

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

I hope you are taking a minute to pull up your calendars and add upcoming meetings, events and service opportunities before the time gets filled with other activities. I just signed up to donate blood at the first Louisville Rotaract blood drive! You will have three opportunities in March; if you can't donate, you can still volunteer.

New in this issue:

- Welcome New Members
- duPont Manual Students Attend Rotary
- ITHF Hosting Experience: A Journey Through Uganda
- New Member Service Project at SOS
- Rotary Wine Swap Party
- First Annual Louisville Rotaract Club Blood Drive



Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll for details):

- Serve dinner at Re:Center Ministries: January 22 (4th Wednesday of each month)
- Mentor Rotary Honors Scholars at WHS and IHS: monthly, see below for dates
- Pack supplies with new members at SOS: February 12
- Assist with Rotary Speech Contest: March 5
- Donate blood or volunteer at upcoming Interact (March 5 & 12) and Rotaract (March 19) blood drives

Committee Meetings:

- Lifeline: 1/23 at 11:00 a.m.
- Service Projects & Grants: 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.
- Public Image: 2/3 at TBD (virtual)
- DEI: 2/6 at 10:30 a.m.

[Visit our website](#) to read about Rotarians in the Spotlight and member organizations' Events and Opportunities.

Rotarians in the Spotlight:

- Mark Kull
- Rensha Allen

Events and Opportunities:

- Memorial Reception for Barry Barker: January 25
- OSHN Neighborhood Networking Connection: January 30
- 2025 State of Downtown: March 27

In service,

Deleene E Taylor

Executive Director

January 23rd Meeting: Dr. Ty Handy, JCTC



The January 23rd meeting at the University Club will feature **Dr. Ty Handy**, President of JCTC.

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is roasted turkey breast; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by Monday, January 20th [HERE](#).

There is a \$5 meeting fee for those who choose not to purchase a meal - this will include a dessert and tea/coffee/water and, of course, a fantastic program. You can pay \$5 cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card.

Click Read More to view Speaker Bio: [Read More](#)

Mayor Greenberg's Annual State of the City Address to Rotary

Plan to join us on January 30 at The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts for the annual **Mayor's State of the City Address** to Rotary. Lunch will begin at 11:00 am in the lobby; the program will begin at 11:45 am in the Bomhard Theatre.

This event will SELL OUT. Register [HERE](#) by Thursday, January 16; those who RSVP after that date will be added to the waiting list and notified if/when space becomes available.

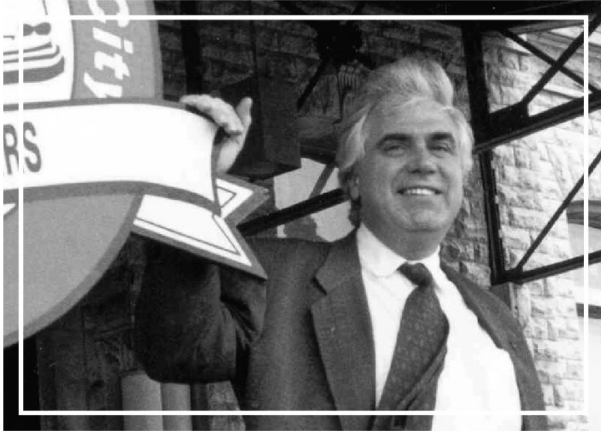
Our Music & Arts Committee has arranged special performances to kick off the program:

A Magical Overture of the Arts will feature Kentucky Opera's Brennan Blankenship and Pianist Eileen Downey who will perform the aria "I Want Magic" from the opera *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Louisville Ballet's Sarah Bradley and Khalil Jackson will perform excerpts from *Le Corsaire Pas de Deux*, accompanied by the Louisville Orchestra's Teddy Abrams on the piano.



Memorial Reception for Barry Barker: January 25

Please save the date and plan to attend this memorial reception for beloved past president **Barry Barker**.



