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CLUB CALENDAR



WHAT TO DO when you bring A GUEST to ROTARY

Pre-register your guest at the louisvillerotary.org website. Scroll down to the 'Make a Payment' button. Thank you!

Birthdays

The following birthday celebrants will be recognized at the May 26 Rotary meeting!

Bud Orr - May 26
Annette Grisanti - May 28
Debra Hoffer - May 30
Woody Northup - June 1



Upcoming Meetings

JUNE 2

David Ray

*"USSS in Age of Terrorism:
31 Years Protecting
Presidents"*

JUNE 9

Bob Hill & Brian Voelker



DAVID TALIAFERRO

Access Ventures, Director of Microfinance & Kiva Fellow
May 26, 2016 Guest Speaker

Title: The Importance of Microfinance "How Louisville is leveraging Kiva's online crowd-lending platform"

**Galt House West, Archibald Room, 3rd Floor
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting**

David is the Director of Microfinance at Access Ventures, an impact investment group located in Louisville, KY. He took the role in 2013 after spending seven years in the Energy and Mortgage industries. A shift to a career in microfinance came from a desire to innovate, utilize a broader set of natural skills, interest in local economies,

and entrepreneurial tendencies.

David became a Kiva Fellow in January of 2014 with the nonprofit organization called Kiva that crowdfunds micro-loans for entrepreneurs in the United States and around the world. His experience as a Kiva Fellow has been influential in the structuring of additional local loan pools, and reinforcing the importance of greater access to capital for communities to flourish. Beyond Access Ventures and Kiva, David is involved in the community ministries of his local congregation. He is married to Kelly, and they have two sons together. David graduated from Georgetown College in 2006, and has lived in Louisville ever since.

have you signed up yet?

get involved.
join a committee.

You should have received an email from President Elect Alice Bridges recently about the importance of joining a committee for the new fiscal year (beginning July 1). We are beginning with a clean slate for all committees, and you are requested to commit to at least one (or more) committees. A document

listing all committees with their descriptions and meeting schedules are at [THIS LINK](#) for your review.

If you haven't already done so, select your committee(s) at [THIS LINK](#).

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Repair Affair Project - May 14, 2016

Rotary's Repair Affair team completed a project on Saturday, May 14th at 2300 Rockford Lane, as part of the New Directions Housing Corporation's annual Repair Affair program.

Our team repaired the bannister for the stairs, installed a new lock on the front door, replaced a broken light fixture, repaired and painted a rusted security door, repaired and painted handrails, scrubbed and cleaned a portion of the exterior of the house, trimmed the bushes, and made minor repairs to the downspouts.

Thanks to Niels Ewing, Jerry Martin, Larry Sloan, Robert Chatham, Mike Fallot, and Ralph Johanson (pictured on right) for spending Saturday morning and being committed to



"Making the Waterfront
Botanical Gardens a Reality"

JUNE 16

Father Ron Knott

"Change is Inevitable, Growth
Intentional: Living
Deliberately, Consciously and
On Purpose"

JUNE 23

Warren Beeler

"Agriculture in Kentucky"

JUNE 30

Rotary Leadership
Turnover Extravaganza

JULY 28

Rotary 'EVENING' Meeting
at Germantown Mill Lofts

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Luke M. Schmidt

NORTON
HOSPITAL
Stephen Williams
Riggs Lewis
Matt Ayers


KOSAIR CHARITIES
Protecting the Most Precious Gift of All
Randy Coe


KentuckyOne Health
Ruth Brinkley
Alice Bridges
Rick Smith


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"Service Above Self!"



"Hike, Bike, and Paddle" - Memorial Day, May 30

Location: Waterfront Park at 9:45am



Please join your fellow Rotarians for a 15-mile bike ride from Waterfront Park to Shawnee Park and back at this year's Annual Subway Fresh Fit. Plan to gather at the Waterfront near the starting point at 9:45am so we can begin at 10:00am. This is not a race, so all are welcome to participate. Please wear your Rotary Bike Jersey if you have one and bring a helmet (these are required).

For more details, visit <https://louisvilleky.org/government/city-events/subway-fresh-fit-hike-bike-paddle> or email Julie Scoskie at Scoskie@aol.com.

2016 District Conference at Louisville Marriott East - June 10-11

Kevin Wardell, District Conference Chair



Kevin Wardell and his committee have planned for a great conference! This will be the largest District event of the year. Don't miss out!

The keynote speaker is Rotarian, author and motivational speaker Michael Angelo Caruso. Michael is a valued communication consultant to companies and organizations all over the world. [CLICK HERE](#) for a two-minute video. We look forward to

see many of you at the Louisville Marriott East on June 10-11. Noon is the start time on Friday, ending at 5:00 pm on Saturday.

