

Rotary



Club of Louisville

Sparks Newsletter - June 7, 2021

Rotary Club of Louisville Weekly Meeting - Thursday, June 10, 2021

Zoom virtual meeting only - Register [HERE](#)

11:30 am - Networking

11:40 am - Pre-meeting

12:00 pm - Meeting begins

This Week's Speaker: Tonya Abeln, VP of Communications, Churchill Downs, Inc.



Presentation Title: "Kentucky Derby 145-147: Living History"

From the 2019 Maximum Security disqualification, the 2020 reschedule and ultimately spectator-free Kentucky, to this year's impending winning results, we'll talk through the operational challenges, opportunities and what you can expect from moving forward in this year's unusual but not entirely unprecedented circumstances.

Click [HERE](#) to read Tonya's bio.

Pre-Meeting Conversation - 11:40 am

Please join us for conversation hosted by fellow Rotarians **Steve Kerrick**, Director of Consulting Services, MCM CPA's and Advisors, LLP and **Julie Schmidt**, Senior Director of External Affairs, KET and President, Rotary Club of Louisville.



Meeting Recap - June 3, 2021

The June 3rd Rotary Club of Louisville meeting featured Congressman John Yarmuth, now in his eighth term. Yarmuth discussed his work to improve education,



expand access to affordable health care, and revitalize manufacturing in Louisville. He also answered several Rotarians' questions about systemic racism, bridge tolls and inflation.

Click [HERE](#) to watch Congressman Yarmuth's presentation.

Upcoming Speakers

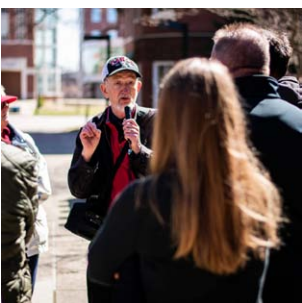
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| June 17 | Dr. Jason Chesney | Director | Brown Cancer Center | In-person & Zoom |
| June 24 | Brigitte Blom Ramsey | President & CEO | Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence | In-person & Zoom |

Memorial Tribute

The first annual Rotary Club of Louisville Memorial Tribute was held at last week's meeting in remembrance of the Memorial Day holiday. This will be a yearly tradition to remember and pay tribute to Rotarians who have passed away during the year. A tree will be planted in honor of each Rotarian in a location, chosen by the family, that was significant to the Rotarian's life. The following Rotarians were recognized:

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| Robert Bleakley | October 20, 1938 - March 3, 2019 | Rotary Service - 46 years |
| Otto Feddern | May 25, 1941 - October 5, 2019 | Rotary Service - 21 years |
| Charles Hodgin | August 6, 1931 - January 9, 2020 | Rotary Service - 53 years |
| Wade Mountz | November 19, 1924 - May 5, 2020 | Rotary Service - 41 years |
| Ken Middleton | April 16, 1946 - April 21, 2020 | Rotary Service - 19 years |
| Bill Carrell | August 12, 1935 - April 26, 2020 | Rotary Service - 53 years |
| Dr. Joseph Kutz | June 11, 1928 - October 10, 2020 | Rotary Service - 40 years |
| Dr. Bobby DeWeese | November 8, 1934 - November 25, 2020 | Rotary Service - 31 years |
| Bill Kelly | April 22, 1929 - December 24, 2020 | Rotary Service - 55 years |
| Dr. Wayne Kotcamp | May 14, 1928 - March 28, 2021 | Rotary Service - 46 years |
| Jay Vandertoll | June 14, 1930 - April 2, 2021 | Rotary Service - 55 years |
| Norman Berry | March 13, 1933 - May 18, 2021 | Rotary Service - 27 years |

Business Synergy Event June 15th, 5:00 p.m.



The next Business Synergy event will be Tuesday, June 15th, at 5:00 pm. Come with us as we take a walking history and architectural tour of downtown Louisville with Dr. Tom Owen, former Louisville Metro Council member, local historian and tour raconteur. Tom's charm and knack for storytelling has made him a favorite in local media through the years. Meet at Sway (Hyatt Downtown) at 5:00 pm and then walk to 5th and Jefferson at 5:30 pm to begin the tour. To register, click [HERE](#) or contact the Rotary office at 502-589-1800 or

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 More logistic details will be forthcoming.

What is the best way to make a year-end gift?

The Rotary Foundation's online giving portal is the fastest and easiest way to ensure that your year-end gift is received on time! Visit <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> and sign in to your My Rotary account to ensure that our Club receives appropriate recognition for your contribution.

Need help making your contribution? Contact the Rotary Support Center online or call our Club's office at 502-589-1800 or rotary@rotary45.org.

Events

June 10th

[Rotary Foundation Meeting](#)

June 15th

[Business Synergy event -
Walking tour of Downtown Louisville](#)

June 24th

[Lifeline Committee meeting](#)

June 26th

[Repair Affair \(in person\)](#)

June 10th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Tonya Abeln,
VP of Communications, Churchill Downs](#)

June 17th

[Rotary Club Lunch Mtg-Dr. Jason Chesney,
UofL Brown Cancer Ctr](#)

June 24th

[Rotary Club Lunch Mtg-Brigitte Blom
Ramsey, Pres/CEO, Prichard](#)

July 1st

[RCoL Lunch Meeting -
Senator Rand Paul and Christopher 2x](#)

Birthdays



[E. Gerald
Greenwell](#)
June 8th



[Rudolph F.
Moeller Jr.](#)
June 9th



[Delene E Taylor](#)
June 9th



[Chris Whelan](#)
June 10th



Jenifer Frommeyer
June 11th



Robert M. Fink
June 11th



Arnold M. Judd Jr.
June 12th



Samuel L. Clemmens
June 13th



Alyssa Evans-Tourinho
June 13th



Erica Fields
June 14th



Mark Kull
June 15th



James U. Smith III
June 16th



Karen Morrison
June 19th



John Jennings
June 20th

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