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

J. Barry Barker

APRIL 20, 1951 - DECEMBER 2, 2024



MEMORIAL RECEPTION

Saturday, January 25

3:30–6:00 pm

Whitehall Mansion

3110 Lexington Rd, Louisville, KY 40206

January 16th Meeting Recap

The January 16th meeting at the University Club featured speaker Corenza Townsend with Norton West Louisville Hospital. **Claire Arnold** shared the invocation and **Anne Marie Zwerg** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. **Matt Ayers** introduced Corenza. We inducted three new members, and welcomed many guests - including students from duPont Manual High School. Scroll down for those stories.



You can view the recording on our [YouTube channel](#). Provide feedback about the meeting [HERE](#).

Welcome New Members

At this week's meeting, Membership Chair **Jay Mallory** inducted and we welcomed three new members, who were pinned and introduced by their sponsors: **Darrell Fuller** (Lori Flanery), **Heidi Potter** (Kevin Lynch), and **Holli Turner** (Evon Smith).



Click [Read More](#) to read their introductions: [Read More](#)

duPont Manual Students Attend Rotary

We welcomed several students from duPont Manual High School to our meeting this week, thanks to an invitation from **Maggie Harlow**, who spoke to their Business Club recently. They have expressed interest in starting an Interact Club, which would be fantastic.

Thank to Rotarians **Alan Singleton** with [AgriFinancial](#) and **Dave Pankotai** with [Seven Counties Services](#) for stepping up to sponsor the student table.

You may recall that we had two tables of students from Silver Creek High School Academy of Business & Finance visit last September.



Jennifer Glaser will be bringing another class of students on February 27th. If you would like to sponsor (\$200) or co-sponsor (\$100) a table, please let me know. You get to sit with the students, your name/logo will be on the table sign, and you will be featured in

that week's issue of Sparks.

You can also purchase a single student meal to allow a student to attend a future meeting at no cost. You can do that anytime via the link in the weekly SurveyMonkey sign-up form or click [HERE](#).

ITHF Hosting Experience: A Journey Through Uganda

By Rick Harned



In October 2022, Rotary [International Travel and Hosting Fellowship](#) member Andy Ullman visited Uganda, hosted by fellow ITHF member Rosette Nabuuma. Join their upcoming Zoom presentation to discover:

- How they connected through ITHF
- The exciting adventure activities they experienced, including a visit to the source of the Nile River, chimpanzee tracking in the wild, and a thrilling safari
- The Rotary and other service projects that emerged directly from this hosting experience

Register in advance for the Zoom meetings:

Friday, January 24, 9:00 pm - click [HERE](#)

Saturday, January 25, 11:00 am - click [HERE](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Learn more [HERE](#).

Rotary Wine Swap Party: March 14

By Jeff Underhill

Save the date for our next Wine Swap Party and watch for the registration link soon.

Wine Swap Party

March 14, 6:00 pm

Home of Jeff & Mo Underhill
3185 Lexington Rd
Louisville, KY 40206

\$15 per person (limit 40)
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
Cocktail/casual attire

Bring 2 identical bottles of wine per couple (value ~\$20), one for sampling and one for someone to take home.

Hosted by the Social Activities Committee



New Member Service Project at SOS: February 12

By Jay Mallory

Our next new member service project at SOS, 1500 Arlington Avenue will be Wednesday, February 12th from 5:30-7:30pm. For those of you that have attended, feel free to come back. For those of you that

have not made it, I hope you are able to, as this is a fantastic opportunity to give back and meet some of your fellow Rotarians. Come ready to have some fun, pack medical supplies, and you might even shed a tear when you learn about how this fantastic organization is changing people's lives.



Thank You, Rotary Club!
Together we are creating a world of Health & Hope

Hello Delena,
The team at SOS wants to thank you for taking the time to volunteer at our headquarters. Your group helped SOS so that we can now help send life changing and life saving supplies worldwide. Thank you so much for all the help you provided.

You helped us saved 2,400 bottle nipples and 2,000 mesh briefs and prepare them to be packed on our next 2 OB-GYN pallets on that will go on to impact over 1,000 lives. These supplies would have gone on to the landfill, but instead you have them a second life and the power to go on and save a life.

