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CLUB CALENDAR



WHAT TO DO BEFORE bringING A GUEST to ROTARY

Pre-register your guest at the louisvillerotary.org website and select the 'Make a Payment' button. Thank you!



Birthdays

The following Rotarians are celebrating birthdays soon!

Ray Schuhmann - July 28
John Anderson - July 29
Hugh Shwab III - July 29
Cindy Collier - July 30
Allan Parnell - July 30
Maria Smith - July 30
Tuck Tinsley III - July 30
Paul Bickel III - July 31
Tony Newberry - July 31
Alan Singleton - July 31



GERMANTOWN MILL LOFTS WALKING/TALKING TOUR

July 28 Rotary Meeting • 5:00 - 7:00 pm

946 Goss Avenue
Free Parking

[Click Here](#) for Driving Directions

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. We'll meet rain or shine, since the tours will be inside. You will enjoy food catered by Finn's (the new Southern-themed on-site restaurant), followed by a very short program at 5:45. Last minute registration requests should be sent to admin@rotary45.org or call 589-1800.

The property, which was originally operated as the largest cotton mill in the state of Kentucky, consists of over 250,000 square feet in numerous buildings spreading over almost 8 acres. The renovation is expected to be a catalyst for reinvestment and revitalization of the surrounding area. It will include 185 modern "loft style" apartments as well as a handful of commercial spaces on the ground level. The mill, which is on the state and national historic register, will be restored to mint living condition while honoring its past. The plan calls for an extensive renovation of an entire city block on Goss Avenue in the middle of the Schnitzelburg and Germantown neighborhoods, gentrifying the corridor to Downtown.

NOTE: You may consider making 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/>.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

Theresa Raidy Named RCL Executive Director

The Rotary Club of Louisville announced the appointment of Theresa K. Raidy as Executive Director, succeeding Debe Skidmore who recently announced her retirement after more than five years of exemplary service.

Theresa, a Rotarian since 2002, comes to the Club's leadership position with more than 28 years of experience encompassing fundraising, event management, administration, program management, and volunteer coordination. She most recently served as Senior Vice President of Mission Advancement for Kosair Charities, responsible for outreach activities and creating new opportunities for donors and constituents to meet the healthcare needs of the children of Kentucky and Southern Indiana.



"We are so fortunate to have Theresa in this key leadership position that serves a large and growing membership while directing the day-to-day operations of our Club and nonprofit Rotary Fund," said Alice Bridges, President of the Club and part of a nine-person search committee comprised of current and past board members. "She brings a depth of experience beautifully matched to the myriad demands of this role that will help us continue to grow and innovate to meet the needs of our members and community. And what a plus that she is already imbued with the principles and practices of Rotary as a long-time member."

Alice went on to praise Debe's accomplishments as Executive Director since 2011. "Debe has demonstrated excellence throughout her tenure, going above and beyond week after week to serve our members with incredible style and grace," said Alice. "She is the quintessential professional and has been very gracious in ensuring a smooth transition to her successor."

Mark Cowherd - Aug 1
Joe Hardesty - Aug 2
Carl Thomas - Aug 2
Charlie Castner - Aug 3
Bob Connolly - Aug 3
Bill Dunn - Aug 3



Upcoming Meetings

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'

SEPTEMBER 22

Kevin Etter

UPS Loaned Executive @
Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance

OCTOBER 6

Matt Thornton

CEO, Thornton's Inc.

NOVEMBER 3

Stuart Alexander

Rotary District Governor
Annual Meeting

DECEMBER 1

Derek Anderson

Producer, Screenwriter,
Philanthropist, Entrepreneur,

Theresa will begin her tenure on Monday, August 15, aided by Debe during a brief transition period. Debe intends to remain active as a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville and has offered her generous support and assistance to Theresa and the rest of the team (Jon Wysong and Jennifer Pierce) as long as needed. Now that's the perfect example of living the 4-Way Test!

