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**Rotary**  
Club of Louisville



**SPARKS News**

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#### CLUB CALENDAR



#### **WHAT TO DO when you bring A GUEST to ROTARY**

Pre-register your guest at the [louisvillerotary.org](http://louisvillerotary.org) website. Scroll down to the 'Make a Payment' button. Thank you!

#### **Birthdays**

*The following birthday celebrants will be recognized if they attend Rotary on June 2!*

Steve Jester - June 2  
Bob Mackin - June 2  
Bill Schneider Jr. - June 2  
Jim Wagner - June 3  
Brooks Wicker - June 7  
Jerry Greenwell - June 8



#### **Upcoming Meetings**

**JUNE 9**

**Bob Hill & Brian Voelker**  
*"Making the Waterfront  
Botanical Gardens a Reality"*



#### **DAVID RAY**

Retired United States Secret Service  
June 2, 2016 Guest Speaker

**Topic - USSS in Age of Terrorism: 31 Years Protecting Presidents**

**Galt House East, Grand Ballroom B, 2nd Floor  
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting**

A native of Louisville, David graduated from Centre in 1959 with a degree in business administration. He immediately began a promising career with the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, but by 1964 a desire for a little more adventure became irresistible. He contacted a friend and fellow alumnus, J. Frank Yeager, who had joined the U.S. Secret Service, and soon he had embarked on a whole new life.

David quickly established himself as a rising star in the Service. He was assigned to protect Richard Nixon during the 1968 campaign. He followed President Nixon to the White House, serving there until the end of the Nixon presidency, including accompanying the Nixon family home to California on Air Force One following Mr. Nixon's resignation. He continued to serve on Presidential and Vice-Presidential details, work that took him to more than fifty countries. But he also took on other duties, including the Dignitary Protection Division. In this role, he coordinated security for the 1978 Camp David Summit between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and President Jimmy Carter. He later .... [\(more here\)](#)

#### **MAY 30 IS MEMORIAL DAY**



See special **Memorial Day** message from Lukas Dwelly further below in this newsletter.

Important info/requests from the Lifeline Committee:

**Please plan for Tuesday, June 7, at 9:15 pm to join others at Standiford Field to welcome home 84 veterans as they return from an 'Honor Flight of the Bluegrass'!** These are special flights when volunteers take veterans (80% WWII / average age is 92+) to visit their service memorials in Washington, DC. This is always a moving, unforgettable experience to cheer and welcome these wonderful veterans as they return to Louisville.

**A second way you can demonstrate your thanks and appreciation to veterans is to write a card or letter and deposit it into the collection box at the June 2 Rotary meeting.** These cards and notes are distributed to the veterans as they board the plane to come home after an exhausting day in DC. Please encourage other family members to write cards/letters that you can submit at this Thursday's meeting. (FYI: Indicate on the envelope whether it's for a WWII Vet or Korea War

JUNE 16

Father Ron Knott

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

JUNE 23

Cynthia Knappek

*"Leadership Louisville -  
Creating Future Community  
Leaders"*

JUNE 30

Rotary Leadership  
Turnover Extravaganza

JULY 28

Rotary 'EVENING' Meeting  
at Germantown Mill Lofts

L.B. Schmidt & Associates, LLC

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**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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Greg Braun • President  
Alice Bridges • President-Elect  
Kevin Wardell • Past President  
Dick Brien • Vice President  
Ken Middleton • Vice President  
Luke Schmidt • Secretary

Vet.) Thank you!

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

**Together  
we  
make  
the  
difference**

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.

**JOIN A  
COMMITTEE**

Many have selected your committees, and we appreciate it. But if you have procrastinated, it's not too late. Please select your committee(s) at [THIS LINK](#) before June 2. Thank you!

## MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

**2016 District Conference at Louisville Marriott East - June 10-11**  
Kevin Wardell, District Conference Chair



Join District Governor Mike Kull and District Conference Chair Kevin Wardell for a great conference! This will be the largest District event of the year. Don't miss it!



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 26 MEETING RECAP

**David Taliaferro**

President Greg rang the bell to begin

Executive Director  
Tom Bohnert • Treasurer

### Club Directors

Muhammad Babar, MD  
Barry Barker  
Mary Michael Corbett  
Lukas Dwelly  
Tracy Holladay  
John Jennings  
Mac McClure  
Michael Ray Shackelford

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### Administrative Assistants

Jonathan Wysong  
Jennifer Pierce

### Member Database

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

### Club Website

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



### Access Members on Your Smartphone

Access the Club calendar, member contact info and more, anywhere anytime on your smartphone, for the most up-to-date info. Go to: [M.DACDB.COM/ROTARY](http://M.DACDB.COM/ROTARY) on your phone's browser.

