

Rotary Club of Louisville SPARKS

THIS WEEK: The Louisville Zoo Celebrating 50 Years: Designing our Future

Our Guest Speaker

John Walczak,
Director
Louisville
Zoological Gardens

Muhammad Ali Center
View Pointe Hall
July 18, 2019
11:30 Buffet
12:05 Meeting

The Menu:

House Garden Salad
Broccoli and Cheese Soup
Sandwich Bar

Fresh Fruit
Cookies & Brownies
Iced Water/Iced Tea/Coffee



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Shout Outs

Do you want to share a shout out with the club? Share your recognition (in the news or an act of service) of a fellow club member with our Rotary staff - which will be featured at our next club meeting!

SUBMIT A
'SHOUT OUT'

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!
Click [HERE](#) to see the leaders

About John Walczak and his presentation:

John began his Zoo career at the Palm Beach Zoo after graduating from Penn State University in 1978. He then worked as a supervisor at the Oklahoma City Zoo for several years before coming to Louisville in 1985 to design and build the HerpAquarium and Curate the Ectotherm department. After managing more than \$30 million in Zoo expansion, John was named Director of the Louisville Zoo in 2004. As Director, John led the successful design and accomplishment of the \$26 million Glacier Run Capital Campaign that funded exhibit openings from 2006 to 2013, growing the Zoo's business through the recession with more 900,000 guests in 2012. That same year Glacier Run earned the highest award of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums: Exhibit of the Year. The Louisville Zoo was likewise awarded the Association's 2013 Significant Achievement Award for Excellence in Education,

that have recently joined our Club!

earned as a result of the **School at the Zoo** program.

John has served on many local boards including the Partnership for Creative Economies, the Arts and Cultural Attractions Council and Indiana University Southeast. He is very active in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, having served on the Ethics Board, the Accreditation Commission as well as having recently completed his term on the AZA Board of Directors.

John has been a Rotarian since 2004 and he is passionate about pursuing the Zoo's Mission in serving our community. He believes that it is imperative for the Zoo to engage people through amazing experiences with animal ambassadors as a way to impart our roles in advocacy for living in better balance with our planet's ecosystem. The actions we take impact not only global environmental health but also the health of ourselves, our children and the animals who share the planet with us.

July 11, 2019 Meeting Recap:

Jim Iacocca, Retired Brig. General and First President/CEO of the Knox Regional Development Alliance (KRDA), impressed Rotarians with Fort Knox's history as well as its current and potential regional economic impact. A training facility for the U.S. Army since 1918, Fort Knox is now providing a \$2.6 Billion economic regional impact, including \$750 million in annual payroll and 25,000 jobs supported off-post. General Iacocca explained that the KRDA pursues a five-pointed mission for expanding impact: Protect existing missions and advocate new missions; Expand contractor business in the region; Expand public partnerships; Market Ft. Knox's potential to political leadership; and create better opportunities/connections for transitioning soldiers and families. The General added that Fort Knox still wields tremendous military influence of 8 commanders on post who have global command responsibilities, plus 109,000 acres of unrestricted training space. Innovation at Fort Knox is manifest in many ways, including its Digital Aerial Gunnery Range and new 2.1 MW of solar production which can make Fort Knox self-sustaining in the event of a power outage. Thank you for your time and service, General Iacocca, and for the regional benefits of your leadership at the KRDA.



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July 25th
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August 8th
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August 22nd
[Rotary Club Lunch Meeting](#)

Events & Opportunities

July 24th
[Lifeline Committee - Rescue Mission Dinner](#)
August 11th
[Rotary Night with Louisville City FC](#)
August 20th
[Business Synergy and Prospective Member Reception](#)
August 28th
[Lifeline Committee - Rescue Mission Dinner](#)
September 6th
[Dedication of the Louisville Sign for the Knot Project](#)
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[Street Fest - Louisville Sign for the Knot Project](#)

HEY ROTARIANS...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays



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July 15th



[Charles A. Roederer Jr.](#)
July 15th



[J. Michael Ehrler](#)
July 18th



[Barry Glen Allen](#)
July 19th



[Clifford T. Elgin](#)
July 21st



[Read Harris](#)
July 21st



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July 23rd



[Tony H. Coffey](#)
July 25th



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July 25th



[John Lueken](#)
July 26th



[G. Raymond Schuhmann](#)
July 28th



[Hugh M. Shwab III](#)
July 29th



[Allan M. Parnell](#)
July 30th



[Gary Dryden](#)
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[Maria A. Smith](#)
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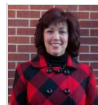
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