

Rotary



Club of Louisville

Sparks Newsletter - March 29, 2021

Weekly Zoom Meeting - Register [HERE](#)

Thursday, April 1, 2021

11:30 am - Networking

11:45 am  Meeting begins

This Week's Speakers: John Walczak, Director, Louisville Zoo and Erika Shields, Police Chief, LMPD



John Walczak is the Director of the Louisville Zoo. He graduated from Penn State University in 1978 with a B.S. in Animal Sciences. He began his zoo career 31 years ago as a keeper at Dreher Park Zoo in West Palm Beach, Fl. John was brought to the Louisville Zoo in 1985 to design, build, and establish a collection for the Zoo's Herp Aquarium. He has been instrumental in the growth of the Louisville Zoo for the past 25 years and has served as the Director since 2004.

Erika Shields serves as the Chief of Police of the Louisville Metro Police Department. She was previously the 24th chief of police of the Atlanta Police Department from 2016 to 2020. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in international studies from Webster University and a master's degree in criminal justice from Saint Leo University.

Meeting Recap - March 25, 2021



The March 25th Rotary Club of Louisville Zoom meeting featured Dr. Nat Irvin II, author, innovator, futurist, teacher, composer and former radio and television commentator. His presentation focused on the strategic conversations regarding social, political, economic, technological and environmental trends and events that will drive the mid to long term future.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video used in Dr. Irvin's presentation.

Click [HERE](#) to watch Dr. Irvin's meeting presentation.

Upcoming Speakers

April 8	Sadiqa Reynolds	President & CEO	Louisville Urban League
April 15	Scotty Davenport	Basketball Coach	Bellarmine University
April 22	Mike Jones	CFO	UPS Airlines
April 29	Dale Romans	Trainer	Churchill Downs
May 6	Shannon Bishop Arvin	President	Keeneland
May 13	Ben Chandler	President & CEO	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
May 20	Susan Elkington	President	Toyota Kentucky
May 27	Jonathan Webb	Founder & CEO	AppHarvest
June 3	John Yarmuth	U.S. Representative	KY - District 3
June 10	Bill Carstanjen	CEO	Churchill Downs, Inc

Business Synergy Virtual Event April 13th at 5:30 p.m.





Fellow Rotarian Bruce Engelhardt will talk about veterans in the workplace: what they bring to the table and how to maximize results and avoid surprises with them. He will do this using the context of his experience as a career nuclear submariner in our Navy and his experience with all five services as a senior officer in the joint services arena and the pentagon. To register, click [HERE](#) or contact the Rotary office at 502-589-1800 or rotary@rotary45.org.

District 6710 Matching Gifts Campaign 2021



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Due to the generosity of several Rotarians, Rotary District 6710 is making a special offer to  double your points  toward receiving the distinguished Paul Harris Fellow designation (\$1,000 cumulative donation).

Give now to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Annual Fund-SHARE, from \$100 to \$2,000**, and your donation credit will be matched with donated points.

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Questions? Contact District 6710 Annual Fund Chair Mike Kull
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Rotary Areas of Focus: Where Your Gifts Go

Rotary is dedicated to seven areas of focus, to build international relationships, improve lives and create a better world, to support our peace efforts and end polio worldwide. Here are three:

- **Promoting peace:** Rotary encourages conversations that foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.
- **Fighting disease:** We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free healthcare in developing areas.
- **Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene:** We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation and hygiene to more people every day. Rotary doesn't build wells and walk away - we share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure these projects are sustained for the long term.

Learn about the other four areas next week!

Rotary International March Focus: Providing Clean Water and Sanitation



Rotary Club of Louisville Answers the Call for Uganda School

The Rotary Club of Louisville has long been engaged in partnering with international clubs and local communities to provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene -- basic necessities for health and wellbeing. Our Club's most recent project is a collaboration currently underway with the Rotary Club of Kampala Nsambya, Uganda to provide clean water and sanitation for *Life Mercy Day and Boarding Primary School, Kubuutu-Mudduuma, Mpidi* district. The project, scheduled for completion at the end of March, will provide the school and students restrooms and clean water through the installation of a drinking water purification system at the school cafeteria.

For more detail on the project, [click here](#), or contact Rotarian Cliff Elgin, Rotary Club of Louisville International Committee Member.

Meetings and Events

April 1st
[RCoL Zoom Mtg-John Walczak, Lou Zoo & Erika Shields, LMPD](#)

April 13th
[Virtual Business Synergy Experience- Admiral Bruce Engelhardt \(ret.\)](#)

April 22nd
[Lifeline Committee meeting](#)

April 29th
[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Dale Romans, Trainer, Churchill Downs](#)

May 11th
[Business Synergy event - Tour St. James](#)

April 8th
[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Sadiqa Reynolds, President, Lou Urban League](#)

April 15th
[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Scotty Davenport, Basketball Coach, Bellarmine](#)

April 22nd
[RCoL Zoom mtg-Mike Jones, CFO, UPS Airlines](#)

May 6th
[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Shannon Bishop Arvin, President, Keeneland](#)

May 13th
[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Ben Chandler,](#)

church (in-person)

May 20th

International Service Committee meeting

May 27th

Lifeline Committee meeting

President/CEO, Foundation Healthy KY

May 20th

RCoL Zoom Mtg-Susan Elkington,
President, Toyota KY (TMMK)

May 27th

RCoL Zoom Mtg-Jonathan Webb,
Founder/CEO, AppHarvest

Birthdays



Glenn A. Price Jr.
March 29th



Reanna Smith-Hamblin
March 29th



Steven R. Ragan
March 30th



Angie Bailey
April 2nd



Denise L. Sears
April 3rd



Nelson Auge
April 3rd



Elizabeth Malcom
April 4th



Graeme Donovan
April 5th



Erskine H. Courtenay III
April 6th



Marisa Midkiff Neal
April 6th



Nicole George
April 7th



Clyde K. Warner Jr.
April 7th



Michael L. Brumleve
April 9th



Abbreial Drane
April 9th



R. Lowell Pratte
April 9th



Christopher L. Bottorff
April 11th



Kathy Dehoney Evitts
April 12th

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