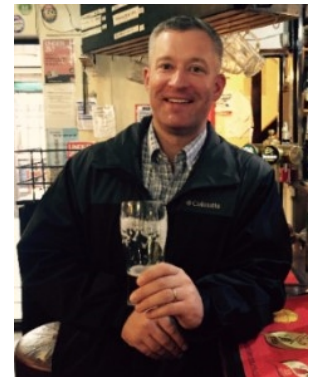
the May 26 meeting in the Archibald Room. Mark Trier provided a special Memorial Day invocation, and Gwen Mooney led the Pledge of Allegiance and Rotary 4-Way Test. Guests were introduced and welcomed, and Greg announced that Barry Denton will be at the 'What is Rotary' table to introduce prospective members to Rotary. Next week's meeting will be in Grand Ballroom B with guest speaker David Ray, retired U.S. Secret Service. The topic will be 'USSS in Age of Terrorism: 31 Years Protecting Presidents'. President Greg then recognized and thanked Rotarians Mike Fallot, Niels Ewing, Jerry Martin, Larry Sloan, Robert Chatham and Ralph Johanson who volunteered at Repair Affair on May 14. A video of Jean West Losavio to Rotarians about her story on polio that she is working on in India. [CLICK HERE](#) for the rest of the meeting details.



## MESSAGE FROM ROTARIAN LUKAS DWELLY

### Memorial Day message from Lukas Dwelly

Hello from Djibouti, Africa this Memorial Day. A lot has happened since I last wrote. I spent a week in Stuttgart, Germany attending a course to learn how to better work with our foreign partners. Germany was nice but nothing compared to getting to spend a week in Molesworth, England earlier this month. Located just over an hour outside London, I made the most of my time off. I visited Cambridge, St. Neots, and spent a few late nights in London doing the normal tourist stuff. I talked to every person that would carry on a conversation. From cab drivers, to bartenders and random Brits, I asked about the culture, current events and where the best places to visit that are located off the tourist map. Interestingly, everywhere I went folks wanted to talk politics, so I obliged learning a lot about European attitudes towards the U.S. [CLICK HERE](#) to access Lukas' entire Memorial Day message.



Lukas is serving a one-year term of U.S. Navy service in Djibouti, Africa. If you would like to send anything to him, please note his request: "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." His address is:

Lukas Dwelly

PSC 831, BOX 4905  
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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](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org) before **June 2**. If you have any questions, contact the Awards Committee Chair, Julie Schmidt: [jschmidt@ket.org](mailto:jschmidt@ket.org) / 502-589-3538 or 502-445-2699.



## ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS



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## Scan Your Badge

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

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**Kevin Wardell** - Named Secretary-Treasurer of Leadership Louisville.

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

**Jim Murphy** - Named to Board of Directors at The Morton Center.

**Alice Bridges** - President  
Elect Alice Bridges and  
husband Barry spent  
several days in Japan en  
route to the Rotary  
International Convention in  
Seoul, South Korea.



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## MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

President Elect Alice Bridges: "Member engagement is key to the vitality of our Club. This survey feedback will help guide our efforts as we join together to do good in our community and world."

Thanks to the 130 members who participated in the 2016 membership engagement survey! Your feedback will help the Club's leadership shape future plans to meet your needs and bring the most value for your investment. Here are some highlights of the results:



- 77% are satisfied with membership in our Rotary Club and 86% feel welcome. Moreover, nearly 90% are proud to be a member!
  - Members believe Club meetings are a good use of time and rate them highly for length and quality of speakers and programs.
  - 87% see our service projects as worthwhile and making a difference in the community and world, but only 63% participated in a project this year.
  - Communications are well regarded with a preference for receiving information via emails and Sparks, and at club meetings.
  - Calendars and competing commitments are a challenge to participation. About 35% said they frequently participate in the Club's activities, projects, and programs, with "other commitments that compete for my time" having the greatest impact on the decision to take part.
  - Almost 65% said the club dues/lunch fees are "just right" while more than 32% said they were too high.
  - Fewer than 43% agree they've invited qualified prospects to join, presenting a big opportunity to engage members in meeting goals for growth.
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