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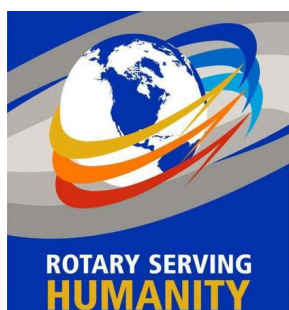
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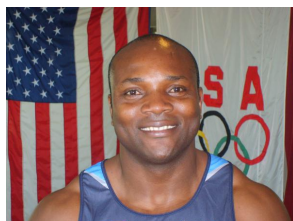
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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**MARCH 2**



## DENNIS OGBE

Parlympian and Polio Survivor

**February 23 • Rotary Lunch Meeting**  
**Archibald Room • Galt House West**  
**11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting**

**Topic: Surviving Polio and Becoming a U.S. Paralympian**

**Dennis Ogbe** is a United States Paralympian. Dennis represented the United States in London at the 2012 Paralympic Games and holds the United States record in Shot-Put and Discus (Class F58). Prior to the 2012 Paralympic Games Dennis competed in the Para-Pan American Games in Mexico and won a Silver Medal in Discus F58. At the 2011 World Championship Games in Christchurch, New Zealand and was selected by his teammates to be the flag-bearer for Team USA at the Opening Ceremonies. Dennis began his journey to the Paralympic Games in his native country of Nigeria and continued as a student at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dennis' journey was noted in the HBO documentary and book *Citizen USA: A 50 State Road Trip* by Alexandra Pelosi, Time Magazine, CNN Online, The Miami Herald, The Courier-Journal and National Public Radio (NPR). In addition to his athletic and academic accomplishments Dennis is employed by Brown-Forman Corp. and is a Global Advocate for the eradication of Polio through the United Nations Foundation Shot@Life and Rotary International. Dennis, his wife and two kids live in Prospect, Kentucky.

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

## FEBRUARY 16 2017 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our **February 16th** Rotary Lunch Meeting featured speaker Rev. Dr. Bruce Williams, Pastor of Bates Memorial Baptist Church. His presentation focused on the community developments in Smoketown and how empowering a community can influence change. He also touched on how to develop the West End, reduce crime, and change perspectives on race relations within the city limits.



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

CONGRATULATIONS, Randy Coe for winning the 2017 Rotary Bowling Championship (Right)

## 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

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**Jerry Abramson**  
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President, Barack Obama  
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**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

Mike Fallot - Feb 20  
James Appleberry - Feb 22  
Kasey Maier - Feb 23  
Amber Halloran - Feb 24  
Karl Schmitt - Feb 24  
Sam Ward - Feb 25  
David Hinton - Feb 25  
Leo Smith - Feb 25  
Frederick Heath - Feb 26



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### **Rotary Promise Scholar Mentor Sessions - February 28, 2017**

A baseball enthusiast might suggest that we are rounding third and heading for home! It's time to mentor again Iroquois HS. This session aims to build a bridge between identifying strengths, skills, and talents and actually preparing students to market those attributes through resumés and scholarship/job applications.

When: February 28, 2017 - 9:20am arrival

Where: Iroquois High School, 4615 Taylor Blvd. Louisville, KY 40215 - Google Map

Email [Walt Kunau](#) to sign up.

### **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**

**LINDY CASEBIER** - CNPE Bulletin - Lindy is named a member of CNPE's Destination:Excellence

Paul Dicker III  
Alice Bridges  
John Hampton  
Aimee Johnson  
Bob Slider

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program, a six-month forum designed to build the leadership and management capability of the nonprofit sector.

**RAY STROTHMAN** - Louisville Business First - Strothman and Co. is named 6th largest accounting firm in the Louisville area by number of CPAs.

**DAVID DICK** - Louisville Business First - Buetow LeMastus & Dick PLLC is named 19th largest accounting firm in the Louisville area by number of CPAs

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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 Cemetary, 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.