The next 2 containers that will receive OB-GYN containers are our Zambia container and our Benin container. We have also very recently sent supplies to Senegal that is currently on its way!

We look forward to having you again to volunteer and we hope to stay connected with each of you.

Please know that the time you gave is truly changing and saving lives.

Sincerely,
Sarah Mayer
Volunteer Manager

[Read More](#)

First Annual Louisville Rotaract Club Blood Drive: March 19


By Linda Bartrom-Moore

January 13th was the first in-person meeting of our Louisville Rotaract Club. We discussed the clothing drive and continued to finalize our rules as an addendum to our constitution. March 19th will be our first annual Rotaract blood drive. If you plan that far ahead, please add it to your calendar. We would love to have you come over to campus to donate! You can sign up [HERE](#).


Note: you can also sign up for our Interact Club spring blood drives - click [HERE](#).

Shout out to Dr. Green and Renecia Davis of U of L, who have done so much to support our club and, of course, to Rick Harned, whose guidance for me on all things "Rotary" is much appreciated.

[Read More](#)



SHARE YOUR LUCKY CHARM.



Give blood for those in need.



Blood Drive
University of Louisville
Rotaract Club

College of Business - Drummond Executive Center
110 W Brandeis Ave
Louisville, KY 40208


Wednesday, March 19, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

14.5 million units of blood are needed each year in the U.S.
Your donation matters to hospital patients.

Go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: UofLRotaract
or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment today!



Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.



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Re:Center Ministries Meal Service

By Larry Sloan

Our next [Re:Center Ministries](#) meal service will be Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at 757 S Brook St.

Thanks to President-Elect **Ken Selvaggi** who served recently along with **Hulyn Farr**, **David Snyder** and **Craig Scherman**!

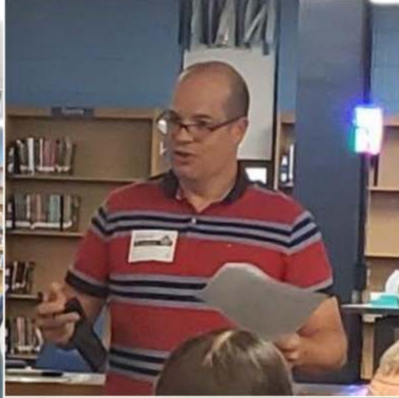
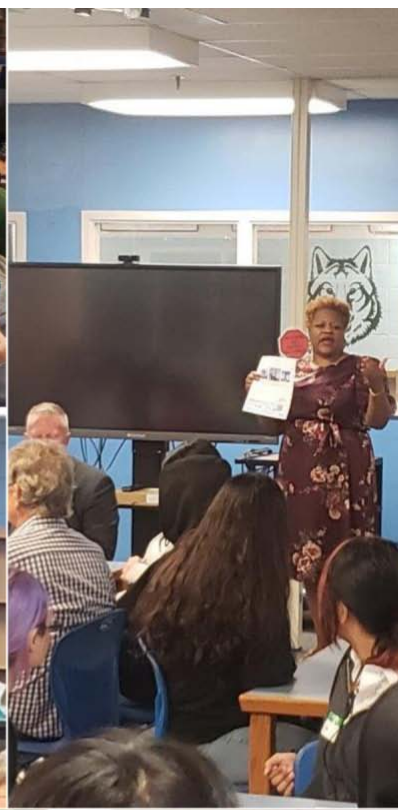


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Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring: January 22 & 28

By Craig Mooney

Join us for our next two Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring sessions at Iroquois High School (January 22) and/or Western High School (January 28).



Thank you to all who are investing time in the success of these young people! Click Read More below to see upcoming dates; mark your calendar and plan to join us! Contact me for more information or to sign up: cmooney@bosseconstruction.com

[Read More](#)

2025 Rotary Speech Contest

By Karen Morrison

Each year our club hosts a speech contest open to all Louisville area high school students (private, public, independent and home taught). The winner will advance to the sectional competition followed by a regional competition. Finalists from each region in the district will compete at the annual Rotary District 6710 Conference to be held in Hopkinsville, KY on May 16-17, 2025.

