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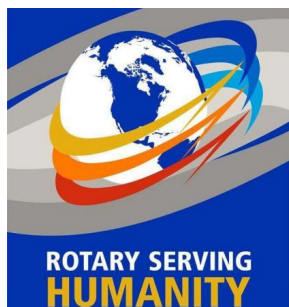
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## CLUB CALENDAR

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A GUEST TO ROTARY?**

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**APRIL 6**

Clay Cook  
Editorial and Advertising  
Photographer

**APRIL 13**

Heather French Henry  
KY Commissioner of Veteran  
Affairs

**APRIL 27**

Eric Gregory  
President, KY Distiller's  
Association

**MAY 18**

Ty Handy  
President & CEO, JCTC

## Birthdays

Glenn Price - Mar 29



## CHARLOTTE STITES, M.D.

Founder, Smoketown Family Wellness Center

**March 30 • Rotary Lunch Meeting**  
**Cochran Room • Galt House West**  
**11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting**

**Topic: ReThinking Healthcare**

**Charlotte Gay Stites, MD** is the founder of the Smoketown Family Wellness Center, an innovative healthcare startup in the heart of Smoketown, Louisville's first African American neighborhood. The nonprofit center will combine medical care for children with healthy lifestyle support for the entire family, partnering with parents and the entire Smoketown community to raise children to be healthy in mind, body and spirit. The Center is on schedule

to open in the fall of this year in the historic Presbyterian Community Center.

Dr. Stites is passionate about improving healthcare outcomes by focusing on prevention. She participated in Leadership Louisville's 2016 class of Bingham Fellows with the topic of "Empowering Citizens to Lead Healthier Lives." In 2016, she received the Physician Excellence in Community Health Award presented by Humana.

Prior to founding the Center, Dr. Stites was in private practice in Louisville for 15 years with Kaplan Barron Roth Lehocky, PSC and East Louisville Pediatrics, PSC. She completed her residency training in Pediatrics at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, OR, her medical degree at the University of Kentucky and her undergraduate degree in English from the University of Virginia. She is married and the proud mother of three.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 2017



**DAY AT THE DOWNS** - This year, the Rotary Club will be hosting its first exclusive and private Day at the Downs on Wednesday, May 3rd. Cost is \$125 per person, which includes a buffet-style lunch, private seating in the Stakes-Parlor room, and access to the 4th Floor viewing balconies on both trackside and above the paddocks.

To see another preview of the room, [CLICK HERE](#).

Registration now open. Please [CLICK HERE](#).

## MARCH 23 2017 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our **March 23rd** Rotary Lunch Meeting began early last week with a presentation that recognizes 50 local high school seniors who display leadership in academic and volunteer service settings. These "Unsung Heroes" joined the Rotary Club of Louisville and other Metro Louisville Rotary Clubs at our lunch meeting and were thanked for their hard work. Ben Reno-Weber, our

Reanna Smith-Hamblin - Mar 29  
Ralph Johanson - Mar 30  
Steve Ragan - Mar 30  
Aaron Walther - Mar 30  
Nelson Auge - Apr 3



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featured speaker, presented on the "Power of Story", sharing the idea that doing good through service activities is simply not enough.

The Unsung Heroes presentation can be seen [HERE](#).

A video of Ben's presentation can be seen [HERE](#).

A detailed look at our last meeting can be seen [HERE](#).

## MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

### Love the Hungry - New Member Celebration - March 28, 2017

It's almost time again to celebrate our new members and contribute to solving world hunger. You'll spend the evening with Rotarians and Guests preparing meals for the hungry abroad. Dinner is provided, and new members are given their membership pin and will be introduced. Rotarians and guest are \$30, new members are free. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



### "Aging Well" - 5th Thursday Health Program - March 30, 2017

We will be given a presentation describing the Age Friendly City of Louisville Program that will be announced on the morning of March 30th by the Mayor of Louisville's Office, The AARP of Kentucky, and the Institute of Sustainable Health and Optimal Aging of the UofL Kent School of Social Work.

