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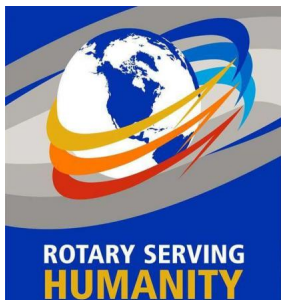
**CONNECT
for
GOOD.**

CLUB CALENDAR



**WHAT TO DO
when you bring
A GUEST to ROTARY**

Pre-register your guest at the louisvillerotary.org website. Scroll down to the 'Make a Payment' button. Thank you!



Birthdays

The following Rotarians are celebrating birthdays soon!

Bill Lamb - July 7
Franklin Jelsma - July 10
David Hardy - July 12
Marty Walthers - July 13



DR. JOSHUA CRAMER

Senior Director, National Center for Families Learning
July 7 Rotary Meeting

Galt House West, Waterford Room, 25th Floor
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

Dr. Joshua Cramer is Senior Director at NCFL where he leads national grant programs, comprehensive family engagement and family literacy initiatives, and policy advocacy efforts. He has 15 years of experience in nonprofit and public school administration, including experiences in the design and supervision of family engagement and literacy programs, early childhood education, English language learner education, high school reform, school and community partnerships, federal programs, and youth mentoring

and development.

Dr. Cramer has a BA in Political Science, a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Higher Education. He moved from Lincoln, Neb. to Louisville in 2013 and has since been named to Business First's 40 Under 40 list. Cramer is also a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

2015-16 ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR is KEVIN S. WARDELL

Award presented to Kevin S. Wardell

The 2015-16 Rotarian of the Year award was presented to Kevin S. Wardell at the June 30 Leadership Changeover Extravaganza meeting. Check out page four of the meeting minutes at [THIS LINK](#) for details of this special award presentation.

Along with Alice Bridges and Greg Braun, Kevin was joined by his wife Linda, mother Pat, and son Justin, who also attended Thursday's meeting.



JOIN A COMMITTEE

**Together
we
make the
difference**

You received an email from President Elect Alice Bridges recently about the importance of joining a committee for the new fiscal year 2016-17. **As of July 1, we began with a clean slate for all committees.** You are requested to commit to at least one (or more) committees. For your review, a document listing all committees with their descriptions and meeting schedules are at [THIS LINK](#).

We appreciate many of you who have selected a committee. But if you have procrastinated, **it's not too late.** **Please select your committee(s) for FY 2016-17 at [THIS LINK](#).** Thank you!

**JOIN A
COMMITTEE**

THANK YOU, ROTARIANS!

Thank you, Food Literacy Project Volunteers!

Upcoming Meetings

JULY 14

Maggie Galloway
CEO, Inscope Medical
Solutions

**Darrell Griffith
& Colgan Tyler**
"West End School"

JULY 28

**Rotary 'Evening'
Meeting/Tour at
Germantown Mill Lofts**

AUGUST 4

Kris Kimel
President & Founder,
Kentucky Science &
Technology Corporation

AUGUST 11

Ryan Quarles
Kentucky Commissioner of
Agriculture

AUGUST 18

**Colmon Elridge (D) &
Scott Jennings (R)**
Moderated by Bill
Goodman of KET
*KY Politics Panel - 'Election
2016: From Frankfort to the
Nation's Capitol'*

AUGUST 25

Tom Jurich
UofL Athletic Director
*'The Business of College
Sports'*

SEPTEMBER 1

**Charlie Mattingly &
Reanna Smith Hamblin**
*'BBB: Changing Leadership
and Vision'*

SEPTEMBER 8

Jessica Bird
#1 New York Times Best
Selling American Novelist
'The Bourbon Kings'

OCTOBER 6

Matt Thornton
CEO, Thornton's Inc.

L.B. Schmidt & Associates, LLC

Luke M. Schmidt

**NORTON
HOSPITAL**
Stephen Williams



Rotarians volunteered for the Food Literacy Project at Oxmoor Farm on June 25. Thank you, Penny Gold, for leading this volunteer effort, and thank you, Rotarians, for your work to help achieve the goals of this worthy project.



MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

Rotary Leadership Institute • Saturday, July 16 (8am-3pm)

Location: Indiana Wesleyan University, 1500 Alliant Avenue, 40299
Off Blankenbaker Lane, just before Sam's Club

For Club leadership and members, this is the perfect occasion to network with other Rotarians around the state, exchange ideas, and learn something about Rotary. You will also learn valuable leadership skills that are ideal for use at your Rotary club and professionally as well. Parts I, II and III are offered. Breakfast and lunch are also included.

Your \$70 registration fee is paid by the Club. Just send an email to rotary@rotary45.org, and the Rotary office staff will take care of your registration and send you confirmation.