This year's Club contest will be held **Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 4:15pm at Gilda's Club Kentuckiana**, 2440 Grinstead Drive.

Click here for more info and to download an entry form:

<https://louisvillerotary.org/speech-contest/>

We need your help to spread the word; please share [this flyer](#) with students and teachers in your circles.



Annual SPEECH CONTEST

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

4:15 pm

Gilda's Club Kentuckiana: 2440 Grinstead Drive

The Speech Contest is open to all high school students in the central and western half of Kentucky.

The Rotary Club of Louisville will host students from Jefferson County for its Club contest on Wednesday, March 5th at 4:15 pm at Gilda's Club. Other Jefferson County Rotary Clubs will sponsor club contests at different dates, times, and location. Details provided to registered participants.

Theme: **The Magic of Rotary**

Length: 5-8 minutes

Delivery: Notes may be used at the first level, but memorization is preferred, and no notes will be allowed at subsequent levels (use will result in significant deductions).

Prize Money: \$300, \$200, and \$100 will be awarded at the Club level for first, second, and third place winners. First place winners at each level will proceed to sectionals, regionals, and finally the district level. Prize money is increased at each level; a total of **\$2,200 is possible** for the student who advances to and wins the Rotary District 6710 contest.

Deadline for submission form: March 1, 2025

To be included, **students need only request a student entry form** (karen@gck.org) **and complete NO LATER THAN March 1.**

For more information:

Contact Rotarian Karen Morrison – karen@gck.org with any questions and for additional information to be emailed to you. You may also visit the Youth Services tab at www.rotarydistrict6710.org and click on the **District Speech Contest** to find downloadable speech contest packets with all rules and details.

[Read More](#)

Rotary Day at the Downs: April 30

Join us for **Rotary Day at the Downs** for Champions Day on Wednesday, April 30. We have reserved the [Silks Balcony and Loge](#) with an elevated view of the Paddock in a covered open-air setting, and easy access to a dedicated race viewing location in the 3rd floor Clubhouse in Section 320.

Tickets are \$149 per person and include admission, racing program, 4-hour Chef's Table Buffet, coffee, tea and soft drinks, and a 4-hour OPEN BAR. Click [HERE](#) to register.



[Read More](#)

Nominate a Member for the Rotary Lifetime Service Award

By Karen Morrison

The Rotary **Lifetime Service Award** honors a member who has exhibited a personal dedication to the pursuit of Rotary's values in one or more of Rotary's avenues of service. It recognizes a Rotarian's full body of service both to Rotary and to other organizations in the community, region and beyond. This award is presented annually to a Rotarian who: has been a member for at least 10 years and has demonstrated a lifelong adherence to Rotary's Service Above Self ideals.

Last year's recipient was **Dr. Linda Bartrom-Moore**.

Download the nomination form [HERE](#).

Note: We will begin accepting nominations for the **Rotarian of the Year Award** as we get closer to the end of our Rotary year in June.



Speaker Lineup

We have an exciting lineup of speakers - please mark your calendars and invite prospective Rotarians!

2/6 Jake Cannon, Kroger

2/13 Conrad Daniels, HJI Supply Chain Solutions

2/20 Jennifer Hancock, Volunteers of America

2/27 Dawne Gee, WAVE Anchor, A Recipe to End Hunger Co-founder

3/6 Chris Enright & Robby Packard, PNC Private Bank

3/13 Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD

Events & Opportunities: OSHN Neighborhood Networking Connection

What: Neighborhood Networking Connection

Organization: Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods (OSHN)

Date/Time: Thursday, January 30, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Molly Leonard Portland Community Center, 640 N 27th St

Description: Join OSHN for an essential discussion on youth, gun violence prevention and community initiatives. Learn about Louisville's Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan and how organizations in the Portland Neighborhood are playing their role in violence prevention.



