

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

It's that time of year when the calendar starts to fill up with events, activities and service projects. Please go ahead and save the dates, and don't forget to visit our website to read about Rotarians in the Spotlight and upcoming member Events & Opportunities.

New in this issue:

- 2025 State of the City Recap
- Habitat for Humanity Service Project: March 14
- Rotary Spring Fling at the Zoo: April 8
- Rotary in the Spotlight: JCPS Dual Credit Program Grant

Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll to stories below):

- Mentor Rotary Honors Scholars at WHS and IHS: February 12 & 25 (monthly)
- Pack supplies with new members at SOS: February 12
- Serve dinner at Re:Center Ministries: February 26 (4th Wednesday of each month)
- Assist with Rotary Speech Contest: March 5
- Donate blood or volunteer at Interact (March 5 & 12) and Rotaract (March 19) blood drives

Committee Meetings:

- 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:

- Dr. Rick Smith, Sr. & Dr. Jess Metzmeier (On the Move)
- Craig Scherman
- Ramona Dallum
- Kristy Flippins Bartlett, Jon Salomon, & Mike Holwerda

Events and Opportunities:

- GLI Annual Meeting: February 11
- NEW Meetup at Signarama Downtown: February 12
- UClub My Funny Valentine Dinner: February 14
- Chamber St. Matthews Annual Meeting: February 20
- Canopy Impact Lab: February 28
- SOS Health & Hope Breakfast: March 20
- 2025 State of Downtown: March 27

In service,



Deleene E. Taylor

Executive Director

February 6th Meeting: Jake Cannon, The Kroger Co.



The February 6th meeting at the University Club will feature **Jake Cannon**, President of The Kroger Co., Louisville Division.

"Grocery Retail Evolution: Navigating the Future of Food Commerce"

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is Chicken Piccata with Roasted Broccolini and Mashed Potatoes; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Register [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](#)

February 13th Meeting: Condrad Daniels, HJI Supply Chain Solutions



The February 13th meeting at the University Club will feature **Condrad Daniels**, President, HJI Supply Chain Solutions.

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is pot roast with brown rice and corn bread; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by Monday, February 10th [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.

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2025 State of the City Recap

The 2025 Mayor's State of the City Address to Rotary was the place to be last week! Several long-time members have told me that it was the best they can recall! Thank you to our Music & Arts Committee and especially Co-Chair **Leslie Smart** for coordinating an exceptional "**Magical Overture of the**

Arts" collaboration between the Louisville Ballet, Kentucky Opera (thanks **Barbara Lynne Jamison**), and the Louisville Orchestra (thanks **Graham Parker**). President-Elect **Ken Selvaggi** delivered the invocation, and President Nominee **Barbara Sexton Smith** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. Our gift to Mayor Greenberg was a backpack embroidered with The Magic of Rotary logo, along with a tumbler and socks.



If you weren't able to attend, you can view it:

[Louisville MetroTV](#)
[Stay Live Streams](#)

You'll find more coverage of the event shared on our [Facebook page](#). Provide feedback about the meeting [HERE](#).
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January 23rd Meeting Recap

The January 23rd meeting at the University Club featured speaker Dr. Ty Handy, President of Jefferson Community & Technical College. **Walt Kunau** shared the invocation and **Andrew Holden** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. **Gary Dryden** introduced Dr. Handy. We recognized three Paul Harris Fellows (see story below) and welcomed several guests.



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

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

By Amy Luttrell

At our January 23rd meeting, Rotary Foundation Committee Chair **Amy Luttrell** recognized new Paul Harris fellow **Mike Norman** along with **David Burkholder**, who achieved Paul Harris +3 status, and **Barbara Sexton Smith**, who achieved Paul Harris Fellow +5 status.



Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given in appreciation to any Rotarian who contributes \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund or Polio Plus Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Multiple PHF recognition is extended at subsequent \$1,000 levels. Recognition consists of a pin, with sapphires or rubies added corresponding to the recipient's recognition level. Contributions to the Annual Fund-SHARE program are also counted toward our Club earning Star Club status.

Learn more or donate [HERE](#). Our Club number is 3735 and our District number is 6710. You can reach out to Foundation Committee leaders Amy Luttrell or Mike Kull to check your status.

