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# **CLUB CALENDAR**

#### Want to Bring A GUEST TO ROTARY?

Pre-register your guest at www.louisvillerotary.org and select the 'Make a Payment' button. Thank you!



#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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 Distillery

## **JULY 13**

Mark Carter



# **Heather French Henry**

**KY Commissioner of Veteran Affairs** 

June 1 • Rotary Lunch Meeting Grand Ballroom C • Galt House East 11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

"The Mission of KY Dept. of Veteran Affairs & KY WW1 Centennial Commemoration"

**Heather French Henry** has been serving our military veterans and their families for over 20 years. As the daughter of a Vietnam Veteran from the Marine Corps. Heather was directly impacted by her father's service and his difficult transition coming home. When Heather became Miss America she travelled the country sharing her family's story to advocate for greater

partnerships between community based organizations and government to help assist in homeless, housing, and healthcare needs facing our veterans and their families. She worked closely with members of Congress and Senate to establish groundbreaking legislation to create new opportunities for community outreach in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Heather served as the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs under Gov. Beshear and today serves as the Deputy Commissioner for Governor Matthew Bevin. She is married to Dr. Stephen Henry, notable trauma orthopedic surgeon and former Lt. Governor of KY. The Henry's have two children, Harper and Taylor. They reside in Louisville, KY.

For a more in depth bio of Heather, please click <u>HERE</u>.

# MAY 25 2017 - ROTARY MEETING RECAP



Our May 25th Rotary meeting featured Mary Ellen Wiederwohl, Cheif of the Louisville Forward program of the Louisville Metro Government. Mary Ellen outlined her programs goals of making Louisville an economic powerhouse that attracts people through job availablity, cultural and social outlets, and overall affordability. She cited that Louisville's highly ranked spots on many top cities lists, as well its healthy MSA population that helps the city obtain federal funding are two of the reasons that Louisville Forward is successful.

#### **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**

Debra Hoffer - May 30 Penny Peavler - May 31 Woody Northup - June 1 Bill Schneider - June 2 Steve Jester - June 2 Robert Mackin - June 2 James Wagner - June 3



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A more detailed look at last week's meeting can be read HERE.

# 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 <u>www.riconvention.org.</u>



#### 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. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information, <u>HERE</u> for a breakdown of our meeting sponsor benefits packages, and <u>HERE</u> for our event sponsor benefits.



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# ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

## Newsworthy

**KIRK ALLIMAN** - Kentucky Monthly Magazine - Featured story in May issue of Kirk's latest 722 mile trip accross 33 Kentucky counties to taste 69 different kinds of pies.

**DANIEL SWINTOSKY** - Louisville Business First - Panelist in discussion of the current state of the contruction industry. He notes lots of positive growth in Louisville construction and cites different ways companies like his are working to attract and retain new talent.



Rotarians at the Hike, Bike, and Paddle 2017 event. From left: Stew Byrne, John Anderson, Julie

Theresa Raidy

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Jonathan Wysong

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## Scan Your Badge

It is important to always get your badge scanned when you attend a meeting. Thanks! Scoskie, Henry Heuser Jr., and Ray Schumann

# **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 Acheivement Distrist 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"