

# Rotary



## Club of Louisville

### Sparks Newsletter - March 8, 2021

Weekly Zoom Meeting - Register [HERE](#)

Thursday, March 11, 2021

11:30 am - Networking

11:40 am ⚡ Pre-meeting

12:00 pm - Meeting

### This Week's Speakers: Christy Holly, Head Coach & James O'Connor, Executive VP of Development, Racing Louisville FC



Christy Holly is an Irish football coach and former player who is currently the head coach of Racing Louisville FC in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL). Holly previously coached at NWSL club Sky Blue FC and Georgian Court University. To read more about Coach Holly, click [HERE](#).

James O'Connor is an Irish former professional footballer who is the current Executive Vice President of Development at Louisville City, overseeing the club's academy, USL, League Two team and NWSL affiliate scheduled to begin play in 2021. To read more about James O'Connor, click [HERE](#).

### Meeting Recap - March 4, 2021



The March 4th Rotary Club of Louisville Zoom meeting featured James Miller, department chair, Journalism and Communication magnet program, duPont Manual High School and his presentation "From Almost Abolished to Accolades & Awards: The Story of Manual's Journalism and Communication Magnet" James discussed the history of the J&C program at duPont Manual High School along with some of its successes and struggles. He also spoke about the scoop that led to the resignation of the Kentucky State Police Commissioner and a ⚡top to bottom⚡ review of state law enforcement training. Click [HERE](#) to watch the presentation.

## Upcoming Speakers

March 18	Jeana Dunlap	Community Investment Specialist	Louisville Coordinated Community Investment
March 25	Jerilan Greene	Global Chief Communications & Public Affairs Officer	Yum! Brands
April 1	John Walczak	Director	Louisville Zoo
April 8	Sadiqa Reynolds	President & CEO	Louisville Urban League
April 15	Scotty Davenport	Basketball Coach	Bellarmine University
April 22	UPS		UPS
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

## New Members - Welcome to the Rotary Club of Louisville!



Tawana Bain  
CEO  
TBAIN and Co.



Jeremy Vokurka  
General Contractor  
Miranda Construction

## Collecting Items for our Rotary Promise Scholars

We are continuing to collect items to make "goodie bags" for our Rotary Promise Scholars at Western and Iroquois High Schools. A big THANK YOU to those Rotarians who have already donated!

Needed items:

Miniature Candy Bars

\$10 gift cards for Heine Brothers coffee, Amazon/Target/Kroger, etc.

We will also need 4-5 volunteers to help fill the bags.

If you have any questions, please contact Rotary Promise Scholars chair, Walt Kunau at [wkunau@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkunau@bellsouth.net).

## Business Synergy Virtual Event March 16th at 5:30 p.m.

After being shot 12 times on the morning of Sept 6, 2018, in



Cincinnati, Ohio and miraculously living to tell about it, Whitney Austin, created Whitney/Strong. Join the conversation with Whitney about gun violence and find out what makes her organization's call to action so unique.

To register, contact the Rotary office at 502-589-1800 or [rotary@rotary45.org](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org).

## What is a Paul Harris Fellow?

Established in 1957, Paul Harris Fellow recognition goes to individuals who contribute - or have contributions made in their name - of \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation's Annual Fund, Polio Plus or an approved Foundation grant. Recognition consists of a certificate and a pin - and the thanks of Rotarians everywhere, for the work you help to support.

Paul Harris Fellow status can be given for someone other than you, using "Foundation Recognition Points" from your past donations - or a mix of points and dollars. Since its creation, over 1.6 million people have become Paul Harris Fellows, including such notables as past US President Jimmy Carter and polio vaccine developer Jonas Salk.

**Are you ready to join your fellow Rotarians, by financially supporting The Rotary Foundation? If you are, welcome aboard! And if you're already a Fellow, we thank you!**

## Events

March 8th

[Rotary Leadership Team Update Meeting](#)

March 11th

[RCoL Zoom Meeting-James O'Connor & Christy Holly Racing Louisville FC](#)

March 18th

[International Service Committee meeting](#)

March 25th

[Lifeline Committee meeting](#)

March 25th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Jerilan Greene, PA Officer, Yum! Brands](#)

April 8th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Sadiqa Reynolds, President, Louisville Urban League](#)

April 15th

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

April 22nd

[RCoL Zoom meeting - UPS Airlines](#)

March 11th

[Rotary Foundation Meeting](#)

March 16th

[Virtual Business Synergy Experience - Whitney Austin](#)

March 18th

[RCoL Zoom Meeting-Jeana Dunlap, Community Investment Specialist](#)

March 25th

[Rotary Foundation Meeting](#)

April 1st

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-John Walczak, Director, Louisville Zoo](#)

April 13th

[Virtual Business Synergy Experience- Adm Bruce Engelhardt \(ret.\)](#)

April 22nd

[Lifeline Committee meeting](#)

## Birthdays

[David Laird](#)  
March 8th

[Robert C. Ewald](#)  
March 8th

[Chris Teeley](#)  
March 10th

[Patricia W. Hart](#)  
March 11th



K. Norman Berry  
March 13th



Smith B. Bushong III  
March 15th



Michele R. Oberst  
March 16th



John H. Clark IV  
March 16th



Johnetta Roberts  
March 17th



Phillip L. Marshall  
March 20th



Clifford Ashburner  
March 22nd



Charles K. McClure III  
March 22nd



Brian Veeneman  
March 22nd



## Club Leaders



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President



Jean West  
President-Elect



John Jennings  
Vice President



Chris Whelan  
Secretary



Tony H. Coffey  
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iPast President



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Club Director



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