JULY 28 ROTARY MEETING • SPECIAL TIME / LOCATION

Rotary Evening Meeting • Thursday, July 28 (5-7 pm)

Location: Germantown Mill Lofts, 946 Goss Avenue, 40217

In lieu of the regular lunch meeting, we will get a behind-the-scenes tour courtesy of Rotarian Jeff Underhill and the Business Synergy Committee. With over 250,000 square feet, this former textile mill is the catalyst for the revitalization of the Germantown neighborhood and should be fully finished by August.

There will be a very short program at 5:45 followed by tours and food catered by Finn's, the new Southern-themed on-site restaurant. Bring a guest for this walking/talking event.

Location: Germantown Mill Lofts, 946 Goss Avenue, Free Parking.

Cost is same as other Rotary meetings (No charge for Prepaid members; \$25 for R-85 & R-120 or \$5 for No Food; \$30 for guests; \$10 for Leadership Fellows; \$20 for Rotaractors).

Online registration is required for this Rotary meeting. Register before July 23 at [THIS LINK](#).

NOTE: You may want to make reservations for dinner after our meeting at Finn's Southern Kitchen Restaurant located at the Germantown Mill Lofts. For reservations, call 502.708.2984. Check out their menu at this link: <http://finnsouthernkitchen.com/menu-1/>.



JUNE 30 MEETING RECAP

Riggs Lewis
Matt Ayers



Randy Coe



Greg Braun 817-8224

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Leadership Changeover Extravaganza

The 2015-16 President, Greg Braun, called the Rotary Club of Louisville June 30 meeting to order with quite the surprise. President Greg easily captured the attention of Rotarians and guests when he opened a side door of the Archibald Room. The Simmons College of KY Drum Corps marched in with a bang, to say the least. Directed by Julian Sam, the Drum Corps displayed their amazing talents in a five-minute incredible performance which resulted in a well-deserved standing ovation. You may have also noticed a Drum Corps member who looked a little out of place. He entered with the group and danced along for the first 1-1/2 minutes. *His name is Frank Thompson, a friend of Greg's who had come from out of town to surprise Greg. The Drum Corps director had supplied Frank with an extra hat and jacket and a quick training just before they marched in. Frank's disguise and great dance moves must have worked since Greg didn't recognize him until later during the meeting!* The invocation was provided by Board member Tracy Holladay, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Rotary Four-Way Test led by Board member Mac McClure.



[CLICK HERE](#) for the rest of the minutes including all the details and extra photos taken at this memorable 'not soon to be forgotten' meeting. As far as we know, this was the only Rotary meeting in the history of our club where the Club President was placed under arrest during the meeting by three LMPD policemen!

NEW MESSAGE FROM ROTARIAN LUKAS DWELLY

June 30 Message from Lukas Dwelly serving in Africa

Rough Seas Make Strong Sailors •

This month has been challenging with the attacks in Orlando and Istanbul, along with stories of U.S. police officers being shot in the line of duty. Frankly, it's difficult to watch the news sometimes given the nature of the work I do here since there is little reprieve from the brutality of the world. When times like these become too much, I look at photos of the girls, especially the ones from last fall. I also think back to a night earlier this year, walking from the garage to the back door, pausing for a moment before turning the handle to enter the house, watching Bird through the window make supper while the girls laughed and did homework. It was freezing cold outside, but I stood there for the longest time because I didn't want to forget the moment. Sometimes perspective is the first thing to go when days are challenging.



Father's Day was pretty relaxing. I reflected about the men in my life who have become fatherly figures over the past decade ... individuals such as Randy Coe, Frank Hilliard, Mike Lambert and Cliff Maesaka. Like many others, they have been there to either listen, put me in line or offer advice based off their own experiences. Read the rest of Lukas' entire message at [THIS LINK](#).

WHAT THE BOARD DID

The Rotary Club of Louisville Board of Directors met recently on June 20. [CLICK HERE](#) to access a document with details about actions taken at the meeting. The document also includes the Club's refreshed Strategic Plan for FY 2016-17.



KY CENTER TICKETS

We are pleased to announce that discounted tickets for 'Broadway Across America' shows at The Kentucky Center are available to Rotarians at the link below. FYI: The link will only work in Google Chrome or Firefox. The link will not work in Internet Explorer or a mobile device/tablet.

The promo code is: ROTARY

A few things to note:

- The Book of Mormon doesn't offer Sat Eve group sales so it has not been included in the link.
- All shows are not on sale to the general public but with this special link you can purchase them now with the group sales rate when applicable.
- The Illusionist is not included since other special arrangements for Rotary is being planned by our Social Activities Committee.



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