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CLUB CALENDAR

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

JUNE 1

Heather French Henry
KY Commissioner of Veteran
Affairs

JUNE 8

Highlighting Leadership
Fellows
Ankar Gopal
President, Interapt

JUNE 15

Juva Barber
President, Kentuckians for
Better Transportation

JUNE 29

Rotary Leadership
Changeover Meeting

JULY 6

Rob Samuels
President, Maker's Mark



MARY ELLEN WIEDERWOHL

Chief, Louisville Forward

May 25 • Rotary Lunch Meeting
Archibald Room • Galt House West
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

Mary Ellen Wiederwohl joined Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer's administration in 2012, and in 2014, Fischer tapped her to lead Louisville Forward – the city's new, integrated approach to economic and community development.

Louisville Forward combines business attraction, expansion, and retention activities with all of the city's real estate functions and talent development to present a unified solution for job growth and quality of place. Louisville Forward has been named a Top Ten Economic Development Organization three times (2014, 2015, 2016) by Site Selection Magazine, the leading trade publication for economic development, with announced projects totaling over \$3.7 billion of investment and more than 18,000 new jobs over the last three years.

She has provided leadership for several of Mayor Fischer's major initiatives, including his Strategic Plan, the Vision Louisville 25-year advanced plan, the Move Louisville strategic multi-modal transportation plan, the city's first sustainability plan, the Global Louisville Action Plan and the Vision Russell Initiative, which recently won a HUD Choice Neighborhoods implementation grant. Before joining the Fischer administration, Mary Ellen worked in public affairs in both the public and private sectors.

MAY 18 2017 - RPS PROGRAM & MEETING RECAP



Last Thursday, our club recognized the first Rotary Promise Scholars graduating from Iroquois High School and the second class from Western High School. Eighty-two students qualified (43

Distillery

JULY 13

Mark Carter
CEO, Passport Health

JULY 27

Hal Heiner
KY Cabinet Secretary for
Education and Workforce
Development

AUG 17

Dennis Berman
Financial Editor, Wall Street
Journal; Joint Meeting with
FEI

Birthdays

Kevin Smith - May 23
James McArthur - May 23
John Keith - May 23
Robert Rounsavall - May 23
Henry Heuser Jr. - May 25
Otto Feddern - May 25
Clark Orr - May 26
Annette Grisanti - May 28



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from iroquois and 39 from Western) and most were able to attend! Rotarian mentors presented medallions and certificates to the students in a special program at 11 o'clock.

During our regular meeting, we celebrated their achievement as a group and heard their principals described the impact on their schools. We also recognized our education partners (JCTC, JCPS, U of L, IUS), our major donors, and our Rotary Promise club leaders. Several of the Rotary Promise Scholars from last year who are attending JCTC and U of L joined us as special guests.

Dr. Ty Handy, president of JCTC, spoke about "Fulfilling the Promise" which was timed to coincide with a column he contributed ([link](#)) to the Courier-Journal. We also premiered a special video ([link](#)) produced by Rotarian Ashley Brauer, Senior Account Executive at Guthrie-Mayes, with comments from several students and mentor coordinator, Walt Kunau.

Our Rotary Club and JCTC created a pool of \$1 million per school to assure free tuition for each of the students who choose to attend JCTC. The University of Louisville and Indiana University Southeast will then offer scholarships for eligible Rotary Promise Scholars who graduate from JCTC and enroll to pursue a bachelor's degree.

For more pictures of the RPS Program, [CLICK HERE](#). For a video of the RPS Program, [CLICK HERE](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) for detailed notes and [HERE](#) for a video of our regular Rotary meeting.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

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.



Rotary Night at the Zoo - June 13th, 2017

Bring in the summer with an exclusive look at the Zoo's Island exhibit, which features the elusive Sumatran tiger. A BBQ Dinner will be served and we will have a cash bar. Cost is \$35 per attendee.

Event is Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00pm-9:00pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to Register.



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 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.



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ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

Newsworthy

DICK CLAY - Lane Report - Dick was recently appointed to the board of directors for Wilderness Louisville, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of Jefferson Memorial Forest.

TY HANDY - Louisville Business First - a new manufacturing-gearred pilot program at JCTC

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LOUISVILLEROTARY - Louisville Business First - A new manufacturing geared pilot program at JCEC graduates 10 students. The goal is to fill high-demand, mid-level manufacturing jobs with local talent.

TRACY HOLLADAY - Courier Journal - Cabbage Patch Settlement House introduces new "Seed-to-Table" program, which was put in place to provide produce to struggling families.

JOHN WALCZAK - Courier Journal - New additions to the Louisville Zoo were profiled - included are maned wolf pups, 2 warhogs, and a sea eagle.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6710 - CONFERENCE RECAP

May 20th marked the end of the 2017 Rotary District 6710 Conference. We are happy to report the following awards given to the Rotary Club of Louisville:

Best Newsletter
Club of the Year
Star Status Achievement
District Rotarian of the Year - Kevin Wardell



Congrats to Kevin and the Rotary Club membership for this year's achievements!

ROTARY MEETING PREP - WALL STREET JOURNAL

Joint meeting - Rotary and FEI invite Dennis Berman of the WSJ to speak!

Dennis K. Berman is Business Editor of The Wall Street Journal, overseeing the staff and coverage of business around the globe. He also writes a column, "The Game," which covers the future of business. Berman was previously deputy bureau chief for Money & Investing, helping oversee the Journal's financial coverage during the 2008-2009 financial crisis and rebuilding its presence on WSJ.com. Prior to that he was Global Deals Editor, responsible for leading the Journal's coverage of mergers, private equity, and bankruptcy.

For four years, Mr. Berman was the Journal's mergers and acquisitions reporter, breaking news on a series of large deals, including Bank of America's purchase of Merrill Lynch, AT&T's purchase of BellSouth, Sprint's purchase of Nextel, and Federated Department Stores' purchase of May Department Stores. In 2007, he launched Deal Journal on WSJ.com, now one of the site's most popular destinations.

He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, is a media fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and is a Kentucky Colonel.

Dennis' topic: "The State of the U.S. economy...The Future in 21 Enlightening, Scary, and Provocative Charts"