Neighborhood Networking Connection

January 30th

6 pm to 7:30 pm

This event is an essential discussion on youth, gun violence prevention and community initiatives. Please register and get updated on what is being done to create a safer, and even more supportive community. Louisville's holistic approach involves education, mental health, and community engagement. Please join this discussion for creating more resilient neighborhoods for everyone.

PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD

 **Molly Leonard Portland Community Center**
640 North 27th Street,
Louisville, KY 40212



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OFFICE FOR
**SAFE AND HEALTHY
NEIGHBORHOODS**

or email reimagine@louisvilleky.gov

More information: click [HERE](#)

Member to contact: Fred Cowan or Thom Crimans

Events & Opportunities: 2025 State of Downtown



What: 2025 State of the Downtown
Organization: Louisville Downtown Partnership
Date/Time: March 27, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Location: Louisville Marriott Downtown

Description: This event brings together community members, civic leaders, business partners, and Downtown stakeholders for an insightful look at the future of Downtown Louisville. Guest speaker Steve Leeper, President & CEO of Cincinnati Center City Development Corp (3CDC), will share learnings of the redevelopment of Cincinnati's downtown and Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods and we will hear 2024 successes and economic impact and updates on the 2024 Downtown Strategy.

For more information or tickets, click [HERE](#).

Events

January 22nd, 8:45-9:45 AM

[RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School](#)

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

January 23rd, 11:00-11:45 AM

[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

January 23rd, 1:00-2:00 PM

[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

January 30th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[Mayor's State of the City Address \(at KCA\)](#)

Comment: The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts 501 W Main St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Mayor Craig Greenberg

February 6th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jake Cannon](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Jake Cannon, President, Kroger - Louisville Division

February 12th, 5:30-7:30 PM

[New Member Service Project at SOS](#)

Comment: SOS 1500 Arlington Ave Louisville, KY 40206

February 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jennifer Hancock](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Jennifer Hancock, Volunteers of America

February 26th, 5:30-6:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

March 5th, 9:00-2:00 PM

[INTERACT Blood Drive](#)

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

March 6th, 11:30-1:00 PM

January 22nd, 5:30-6:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

January 23rd, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Ty Handy](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Dr. Ty Handy, President, JCTC

January 28th, 8:30-9:30 AM

[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

February 6th, 10:30-11:30 AM

[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

February 12th, 8:45-9:45 AM

[RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School](#)

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

February 13th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Conrad Daniels](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Conrad Daniels, President, HJI Supply Chain Solutions

February 25th, 8:30

[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

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[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dawne Gee](#)

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Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD

March 19th, 8:45-9:45 AM

RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

March 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Unsung Heroes Luncheon (at Savor)

Comment: Savor at River House 3015 River Road

Speaker: Rotary Unsung Heroes Celebration

March 26th, 5:30-6:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

INTERACT Blood Drive

Comment: Iroquois High School Gym 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

March 14th, 6:00-8:00 PM

Wine Swap Party

Comment: Home of Jeff Underhill 3185 Lexington Rd Louisville, KY 40206

March 19th, 9:00-2:00 PM

ROTARACT Blood Drive

Comment: UofL College of Business Drummond Center (Room 344) 110 W Brandeis

March 25th, 8:30-9:30 AM

RHS Mentoring at Western High School

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

Birthdays



Tonya Shive Augustine
January 18th



Lawrence Williams
January 20th



E. Phillip Scherer III
January 21st



Christopher A Manzo
January 22nd



John K. Whitty
January 23rd



Sandra Dodge
January 27th



Amalia Gamez Guerra
January 27th



Larry T. Sloan
January 28th



Kevin J McCarron
January 28th



William Andrew Holden
January 28th



Carlos Hernandez Ocampo
January 28th



Barbara N. Lankford
January 30th



Byron Riggs Lewis
January 31st

Club Leaders



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President



Ken Selvaggi
President -Elect



Barbara Sexton Smith
President -Nominee



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Craig Mooney
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Club Director



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Club Director



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Club Director



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