Habitat for Humanity Service Project: March 14

By Alisa Gray

Join us on Friday, March 14, to "Raise the Roof" on the next home (4526 Broadleaf Dr) with Habitat for Humanity. We need your help! You can sign up for the whole day or join for a part of the day. Volunteers must sign a waiver, wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes. Contact me or Larry Sloan with questions. More information and registration link [HERE](#).



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Rotary Spring Fling at the Zoo: April 8

By Jeff Underhill

The Rotary Social Activities Committee is planning a special outing at the zoo on Tuesday, April 8th with snacks, drinks, great fellowship with Rotarians, and animal encounters! Golf carts will be available for driving tours through the zoo.

If this is something you might attend, please complete this two-question [SURVEY](#) to help us determine interest level and which time frame works best.



Rotary in the Spotlight: JCPS Dual Credit Program Grant

Seniors at four Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) will get a chance to take multiple dual credit classes on a college campus for free next school year. A \$79,000 Bridge Grant from the Rotary Club of Louisville to Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC) will pay for 10 students from each of four schools - The Academy@Shawnee, Doss, Iroquois, and Western High Schools - to attend four classes on the JCTC Southwest campus one day each week. The new program begins next school year.



The grant will pay the students' tuition costs that aren't covered by the state's Dual Credit Scholarship program and give the 40 students a textbook allowance. It will also pay for the students' transportation to the college campus.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for these students," said Dr. Marty Pollio, JCPS Superintendent. "This program removes barriers for bright students to access more dual credit classes and enjoy the experience of being on a college campus. We can't thank the Rotary Club of Louisville and JCTC enough for making this available to our students."

Another new JCTC/JCPS program funded by the Rotary Club of Louisville is called Jefferson Scholars. It will help students at six schools who are taking dual credit math and English courses at their own school building.

See news stories [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). Special thanks to **Mitch Rue** and other members of our Rotary Youth & Education Committee for your role in facilitating this!

[Read More](#)

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.



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Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring: February 12 & 25

By Craig Mooney

Join us for our final Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring sessions at Iroquois High School (8:45 a.m. Wednesday, February 12 or March 19) and/or Western High School (8:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 25 or March 25).



Thank you to all who are investing time in the success of these young people! Contact me for more information or to sign up: cmooney@bosseconstruction.com

Re:Center Ministries Meal Service: February 26

By Larry Sloan

Our next [Re:Center Ministries](#) meal service will be Wednesday, February 26th 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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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 on 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.

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Rotary Wine Swap Party: March 14

By Jeff Underhill

Grab a couple of bottles of wine and join us on Friday, March 14th, for our next Rotary Wine Swap Party. Register [HERE](#).

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*

First Annual Louisville Rotaract Club Blood Drive: March 19

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

Our Louisville Rotaract Club meetings are every second Monday in the UofL business building room 101 at 12:20 pm for 30 minutes. Our Rotaractors would enjoy meeting Rotarians from their sponsor club, so please let me or Rick Harned know if you can join us.

March 19th will be our first annual Rotaract blood drive; please plan to stop by campus to donate! You can sign up [HERE](#) (use Sponsor Code "UofLRotaract" if prompted).

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

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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.



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Speaker Lineup

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

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

3/20 Unsung Heroes Celebration Luncheon at Savor at River House

Events

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

February 27th, 11:30-1:00 PM

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

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

Speaker: Dawne Gee, WAVE Anchor, A Recipe to End Hunger Co-founder

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Speaker: Jake Cannon, President, Kroger - Louisville Division

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[New Member Service Project at SOS](#)

Comment: SOS 1500 Arlington Ave Louisville, KY 40206

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

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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
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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

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Speaker: Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD

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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

Birthdays



Barbara Lynne Jamison
February 5th



Henry H. Kuehn
February 5th



Aaron Jordan
February 6th



Michael B. Mountjoy
CPA
February 6th



Gabrielle Jones
February 7th



Jon Salomon
February 8th



Richard D. King
February 10th



John F. Cunningham
February 10th



Kenya Wade
February 13th



Alice K Alt
February 13th



John R. Gregory
February 13th



William M. Rue Jr.
February 17th



Michael Reich
February 17th



C. Douglas Kottke
February 18th



Ginger L. Wallace
February 19th



Mitch McConnell
February 20th



Dominic Joseph Manecke
February 20th



Kevin Fields Sr.
February 24th



Samuel Ward
February 25th



Leo Smith
February 25th



Kim McCastle
February 27th



Ruby Becker
February 27th



Paris Johnson Parada
February 28th

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