This presentation will also explore aging and how we need to change our paradigm from one that promotes caregiving and disability, to one that promotes activity, living and being able to flourish as we age. Personal behaviors as well as environmental systems will be presented that can support this new paradigm of aging well.

We are fortunate to have Anna C. Faul, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Institute of Sustainable Health and Optimal Aging; and Joseph G. D'Ambrosio, JD, Ph.D., LMFT, Director of Health Sustainability, Institute of Sustainable Health and Optimal Aging.

Meeting to be held in the **COCHRAN Room (Galt House West) at 1:00pm.**

### Habitat for Humanity - Raise the Roof - April 26-28, 2017

The Lifeline Committee will join UPS to help Habitat for Humanity build a new home in the Portland neighborhood on April 26-28. Thanks to all who have signed up - we have now reached our volunteer goal and are fully staffed. If you are volunteering, please watch for email communication to verify your schedule. Contact [Mike Fallot](#) or [Jerry Martin](#) for more information.



### Rotary District 6710 Conference - Marriott, Downtown - May 19-20, 2017



Registration is now open for the District Conference!

- Begins May 19th, 1PM
- Concludes May 20th, 4PM
- Earlybird Registration Deadline/Hotel Deadline: April 20th

To register, click on the banner at the top of the [district website](#), which will prompt you to log in to DACDB. OR log in to DACDB and go to May on the event calendar tab.

[Click HERE](#) to make Hotel Reservations by April 20, 2017 in order to receive the discounted rate (\$145). Followed by Rotary International District



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### Scan Your Badge

It is important to always get your badge scanned when you attend a meeting. Thanks!

(\$145). Enter code: Rotary International District.

## Rotary Intl Atlanta Convention - June 10-14, 2017

Join District Governor Stuart Alexander and other Rotarians for the annual Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, June 10-14, 2017. A block of rooms has been reserved for Rotarians in District 6710. To register, visit [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org).



## Meeting and Event Sponsorship Packages

We are excited to have officially kicked off our meeting sponsorship program! In our goal to keep membership dues affordable while maintaining an extremely high quality membership experience, we invite your organization to sponsor an upcoming meeting. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information, [HERE](#) for a breakdown of our meeting sponsor benefits packages, and [HERE](#) for our event sponsor benefits.



## SPARKS, Website, and Display Wall Advertising

Do you want to increase your organization's visibility, promote an event, or lead customer's to your webpage? Consider purchasing an advertisement through our Communications Committee. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for information about our advertisement packages. Members with questions about advertising are encouraged to contact [Sherry Duffy](#).



## ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

### Newsworthy

**DONNA HARGENS** - Louisville Business First - Featured commentary in First Honors issue supplement; says that specialized academies in JCPS are good for students and workplaces looking for employees.

**KEITH KNAPP** - Louisville Business First - Recognized for being named to the Board of Directors at Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

### In Memoriam

**GEORGE MERRIFIELD** - Passed away March 13, 2017 - Obituary can be seen [HERE](#).

## ROTARY SERVICE PROJECTS SUMMARY

This year, our Club sponsored 27 service projects and approved \$105,000 in funding. Everything from providing scholarships to building water supply systems & solar arrays. Most of our projects are local and are focused on improving the quality of life for our homeless, foster reading for our preschoolers and supporting non-profit organizations. Also, several are international projects; installing micro-toilets in Ghana, sending medical supplies to Haiti and teaming up with the Lexington Rotary Club to provide solar systems to schools in India.

These are just a few examples of our Club's involvement along with dedicated members who share a passion for both community service and fellowship. We have done a lot over these past several months, but we still have a long way to go. **We want to thank our members for all the hard work the Club has done in the past and will do tomorrow.**

To learn more about these great projects, click [HERE](#) to see a financial summary and [HERE](#) for a summary of all the progress reports.