ROTARIANS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Education



BEN BRUMLEVE A member since 2011, Ben is a Paul Harris Fellow and a 1912 Society Member. He is married to Gertrude. Ben is former president of Cardinal Carryor.

If you want to be inspired, check out the Community Foundation's video about Ben, as he talks about his desire to give back to a community that has given so much to him - and that because education is his passion, he is doing that by supporting great institutions like the dePaul School and West End School where he serves on the Board of Directors. Ben enjoys golf in his spare time.

KEVIN COSBY The Reverend Dr. Kevin Cosby has been a member since 2012. He is married to Barnetta. Cosby is author, lecturer and Senior Pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church. A champion for education, Dr. Cosby has grown the community of St. Stephen from 500 to 14,000 with an amazing campus including a shining Family Life Center.

Dr. Cosby is also President of Simmons College of Kentucky, which is the nation's 107th official Historically Black College. Cosby serves on the Board of 55,000 Degrees and the West End School.



MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Rotary Leadership Institute

Saturday, August 27 (8a - 3p) in Lexington

If you're interested in pursuing leadership in Rotary, please sign up for the next Rotary Leadership Institute on Saturday, August 27 in Lexington at Four Points Sheraton, 1938 Stanton Way. (Take I-64 to Exit 115, turn left onto Newtown Pike and right onto Stanton.)

RLI is a series of three fast-paced, interactive one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. First-time participants attend Part I. This is free to our members. Our Club picks up the tab (\$70 per person) which also includes breakfast and lunch. If you can attend on August 27, send an email to admin@rotary45.org.



FREE Louisville BATS Tickets!

Game Date/Time: Tuesday, August 30 at 7:05 pm

Join other Rotarians on August 30 when the Louisville Bats will play the Charlotte Knights (NC) baseball team at Louisville Slugger Field. Corporate suites have been made available by Underwriters Insurance (Rotarian John Jennings) and Republic Bank (Rotarian Ben Talbott). There will also be a drawing to see which Rotarian gets to throw out the first pitch!

Rotarians may request two tickets on a first-come/first-serve basis by contacting Joey Bailey at: joeybaileycpa@gmail.com.



New Member Celebration Dinner / Love the Hungry Project All Members & Guests Are Invited! • October 11 at 6:00

All members and guest/spouse are invited to attend the Dinner/Project on Tuesday, October 11. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, followed by a hands-on project with 50's style music creating a fun, upbeat atmosphere, as we package 7,000 meals for children and families around the world in a very short timeframe. Then, enjoy a wonderful catered meal



NEW MEMBER
Celebration!

Speaker & NCAA/NBA
Champion

DECEMBER 8

Melissa Fraser

CEO, Breakout Business &
TV Host, Dream Funders

L.B. Schmidt & Associates, LLC

Luke M. Schmidt

**NORTON
HOSPITAL**
Stephen Williams
Riggs Lewis
Matt Ayers


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followed by a recognition program to welcome new members who will receive their Rotary pins to end this great evening.



Dress casually and enjoy a fun evening with a purpose. Cost is \$30 per person. Register by or before October 6. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

FYI for new members who have not yet received a Rotary pin: If you have attended both New Member sessions, registration will be free for you and your spouse/guest. Contact the office at 589-1800 to confirm your free registrations. Thank you!

JULY 21 MEETING RECAP

Darrell Griffith & LaToya Whitlock

The Rotary Club of Louisville meeting of July 21, 2016 was called to order by President Alice Bridges. The invocation was provided by Miles Burkholder, Manager of Forest Hill Commons. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary Four Way Test was led by Will Vail, Division Vice President of Employment Counsel for Kindred Healthcare. President Alice welcomed several guests to the meeting and invited guests to visit the What is Rotary? table to learn more after the meeting. Ben Talbott was today's session leader.



