

# Rotary



# Club of Louisville

## Sparks Newsletter - June 21, 2021

**Rotary Club of Louisville Weekly Meeting - Thursday, June 24, 2021**

Zoom virtual meeting - Register [HERE](#)

In person meeting - Savor at River House (3015 River Road) - by RSVP only

11:30 am - Networking

12:00 pm - Meeting begins

## This Week's Speaker: Brigitte Blom Ramsey, President & CEO, Prichard Committee



**Presentation Title: "The Prichard Committee: Building a Groundswell for a Big Bold Future"**

Brigitte Blom Ramsey is the President and CEO of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence. Ms. Ramsey has worked in policy, research, and advocacy on issues related to education, poverty, and state taxes and budgets - including work for universities in Ohio and Kentucky and for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. She holds undergraduate degrees in economics and international studies and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Kentucky Martin School.

## 2021-2022 Leadership Transition

The June 24th meeting will feature our annual leadership transition. Julie Schmidt, Senior Director of External Affairs, KET and 2020-2021 President of the Rotary Club of Louisville, will provide a retrospective view of her Rotary Year. Join us as we acknowledge our outgoing Officers and Directors, welcome our incoming Board and Officers, and introduce our Club's President for 2021-2022, Jean West, Owner and Producer, Faceswest Productions.



# Thank you Officers and Directors, 2020-2021 for your service!

Julie Schmidt	President
Jean West	President-Elect
Luke Schmidt	Immediate Past President
John Jennings	Vice President
Chris Whelan	Secretary
Tony Coffey	Treasurer
Kevin Fields	Director, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion officer
Barry Allen	Board Director
Cheryl Creech Kersey	Board Director
Mike Richardson	Board Director
Julie Scoskie	Board Director
Ken Selvaggi	Board Director
Larry Sloan	Board Director
Barbara Sexton Smith	Board Director
Todd Warren	Board Director

## Walking Tour of Downtown Louisville



At the June 15th Business Synergy event, several Rotarians and their guests joined Dr. Tom Owen for a walking tour downtown. Using his well-known charm and knack for story-telling, Tom discussed downtown Louisville's history, architecture and many unknown facts.

## We are Foundation Stars!



As President Julie reported at last Thursday's meeting, our Club has attained Star status again this year - averaging over \$125 per member, per year contribution to the Rotary Foundation. This assures favored match status (\$1.50 for each dollar we commit) in District Grants awarded to support our Club's service projects. There is still time to give to either the Annual Fund SHARE or Polio Plus at [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org). Including your membership number assures our Club gets appropriate credit.

**Help the Rotary Foundation continue to support our Club service projects here in Louisville and around the world. Click [HERE](#) to make your donation today!**

## Rotary District 6710 Award!



Our Club was recognized at the District 6710 Conference held earlier this month for "Best Ongoing International Service Project." This was for the Life Mercy Academy Primary School Water Supply & Sanitation project in Uganda led by Cliff Elgin, Owner, Cliff Elgin Consulting and member of the International Service Committee.

Thank you Cliff for your efforts!

## Congratulations Service Above Self award recipients!



The following Rotarians received the Service Above Self award for exemplary leadership for the Club:  
Mike Richardson, Principal, Glenview Trust Company  
Tony Coffey, Principal, Parthenon, LLC  
John Walczak, Director, Louisville Zoological Garden

## Save the Date! Repair Affair - Saturday, June 26th



Repair Affair is back! Join fellow Rotarians on Saturday, June 26th for "outside" work, such as yard clean up, weeding, shrubbery trimming, outside painting or touch up. Anyone interested in participating should contact Larry Sloan, chair, Lifeline Committee at [larry.sloan@yahoo.com](mailto:larry.sloan@yahoo.com)

## Business Synergy Event Tuesday, August 3rd, 5:30 p.m.

The next Business Synergy event will be Tuesday, August 3, at 5:30 pm. The Glenview Trust Company will be hosting the event at the Community Center in their new offices at 5900



US Hwy 42. Bill Stone, CNBC contributor, will be sharing some economic insights. To register, click [HERE](#) or contact the Rotary office at 502-589-1800 or [rotary@rotary45.org](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org).

## Events

June 24th  
[Lifeline Committee meeting](#)

June 26th  
[Repair Affair \(in person\)](#)

July 8th  
[RCoL Meeting - Jerilan Greene, GCC Officer, Yum! Brands, Inc.](#)

July 22nd  
[Lifeline Committee meeting](#)

July 29th  
[RCoL Zoom Mtg-TBA](#)

June 24th  
[RCoL Mtg-Brigitte Blom Ramsey, Pres/CEO, Prichard Committee](#)

July 1st  
[RCoL Meeting - Senator Rand Paul and Christopher 2x](#)

July 15th  
[RCoL Meeting - Jeff O'Brien, Director, Develop Lou Forward](#)

July 22nd  
[RCoL Meeting - BG Hal Lamberton, AG, Kentucky National Guard](#)

August 3rd  
[Business Synergy event - Economic Insights](#)

## Birthdays



[Mike Solak](#)  
June 22nd



[Todd Warren](#)  
June 23rd



[Rosa Ivey](#)  
June 23rd



[Haldane Lamberton](#)  
June 26th



[Lynn Sanders](#)  
June 27th



[Douglas H. McCall D.M.D.](#)  
June 27th



[Chester B. Diamond D.D.](#)  
June 27th



[Roland R. Blahnik](#)  
June 28th



[Jeffrey A. Underhill](#)  
June 28th



[Douglas E. Myers](#)  
June 30th



[Sam Gwathmey Tyler](#)  
July 2nd



[Shahid Ikram](#)  
July 3rd



[Rajah N. Karalakulasingam M.D.](#)  
July 3rd

## Club Leaders

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[Jean West](#)

[John Jennings](#)

[Chris Whelan](#)



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Tony H. Coffey  
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Barry Glen Allen  
Club Director



Alyssa Evans-Tourinho  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Virtual Meeting  
Coordinator



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Club Director



Cheryl Creech  
Kersey  
Club Director



Mike Richardson  
Club Director



Julie Scoskie  
James  
Club Director



Ken Selvaggi  
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Club Director



Todd Warren  
Club Director



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