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ROTARY:
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CLUB CALENDAR

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAR 8

Jason Criss Howk
Infantry Paratrooper/Officer
1991-2015
Author
Topic: Understanding Islam

MAR 15

Mike Mountjoy
Chair Louisville City
Development & Butchertown
Development, LLC
Head Coach Jim O'Connor
Louisville City FC
Topic: New Stadium and
2018 Season

MAR 22

Unsung Heroes Program
Beth Malcom
KY YMCA Youth Association
Topic: Forget Tomorrow.
Youth Are the Leaders of
Today

MAR 29

Greg Yank
Rotary International Director
Topic: Rotary Foundation
Program

Birthdays

Greg Braun - Mar 2
Cheryl Kersey - Mar 4
Paul Oberst - Mar 5
Bob Ewald - Mar 8
Skip Miller - Mar 8



Jason criss Howk

US Army Major (retired)
Award Winning Author
March 8 • Rotary Lunch Meeting
4th Floor Loft • Frazier History Museum
11:30 Buffet • 12:10 Meeting

Title: "Understanding Islam"

Major (Retired) Jason Criss Howk teaches Islam and Middle East studies courses at three institutes including two within the Department of Defense and the US Intelligence Community. He is an author of numerous articles and scholarly works as well as the book "The Qur'an: A Chronological Modern English Interpretation." He specializes in explaining Muslim cultures to non-Muslims and has done so during dozens of discussions across the US. Jason holds an

MA in Middle East and South Asia security studies from the Naval Postgraduate School, was trained in Afghan-Farsi and Arabic at the Defense Language Institute, and is a Malone Fellow in Arab and Islamic studies.

Jason served over 23 years in the US Army conducting defense, diplomacy, intelligence and education missions around the globe. He worked closely with the Afghan government in Kabul and spent 12 years on the Afghanistan portfolio. He was an advisor to three senior generals in Afghanistan and helped create the Afghan Peace Process in 2010. After the Presidential Election, he advised the Trump Campaign on Middle East foreign policy and Islam as part of the bipartisan Presidential Transition Team. Jason speaks to non-Muslim Americans in order to decrease bigotry by countering the many myths and stereotypes about Muslims.

For a copy of Jason Criss Howk's biography of , click [HERE](#).

March 8th Menu

House Garden Salad
Home Style Meatloaf
BBQ Grilled Chicken Breast
Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy (on the side)
Country Style Green Beans (vegetarian)
Dinner Rolls
Cherry Cobbler
Sliced Fresh Fruit

ROTARY MEETING set-up

The Rotary office thanks you for your patience as we explore the best ways to manage logistics at the Frazier History Museum.

Parking-

There are several options for parking at our weekly meetings:

- Frazier Museum of History surface lot - 9th Street
- Louisville Slugger Parking Garage- 20 S. Eighth Street. Pick up a parking voucher from the Rotary registration table before leaving the meeting.
- FREE valet parking at the front door of the Frazier Museum of History
- TARC Zero Bus - FREE and convenient for Rotarians who work downtown

Committee Meetings-There are 2 conference rooms available at the Frazier for committee meetings on a limited basis. These rooms MUST be reserved in advanced and are subject to availability. Please contact the Rotary Office for the use of these rooms.



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4th Floor Loft - West Bay-This area is always available for your meetings, but pre-meeting set up, sound checks and musician warm ups can present noise problems. Please understand that these activities are vital to delivering a quality meeting and accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

Meet & Greets-Welcoming fellow Rotarians to the weekly meetings always provides your best opportunity to distribute information and/or recruit volunteers. Please conduct all "meet and greets" in the 1st Floor Lobby rather than outside the 4th floor elevator. This high traffic area must remain as clear as possible so our servers can make their way from the kitchen to the buffet and dining tables.

Leaving Early-The 9th Street elevator offers your best opportunity to leave quietly without disturbing the meeting. This elevator is located by passing the restroom and turning right down the hallway. A bowl for your name badge is on a table in the West Bay so you can skip the stop on the 1st Floor.

March 1, 2018 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our March 1st Rotary Club meeting featured **David A. Jones Sr.**, Co-Chair of SCALA (Steering Committee for Action on Louisville's Agenda.) SCALA is a new, non-profit organization created initially by David, Chuck Denny and Sandra Frazier. Approximately 75 business and community leaders are now part of SCALA. David indicated that SCALA is modeled after a similar organization in Nashville and its members are giving of their time and talent to improve the community. SCALA was born out of frustration with the loss of the proposed Wal-Mart in West Louisville. SCALA is initially focusing on three key areas: (1) education; (2) public safety; and, (3) improving

air service at Louisville International Airport. SCALA has developed working committees around each of these areas.

David also emphasized the importance of public schools and education. At present, 71% of African American students graduating from JCPS high schools are not proficient in reading. If Louisville is to thrive as a community and attract new investments and create new jobs, this must change.

A detailed summary of David's presentation and the meeting can be read [HERE](#).

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Mentors Needed for the Promise Scholars Program!

- March 7th at Iroquois High School from 8:30 am-9:30 am
- March 19th at Western High School from 8:45 am-9:45 am

For more information, please contact Walt Kunau at wkunau@bellsouth.net.

New Member + Business Synergy Reception

Reminder for Rotarians that are registered to attend the New Member + Business Synergy Reception! It will be held on Wednesday, March 7th from 5pm-7pm at the Omni Hotel - 400 South 2nd Street. Enjoy appetizers and a cash bar while fellowshiping with Rotarians and seeing Louisville's newest hotel!

Rotary Day at the Downs

Rotary Club of Louisville's "Day at the Downs" will be on Wednesday, May 2nd in the Stakes-Parlor Private Dining Room and Covered Patio. The patio features a private cash bar and expansive views of the track, paddock and downtown Louisville. NOTE: The Day at the Downs will serve as that week's Club meeting. We will not meet on Thursday, May 3rd.

Ticket price includes admission, racing program, Chef's Table Buffett, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Ticket prices are as follows:

- Young Professional Rotarians: \$125.00/ticket
- R-85s and R-120s: \$125.00/ticket
- PrePaid/Regular Club Membership: \$95.00/ticket
- Guests: \$125.00/ticket

A limited number of tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reserve your tickets by clicking [HERE](#) and a staff member from the Rotary Club office will contact you to collect payment. Tickets will be mailed to you once they are printed by Churchill Downs.

your membership roster.

Scan Your Badge

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

you once they are printed by our email system.

Derby Week festive attire is encouraged. No jeans, shorts or halter tops are permitted in the Stakes-Parlor Room.

We look forward to seeing you at the track on May 2nd!

Meeting and Event Sponsorship Packages

In our goal to keep membership dues affordable while maintaining a high-quality membership experience, we invite your organizations to sponsor an upcoming meeting.

For more information, please contact the Rotary Club of Louisville office at rotary@rotary45.org or 502-589-1800.



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Help Us Keep In touch!

Under the weather or know a club member who is? Please let us know. We want to let our members know we are thinking about them - especially if they will be out for an extended period. Contact the Rotary Club office staff or Larry Sloan at lsloan0033@yahoo.com.

shout outs!

Our Newest and Youngest Rotarian!

Please welcome our newest and youngest, future Rotarian, Helen Rodes Hart. She is the granddaughter of David James and the daughter of Emily Hart, both Rotarians. Helen was born on Feb. 20, 2018 at 2:11 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19.5 inches. Congrats to "Poppy" and Mom!

