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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 birthday celebrants will be recognized if they attend Rotary on June 2!

Denise Jerome - June 10
Joe Kutz - June 11
Bob Patterson Jr. - June 11
Julie Fadel - June 12
Arne Judd - June 12
Sam Clemmens - June 13
Jay Gatrell - June 14
Jay Vandertoll - June 14
Mark Kull - June 15



Upcoming Meetings

JUNE 16



Bob Hill & Brian Voelker

Botanica Board Member & Botanica Board President

June 9, 2016 Guest Speakers

Topic - Making the Waterfront Botanical Gardens a Reality

**Galt House East, Grand Ballroom A, 2nd Floor
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting**

The effort to create a botanical garden near downtown Louisville has been making steady progress in recent months. Waterfront Botanical

Gardens Board President Brian Voelker and Board Member Bob Hill will talk about the nonprofit's vision for the garden, the anticipated impact it will have on our local economy and how the garden will contribute to the quality of life of our residents. They will share details on the work currently underway to build and open the initial phase. Brian is Manager, Direct Marketing - Pharmacy at Humana, and Bob is owner of Hidden Hill Nursery in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Rotary Member, Kasey Maier, Director of Program Development at Waterfront Botanical Gardens will introduce Voelker and Hill at Thursday's meeting.

HONOR VETERANS - TUESDAY, JUNE 7 AT 9:15 PM

The Lifeline Committee invites you to join others on Tuesday, June 7, at 9:15 pm at Standiford Field to welcome home 84 veterans as they return from an 'Honor Flight of the Bluegrass'. These are special flights when volunteers take veterans (80% WWII / average age is 92+) to visit their service memorials in Washington, DC. This is always a moving, unforgettable experience to cheer and welcome these wonderful veterans as they return to Louisville.



Thank you to all who took the time to write notes at the June 2 Rotary meeting. These will be given to the veterans as they board the plane in Washington to return home to Louisville on the 7th. I'm sure they will appreciate your words of appreciation and thanks for their service and sacrifice.

HAVE YOU JOINED A COMMITTEE?

**Together
we
make
the
difference**

You should have received an email from President Elect Alice Bridges recently about the importance of joining a committee for the new fiscal year (beginning July 1). We are beginning with a clean slate for all committees, and you are requested to commit to at least one (or more) committees. A document listing all committees with their descriptions and meeting schedules are at [THIS LINK](#) for your review.

**JOIN A
COMMITTEE**

Many have selected your committees, and we appreciate it. But if you have

Father Ron Knott
"Change is Inevitable, Growth
Intentional: Living
Deliberately, Consciously and
On Purpose"

JUNE 23

Cynthia Knapke
"Leadership Louisville -
Creating Future Community
Leaders"

JUNE 30

**Rotary Leadership
Turnover Extravaganza**

JULY 28

**Rotary 'EVENING' Meeting
at Germantown Mill Lofts**

L.B. Schmidt & Associates, LLC
Luke M. Schmidt

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


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Protecting the Most Precious Gift of All
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Many have selected your committees, and we appreciate it. But if you have procrastinated, it's not too late. Please select your committee(s) at [THIS LINK](#) before June 2. Thank you!

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

2017 International Convention in Atlanta - Discount Expires on June 6!

Message from District Governor Elect Stuart Alexander

Next year's convention will be extra special. It is the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, and we will have some special hospitality suites for Rotarians in our Zone.



Take advantage of this special offer for almost half-price registration. Note that this offer expires on June 6, 2016. For more information and registration, [CLICK HERE](#).

2016 District Conference at Louisville Marriott East - June 10-11

Kevin Wardell, District Conference Chair



Join District Governor Mike Kull and District Conference Chair Kevin Wardell for a great conference! This will be the largest District event of the year. Don't miss it!



The keynote speaker is Rotarian, author and motivational speaker Michael Angelo Caruso. Michael is a valued communication consultant to companies and organizations all over the world. [CLICK HERE](#) for a two-minute video. We look forward to see many of you at the Louisville Marriott East on June 10-11. Noon is the start time on Friday, ending at 5:00 pm on Saturday.