Here's a link to register. You'll need to enter our District # '6710'. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

All Rotarians and guests will enjoy a fun-filled, educational day and a half, and there will be something of interest for all! The package price for reception and all meals and breaks is only \$129 for both days, and individual pricing for either Friday or Saturday is also available for those that can only join us for part of the excitement. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

Food Literacy Project - Volunteer Day is June 25 (9a-5p)

Location: Oxmoor Farm

Mark your calendar for June 25 and join fellow Louisville Rotarians as we spend a few hours at the Oxmoor Farm, assisting the unique and much needed Food Literacy Project (FLP) as they celebrate their Tenth Anniversary! This experiential education program engages young people in the life of the farm and the wonders of sustainable farming. Rotary volunteers will harvest from the farm, and make pizza using some of the vegetables they have just harvested.



Rotarians are asked to help in one two-hour shift. The time slots, directions and other details are on the flyer at [THIS LINK](#).

Or, you can sign up online. You'll be asked to enter our District #, which is 6710. Select your preferred two-hour timeslot to volunteer on June 25 at this [LINK](#).

MAY 19 MEETING RECAP

Eric Flack

The first Louisville Rotary Promise Scholars are graduating from high school, and we marked the occasion with a celebration at 11:30 am before our regular Rotary meeting on May 19. Nineteen (19) of the 31 seniors



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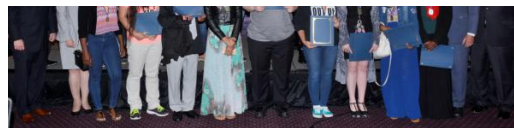
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from Western High School were able to join us to receive certificates and medallions signifying their success at meeting the requirements of 2.5 or better GPA, 90% attendance, and no major disciplinary problems. All are eligible to attend Jefferson Community and Technical College tuition-free, and 11 of the students are planning to enroll there. Michael Newman, principal at Western, announced that the program had helped change the culture at his high school. Since 2012, college readiness has increased from 24% to 60%; the graduation rate has increased from 70.8% to 80%; and while the college-going rate was 30%, now 60% of the senior class has already taken college coursework with the Early College Program.



President Greg Braun rang the bell at 12:05 to begin the regular Rotary meeting. Sydney Goetz (Sydney Goetz Architect) provided the invocation and Marty Walthers (R H Clarkson Insurance Group) led the pledge of allegiance and Rotary 4-Way Test. Guests were welcomed, and birthday celebrants were recognized and invited to enjoy ice cream. Next week's May 26 Rotary meeting will be in Grand Ballroom A with guest speaker David Taliaferro, Kiva Fellow and Director of Microfinance at Access Ventures. His presentation topic is: The Importance of Microfinance – How Louisville is leveraging Kiva's online crowd-lending platform.

For the meeting minutes in their entirety, [Click Here](#). Access a few Rotary Promise Scholarship documents at these links: [Fact Sheet](#) / [Medallion & Certificate](#) presented to WHS students / [Donors](#) / [Recognitions](#)

STAY IN TOUCH

Contact Members While They Are Away

TJG Lukas Dwelly began his year term of U.S. Navy service in Djibouti, Africa. His address is:

Lukas Dwelly
PSC 831, BOX 4905
FPO AE 09363

If you would like to send anything to Lukas, his request is: "Please do not send me any contraband or food. Boxes are x-rayed here and the food will melt. Also, do not put Djibouti or Camp Lemonnier on the address - I will not receive the packages. Normal mail is about four weeks. Priority mail is around 2 weeks. The country address is United States if asked. My wish list are koozies, t-shirts from different parts of the country (size L) and paperback/soft cover books on Marine and Naval history, the Middle East/Islam and the South." [Click Here](#) to access Lukas' entire message.

Check out [THIS VIDEO](#) from Luke provided by Past President Randy Coe.

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Submit Candidates for '2015-16 Rotarian of the Year'

We need your help to recommend a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville who clearly stands out in demonstrating "Service Above Self", and who has a commitment to the Four-Way Test in business or professional life, in Rotary and civic activities. He/she should be an outstanding club member who, over the recent past, has made significant contributions to the mission and operation of our club, and to one or more avenues of Community or International Service.

Please complete [THIS FORM](#) and send to rotary@rotary45.org **before June 2**. If you have any questions, contact the Awards Committee Chair, Julie Schmidt: jschmidt@ket.org / 502-589-3538 or 502-445-2699.



ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

your phone's browser.

Scan Your Badge

Be sure your badge is scanned
when you attend a meeting.

Thanks!

Congrats to ...

- **Jean West Losavio** - Thanks to Rotary, the last polio case was reported in 2011. Jean is reporting on the last children infected by polio being cared for by the Sisters of Charity headquartered in Bardstown, Kentucky. She is shown in the photo at right in Bangalore, India, holding up our Club banner. View a video clip of Jean in India posted on May 20 on our Club's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubofLouisville/>



- **Barbara Sexton Smith** - With 65% of the votes, Barbara easily won the race for Metro Council, District 4.

- **John Conrad III** - Named to Board of Directors for Wesley Manor Retirement Community.

- **James Murphy** - Named to Board of Directors for The Morton Center.
