

# Rotary



## Club of Louisville

### Sparks Newsletter - May 17, 2021

Weekly Zoom Meeting - Register [HERE](#)

Thursday, May 20, 2021

11:30 am - Networking

12:00 pm - Meeting begins

### This Week's Speaker: Susan Elkington, President, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. (TMMK)



#### Presentation Title: "Toyota Kentucky Helping Drive the Commonwealth Forward"

As Toyota Kentucky embarks on its 35th year of manufacturing in Kentucky, Susan Elkington will share her thoughts on the future of manufacturing in the Commonwealth. She will also share more on Toyota's commitment to workforce development and how the past year has reaffirmed its efforts to help improve communities across our state.

As president of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. (TMMK) since 2018, Elkington oversees an \$8 billion operation, which employs more than 10,000 people, and in a year, can produce as many as 550,000 vehicles and more than 600,000 engines. TMMK is Toyota's largest production facility globally, producing the Camry, Avalon, Lexus ES 350 (including hybrid versions of all three), and RAV4 Hybrid; plus, four-cylinder and V6 engines, in Georgetown, Kentucky.

To read Susan's entire bio, click [HERE](#).

### Pre-Meeting Conversation - 11:40 am

Please join us for conversation hosted by **Walt Kunau**, chair, Rotary Honors Scholars for a program update with **Rob Fulk**, principal, Iroquois High School.



## Meeting Recap - May 13, 2021



The May 13th Rotary Club of Louisville Zoom meeting featured Ben Chandler, President and CEO, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. In his presentation "Policy, partnerships and public health: Working to address the unmet health needs of Kentuckians," Ben detailed how building partnerships and developing influential policies would improve access to care as well as reduce disparities.

Click [HERE](#) to watch Ben's presentation.

## Upcoming Speakers

May 27	Jonathan Webb	Founder & CEO	AppHarvest	Zoom only
June 3	John Yarmuth	U.S. Representative	KY - District 3	In-person & Zoom
June 10	Bill Carstanjen	CEO	Churchill Downs, Inc	Zoom only
June 17	Dr. Jason Chesney	Director	Brown Cancer Center	In-person & Zoom
June 24	Brigitte Blom Ramsey	President & CEO	Prichard Committee for AcademicExcellence	In-person & Zoom

## We're back! In person meeting debuts June 3rd at new venue.



**New Venue.** Beginning on June 3, Savor at the River House will become our in-person meeting location, providing top-notch private gathering space, free on-site parking, valet service, high-quality food, and unobstructed viewing of speakers. An individually plated/served lunch will be offered for \$27 through an easy digital reservation paid one week in advance. You do not have to purchase lunch to attend a meeting.

**Hybrid Meeting Schedule.** Following all CDC guidelines, we will ease into in-person meetings, with limited seating. To ensure everyone has a seat at the table, we will continue to stream all meetings on Zoom.

**New Dues and Lunch Fee Structure.** The new meeting venue provides the opportunity for a fundamental change in our dues structure. No more pre paid lunches. Beginning in July, this new dues structure will be implemented:

Regular/Corporate Members - \$225/quarter (currently \$175)  
R85 - \$135/quarter (currently \$110)  
Emerging Leaders - \$100/quarter (currently \$110)

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Rotary office at 502-589-1800 or [rotary@rotary45.org](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org).

## Fellowship at the May 11th Business Synergy Event!



The May 11th Business Synergy event was "live and in person!" Rotarians and their guests met at Boom Bozz Pizza for networking and fellowship and then took a walk to the historic St. James Church. Phillip Hines, Director of Music, gave a tour and showcased the 1885 2200 pipe Pilcher/Webber organ.

Thank you to Mike Richardson, Vice Chair, Membership Development Committee for arranging this event!

## Successful Rotary Wild Lights and Dinner Zoo event!



Rotarians and guests gathered at the Louisville Zoo last Friday for the "Rotary Wild Lights and Dinner Zoo event." More than 60 attendees enjoyed a social hour and BBQ dinner prior to walking through the Zoo to see one of the largest lantern festivals in the nation featuring thousands of handcrafted silk-covered lanterns.

A special thank you to Kelly Burke, Chair, and Greg Braun, Vice-Chair, Social Committee for coordinating such a wonderful event!

## District 6710 Virtual Conference - Saturday, June 5th, 5:30 pm

Make plans to attend the District 6710 Virtual Conference on Saturday, June 5th at 5:30 pm. To learn more about the



conference, click [HERE](#). Registration is now open - click [HERE](#) to register.

## Business Synergy Event June 15th, 5:00 p.m.



The next Business Synergy event will be Tuesday, June 15th, at 5:00 pm. Come with us as we take a walking history and architectural tour of downtown Louisville with Dr. Tom Owen, former Louisville Metro Council member, local historian and tour raconteur. Tom's charm and knack for storytelling has made him a favorite in local media through the years. Meet at Sway (Hyatt Downtown) at 5:00 pm and then walk to 5th and Jefferson at 5:30 pm to begin the tour. To register, click [HERE](#) or contact the Rotary office at 502-589-1800 or [rotary@rotary45.org](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org).

## Do Large Grants Ever Take Place in North America?

Yes! Rotary Global Grants can fund large projects, scholarships, vocational teams here in the US or in Canada...or in any Rotary country/region. It's a fact that Rotary Foundation offers opportunities for large projects wherever there is need. Criteria must be met, and there have been and will continue to be large-scale projects in "developed" countries. Kentucky is home to some of the poorest counties in America.

**Is there a need we could address right here?**

### Meetings and Events

May 20th

[International Service Committee meeting](#)

May 27th

[Lifeline Committee meeting](#)

June 3rd

[Rotary Club Lunch Meeting - U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth](#)

June 10th

[Rotary Foundation Meeting](#)

June 15th

[Business Synergy event - Walking tour of Downtown Louisville](#)

June 24th

[Lifeline Committee meeting](#)

May 20th

[RCoL Zoom Mtg-Susan Elkington, President, Toyota KY \(TMMK\)](#)

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June 24th

[Rotary Club Lunch Mtg-](#)

June 26th  
Repair Affair (in person)

## Birthdays



George A. Brakmeier III  
May 17th



Kevin S. Wardell  
May 19th



Leroy F. Squires  
May 20th



Melissa A. Marvel  
May 21st



Karen Kurfees Buchanan  
May 21st



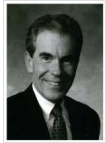
William K. Burke  
May 22nd



Robert W. Rounsavall III  
May 23rd



W. Kevin Smith  
May 23rd



Henry V. Heuser Jr.  
May 25th



Clark Orr  
May 26th



Carl Kihm  
May 26th

## Club Leaders



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Vice President



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