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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

MARCH 9



### JERRY ABRAMSON

Former Deputy Assistant to Former POTUS, Barack Obama

Former Lt. Governor of Kentucky  
Former Mayor of Louisville

March 2 • Rotary Lunch Meeting  
Grand Ballroom A • Galt House East  
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

Jerry Edwin Abramson is a Democratic politician who was the 55th Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky. On November 6, 2014, Governor Steve Beshear announced that Abramson would step down from his position as Lieutenant Governor to accept the job of Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Deputy Assistant to the President in the Obama White House. Most recently, Jerry has returned to Louisville to become Executive-in-Residence at Bellarmine University.

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

## FEBRUARY 23 2017 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our **February 23rd** Rotary Lunch Meeting featured speaker Dennis Ogbe, US Paralympian and Polio survivor. He outlined his experience with the condition from childhood all the way through his journey to Louisville via sports like basketball and discus. We also announced our move to the Frazier History Museum as the weekly meeting space beginning in July.

A detailed look at our meeting can be found [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 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.

**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**  
Awards Program (11a -  
noon)  
**Ben Reno-Weber**  
Co Founder, Chief  
Storyteller, MobileServe  
(12:05p - 1p)

#### **Birthdays**

Daniel Goyette - Feb 27  
Bert Grohmann - Feb 29  
Bos Todd - Mar 1  
Kirk Alliman - Mar 1  
George Merrifield - Mar 1  
Bill Stone - Mar 1  
Bob Belknap - Mar 1  
Greg Braun - Mar 2  
Cheryl Kersey - Mar 4  
Paul Oberst - Mar 5



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Bob Slider

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

Where: Iroquios 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. Attendees will help build a garden for the new farm. Other kid-friendly activities will be available. Please contact [Cherly Kersey](#) if you are interested in attending.

### **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**



Registration is now open for the District Conference!

- Begins May 19th, 1PM
- Concludes May 20th, 4PM
- Earlybird Registration Deadline/Hotel Deadline: April 20th

To register, click on the banner at the top of the [district website](#), which will prompt you to log in to DACDB. OR log in to DACDB and go to May on the event calendar tab.

[Click HERE](#) to make Hotel Reservations by April 20, 2017 in order to receive the discounted rate (\$145). Enter code: Rotary International District.

### **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**

**KEVIN LYNCH** - Louisville Business First - Named 2017 Honoree for Louisville Business First's Second Act program.

**KEVIN SMITH** - The Record - Catholic Education Foundation's 2017 Salute to Catholic School

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**Member Database**

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**Club Website**

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



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You can access our Club calendar, member contact info, and more anywhere anytime on your smartphone! It's more up-to-date than your membership roster.

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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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Alumni: Honoree.

**ALICE BRIDGES** - Louisville Business First - profiled in Healthcare Heroes supplement - Winner: Best Community Outreach

**DR. MUHAMMAD BABAR** - Louisville Business First - profiled in Healthcare Heroes supplement - Finalist: Best Provider

**SKIP MILLER** - Louisville Business First - \$4.2 Million deal struck for land development near Louisville Airport. Skip outlined plans for Molto to develop a large industrial warehouse on the site.

**JOHN WALCZAK** - Louisville Business First - Louisville Zoo named #5 largest tourist attraction in number of visitors in 2016

**GWEN MOONEY** - Louisville Business First - Cave Hill Cemetery named #10 largest tourist attraction in number of visitors in 2016

**KIM BAKER/AMBER HALLORAN** - Louisville Business First - Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts named #11 largest tourist attraction in number of visitors in 2016.

**PENNY PEAVLER (NEW MEMBER)** - Louisville Business First - Frazier History Museum named #23 largest tourist attraction in number of visitors in 2016.

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## 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.

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## ACCESS YOUR ROTARY BOARD MINUTES

Ever wanted to see the decisions made by your Board of Directors each month? By logging into DACdb, you gain access to important Club documents such as our monthly minutes. Please follow these directions after logging in:

- 1) Click "Files" (grey - 1st Row)
- 2) Click "Club Files" (blue - 2nd Row)
- 3) Click 2016-2017 Board Meeting Minutes
- 4) Click on whichever file you want to review.