President Alice reminded everyone that this

Saturday, July 23rd, is the deadline to register for the July 28th Rotary meeting at Germantown Mill Lofts. The meeting time will be 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This will be in lieu of our usual lunch meeting. Jeff Underhill has made an incredible transformation on this former textile mill. There will be a cash bar and everyone will get one free drink ticket. A special signature drink "Summer in the South" (vodka, strawberries, iced tea and lemonade) will be available. There will be a short program, and guests are also welcome. There will be plenty of entertainment

and a walking tour of the property. [CLICK HERE](#) for the rest of the meeting minutes provided by Emily Hart.

VENUE SUGGESTIONS?

Business Synergy Event • Venue Hosts/Suggestions?

The Business Synergy Committee requests suggestions from Rotarians about venues for a future event. The purpose of this committee is to encourage Rotarians to get to know each other, learn about their businesses, and do business together.

Would you be interested in hosting an evening event at your business location? If so, please email the Business Synergy Committee Chair Julie Scoskie at Scoskie@lfpl.org.

The location must accommodate up to 150 people, and will require someone at the location to serve as a liaison to the committee. The date for this event has not been determined; however, it is likely to be in the latter part of this year or the early part of 2017. Thank you!



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.

Here's the link: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/baaslc/EN/link/promotion/home/ee56f62ce740ef0ea30e1d7311473b9b400bf5f8>



ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

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Access Members on Your Smartphone

Access the Club calendar, member contact info and more, anywhere anytime on your smartphone, for the most up-to-date info. Go to: M.DACDB.COM/ROTARY on your phone's browser.

Scan Your Badge

Be sure your badge is scanned when you attend a meeting.
Thanks!

- **JEAN WEST LOSAVIO** - Congrats to Jean who has joined the Cabinet for Health & Family Services as the Executive Director of Communications. Jean is also Owner & Producer of West Media Consulting FacesWest Productions.
- **NANCY JO TRAFTON** - Congrats to Nancy Jo who was recently named the new Director of Marketing & Communications at Indiana University Southeast. Nancy had been Director of Client Strategy at the Courier-Journal.
- **SUSAN ZEPEDA** - Congrats to Susan for a great article in July 24 Courier-Journal with information about KentuckyHEALTH, the Kentucky health reform plan being developed. Dr. Zepeda is President & CEO of Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.
- **JANET REILLY** - Congrats to Janet who was listed among the 'People to Know in Banking & Finance' in the July 22 Business First. Janet is Senior Vice President of The Private Client Reserve of U.S. Bank.
- **MUHAMMAD BABAR** - Special thanks, gratitude and recognition to Babar who was featured in the July 16 Courier-Journal urging local citizens to unite in acts of compassion in light of the recent terror attacks in Nice, France. Babar is President of Muslim Americans for Compassion.

ROTARIAN MENTORS make an IMPACT!

Walt Kunau shared a few stories provided by Amy Dennes, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Achievement K-12, Iroquois High School. As you will see, Rotarians are making a positive difference in the lives of these students.

"Edgar is a baseball player and a good kid. He was not really interested in participating in the mentoring program. He was talked into it by the school staff. But now, he asks all the time when the next meeting is and when the mentors are coming back. These folks have made a huge impact on him!"

"TreShawn is a basketball player. He has always been a polite, respectful young man. He had a time in his life recently where he had to make some difficult choices and he credits the choices he made to being part of the mentoring group -- both the adults and the students who he has worked with helped support him through a challenging time."

"Cameron was a challenging student and often felt angry. Through meetings with his mentors, he has changed his entire outlook. His mentors have set him up with some important professional introductions and he is a new kid!"

Walt Kunau added: "At our last mentoring meeting at Iroquois, Janet Brown met with Edgar, and Rick Harned coached TreShawn. I'm pretty sure that Bob Maddox and Stet Stetten talked with Cameron several times this year. By showing care and kindness, we can change the world. I hope to have more stories to share during the upcoming school year."

If you would like to join other Rotarian mentors, contact Walt Kunau at wkunau@bellsouth.net or call 502-262-2792.