - Passed 1/29/2017 - Expressions of sympathy can be made at Westland Cemetery, or Cabbage Patch Settlement House. Obituary can be seen [HERE](#).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 2017

**BROADWAY** - Club members are now 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](#). Click [HERE](#) for the event information sheet.

To register for the show and dinner, [CLICK HERE](#) (Use promo code **LOUROTARY** and create online account)

Want to register for dinner only? [CLICK HERE](#) to register. Payment will be accepted at the Bristol when you attend.

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**DAY AT THE DOWNS** - This year, 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](#). Registration now open. Please [CLICK HERE](#).

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