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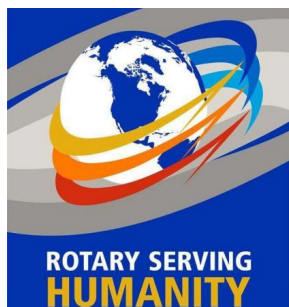
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## CLUB CALENDAR

**Want to Bring  
A GUEST TO ROTARY?**

Pre-register your guest at  
[www.louisvillerotary.org](http://www.louisvillerotary.org) and  
select the 'Make a Payment'  
button. Thank you!



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### MARCH 16

**Chuck Sgro**  
Habitat for Humanity House  
Construction Leader  
**Erica Hart**  
Habitat for Humanity  
Homeowner  
"Strength, Stability, and  
Self-Reliance Through  
Shelter"

### MARCH 23

**Unsung Heroes**  
Awards Program  
(11a - noon)  
**Ben Reno-Weber**  
Co Founder, Chief  
Storyteller, MobileServe  
(12:05p - 1p)

### APRIL 6

**Clay Cook**  
Editorial and Advertising



Louisville.

## JOEL CHRISTOPHER

Executive Editor of the Courier Journal

**March 9 • Rotary Lunch Meeting**  
**Archibald Room • Galt House West**  
**11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting**

**Topic: Newspapers are dying? Now that's some fake news!**

**Joel Christopher** joined the Courier-Journal, Kentucky's largest news organization, in December. He's been a journalist since 1995, beginning his career as a news and sports reporter in his native Wisconsin. Before arriving in Louisville, Christopher oversaw ten USA TODAY Network newsrooms in Wisconsin. He, his wife and his 4-year-old son live in Old

## 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 2 2017 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our **March 2nd** Rotary Lunch Meeting featured speaker Jerry Abramson, former White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. He outlined his experience as Louisville's longest working mayor, Lt. Governor of Kentucky and gave us insight into how the West Wing is run. In addition, we welcomed home Rotarian Lukas Dwelly, who recently finished a deployment in Djibouti, Africa.

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

## MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

### 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



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

Roy Williams - Mar 6  
David Garland - Mar 8  
Skip Miller - Mar 8  
Bob Ewald - Mar 8  
Micheal DeHart - Mar 10  
Patricia Hart - Mar 11  
K. Norman Berry - Mar 13



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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](#).



### **Rotary Promise Scholar Mentor Sessions - March 15, 2017**

A baseball enthusiast might suggest that we are rounding third and heading for home! It's time to mentor again Western HS. This session aims to build a bridge between identifying strengths, skills, and talents and actually preparing students to market those attributes through resumés and scholarship/job applications. Email [Walt Kunau](#) to sign up.

When: March 15, 2017 - 8:20am arrival

Where: Western High School, 2501 Rockford Lane, Shively, KY 40216 - [Google Map](#)

### **Food Literacy Project - Iroquois Farm - March 18, 2017**

Join in on the fun, learn how your food gets to your table, and help kids learn the impact of agriculture here in Kentucky. Attendees will help build a garden for the new farm. Other kid-friendly activities will be available. Please contact [Cherly Kersey](#) if you are interested in attending.



### **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 both abroad and at home. Dinner is provided, and new members are given their membership pin and be introduced. Rotarians and guest are \$30, new members are free. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



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

Join our Lifeline Committee in helping Habitat for Humanity by partially building a new home. Our volunteers will frame a house in one "Raise the Roof" weekend, currently scheduled for April 26-28. We will need roughly 60 volunteers, or about 15 per day to do the framing so the Habitat volunteers can complete the house. Members interested in volunteering for either half or full days should 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). Enter code: Rotary International District.

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## Member Database

[www.dacdb.com/rotary](http://www.dacdb.com/rotary)

## Club Website

[www.louisvillerotary.org](http://www.louisvillerotary.org)



Visit [M.dacdb.com](http://M.dacdb.com)

You can access our Club calendar, member contact info, and more anywhere anytime on your smartphone! It's more up-to-date than your membership roster.

## Scan Your Badge

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

## 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).



## ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

### Newsworthy

**KIM BAKER/AMBER HALLORAN** - Louisville Business First - Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts named #5 largest theater-style seating facility.

**RANDY COE** - Louisville Business First - Galt House Hotel named #8 largest theater-style seating facility.

**JOHN WALCZAK** - Louisville Business First - Louisville Zoo named #20 largest theater-style seating facility.

**BRAD WALKER** - Louisville Business First - The Brown Hotel named #40 largest theater-style seating facility.

## ACCESS YOUR ROTARY BOARD MINUTES

Ever wanted to see the decisions made by your Board of Directors each month? By logging into DACdb, you gain access to important Club documents such as our monthly minutes. Please follow these directions after logging in:

- 1) Click "Files" (grey - 1st Row)
- 2) Click "Club Files" (blue - 2nd Row)
- 3) Click 2016-2017 Board Meeting Minutes
- 4) Click on whichever file you want to review.

A picture version of these instructions are [HERE](#).