Here's a link to register. You'll need to enter our District # '6710'. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

All Rotarians and guests will enjoy a fun-filled, educational day and a half, and there will be something of interest for all! The package price for reception and all meals and breaks is only \$129 for both days, and individual pricing for either Friday or Saturday is also available for those that can only join us for part of the excitement. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

Food Literacy Project - Volunteer Day is June 25 (9a-5p)

Location: Oxmoor Farm

Mark your calendar for June 25 and join fellow Louisville Rotarians as we spend a few hours at the Oxmoor Farm, assisting the unique and much needed Food Literacy Project (FLP) as they celebrate their Tenth Anniversary! This experiential education program engages young people in the life of the farm and the wonders of sustainable farming. Rotary volunteers will harvest from the farm, and make pizza using some of the vegetables they have just harvested.



Rotarians are asked to help in one two-hour shift. The time slots, directions and other details are on the flyer at [THIS LINK](#).

Or, you can sign up online. You'll be asked to enter our District #, which is **6710**. Select your preferred two-hour timeslot to volunteer on June 25 at this [LINK](#).

JUNE 2 MEETING RECAP

David Ray

The Rotary Club of Louisville meeting of May 26, 2016 was called to order by President Greg Braun. The invocation was provided by Dick



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Scan Your Badge

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

Breakfast introduction was provided by Mark Clay. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary Four Way Test was led by Irv Maze. President Greg welcomed a guest Rotarian Sue Fenske from Colorado Springs. He invited guests to join Mark Kull at the What is Rotary? table to learn more. David James introduced our birthday celebrants. President Greg made several announcements. The Club's next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, at the Galt House Hotel in Grand Ballroom A. Our guest speakers will be Bob Hill, Botanica Board member and Brian Voelker, Botanica Board President. They will speak about making the Waterfront Botanical Gardens a reality.



Guest speaker David Ray, retired U.S. Secret Service, shared several photos that you will enjoy seeing. [CLICK HERE](#) for the rest of the meeting details which includes the photos.

MESSAGE FROM ROTARIAN LUKAS DWELLY

Lukas Dwelly serving in Africa

[CLICK HERE](#) to access Lukas' Memorial Day message.

Lukas is serving a one-year term of U.S. Navy service in Djibouti, Africa. If you would like to send anything to him, please note his request: "Please do not send me any contraband or food. Boxes are x-rayed here and the food will melt. Also, do not put Djibouti or Camp Lemonnier on the address - I will not receive the packages. Normal mail is about four weeks. Priority mail is around 2 weeks. The country address is United States if asked. My wish list are koozies, t-shirts from different parts of the country (size L) and paperback/soft cover books on Marine and Naval history, the Middle East/Islam and the South." His address is: Lukas Dwelly

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Check out [THIS VIDEO](#) from Luke provided by Past President Randy Coe.



"ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR" • WHO WILL IT BE?

Award to be presented at the Leadership Changeover Extravaganza June 30 Meeting

Thank you for submitting your nominations. A very special Rotarian will receive this well deserved award at the June 30 Leadership Changeover Extravaganza meeting. Make plans to attend!



ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

Joseph Kutz, M.D. - Great Business First article about his historic career.

John Jennings - Named to Colon Cancer Prevention Project Board of Directors.

MAY 26 MEETING - KIVA FOLLOW-UP

May 26 Rotary meeting speaker, David Taliaferro, explained the Kiva loan process and introduced one of the loan recipients from Iraq who presented Pres. Greg with a handmade glass plate. Another Kiva borrower is Omda Ibrahim from Sudan who has begun a trucking company. He has already purchased semi-trucks and is now saving for the insurance. He needs to recruit 17 lenders from his personal network to take his loan public.

Omda was born and raised in Sudan, where he had a successful business. But, the government targets people who have money and education, and Omda's business was destroyed when the government took his money and his property and sent him to prison for three months, simply because the government thought he might support a revolution. Check out this link to read his story: <https://www.kiva.org/lend/1091142>



