

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

I hear that I missed an outstanding talk by Conrad last week! Thank you to Tracy and her husband John and the others who assisted with making sure things ran smoothly. I look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday. Please note that we had a speaker change - Dr. Eli Capilouto will be with us on March 6th; we are in the process of rescheduling the PNC speakers originally planned for that date.

Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll to stories below):

- Mentor Rotary Honors Scholars at WHS and IHS: February 25 (monthly)
- Serve dinner at Re:Center Ministries: February 26 (4th Wednesday of each month)
- Assist with Rotary Speech Contest: March 12 **date change*
- Donate blood or volunteer at Interact (March 5 & 12) and Rotaract (March 19) blood drives
- Help "Raise the Roof" with Habitat for Humanity: March 14



Committee Meetings:

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: March 6, 10:30 a.m.
- International Service Committee: March 20, 10:30 a.m. (at Savor at River House)
- Lifeline: March 20, 11:00 a.m. (at Savor at River House)
- Gun Violence Reduction: March 20, 1:00 p.m. (at Savor at River House)

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

Rotarians in the Spotlight:

- Marisa Neal & Cynthia Collier
- Dr. Swannie Jett & Robert Fink
- Kevin Fields, Sr.

Events and Opportunities:

- Chamber St. Matthews Annual Meeting: February 20
- Muhammad Ali Center *Compassion in Action*: February 27
- Kentucky to the World *Behind the Bat*: February 27
- Canopy *Impact Lab*: February 28
- de Party for de Paul: March 7
- Educational Justice *Great Bourbon Spelling Bee*: March 7
- NDHC *I Rise Gala*: March 8
- GLI Capitol Connection: March 19
- SOS *Health & Hope Breakfast*: March 20
- 2025 State of Downtown: March 27

In service,

Delene E Taylor

Executive Director

February 20th Meeting: Jennifer Hancock, Volunteers of America Mid-States



The February 20th meeting at the University Club will feature **Jennifer Hancock**, President and CEO of Volunteers of America Mid-States and Immediate Past Chair of [Impetus for a Better Louisville](#).

"Volunteers of America Mid-States & Impetus – Expanding Impact, Strengthening Communities"

Learn how VOA Mid-States is providing critical support to individuals experiencing homelessness and families in need, and how Impetus - a dynamic coalition of business and civic leaders - is driving strategic solutions to address the root causes of poverty, homelessness and economic mobility, fostering long-term community change.

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is grilled pork chops with roasted brussel sprouts and fingerling 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 27th Meeting: Dawne Gee, WAVE Anchor

The February 27th meeting at noon at the University Club will feature **Dawne Gee**, WAVE Anchor, Community Leader, and Co-founder of [A Recipe to End Hunger](#).

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

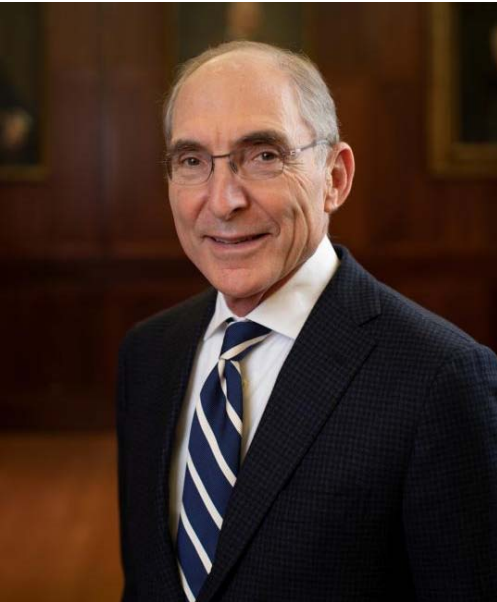
Please register by Monday, February 24th [HERE](#).

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March 6th Meeting: Dr. Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky President



The March 6th meeting at noon at the University Club will feature **Dr. Eli Capilouto**, President of the University of Kentucky.

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

Please register by Monday, March 3rd [HERE](#).

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February 13th Meeting Recap

The February 13th meeting at the University Club featured speaker Conrad Daniels, President of HJI Supply Chain Solutions. **Cynthia Caudill** shared the invocation and **Gary Cobbs** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. **Ken Selvaggi** introduced Conrad.



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

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

At our February 13th meeting, Rotary Foundation Committee Chair **Amy Luttrell** recognized **Alex Novak**, who is now a PHF +8, and **Tony Newberry**, who achieved PHF +3 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.

New Member Service Project at SOS

By Jay Mallory

Thanks to all who came out for our February new member service partnership with SOS!



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District 6710 Matching Gifts Campaign

By Mike Kull



Donate \$125 to \$2,000 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund-SHARE that supports District Matching Grants, Global Grant, and Global Grant Scholars and receive matching PHF points.

Make your personal check payable to "**The Rotary Foundation**" and note **Annual Fund-SHARE** on the memo line. Please mail them to the person and address below to arrive before March 23, 2025.

Sheila Stoke
Rotary District 6710 Matching Program
7906 Westover Drive
Prospect, KY 40059

Contact Annual Fund Chair **Mike Kull** at 502-802-4485 or mjk502@aol.com with questions.

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Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring: February 25

By Craig Mooney

Join us for our final Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring sessions at Iroquois High School (8:45 a.m. Wednesday, 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.



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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 **Wednesday, March 12, 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.

[Read More](#)

Habitat for Humanity Service Project: March 14

By Alisa Gray

Join us on Friday, March 14, to "Raise the Roof" on the next home with Habitat for Humanity. The home is in Richmond Terrace at 4526 Broadleaf and the home buyer is Jessica Boyd. We will meet her at the Pre-Build Kickoff Meeting on February 25 from 11-11:30 am at the Jane and Jewell Center, 1620 Columbia St.

Volunteers can sign up for the whole day or join for a part of the day and must sign a waiver, wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes. Contact Alisa Gray or Larry Sloan with questions. More information and registration link [HERE](#).

We need a Project Leader for this event - let us know if you are interested!



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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 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, from 4-6pm, with snacks, drinks, great fellowship with Rotarians, and animal encounters! Golf carts will be available for driving tours through the zoo.

Register [HERE](#).



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

Mark your calendars:

3/13 Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD

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

Events

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 25th, 12:00-1:00 PM

[Rotary University](#)

Comment: Via Zoom

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

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

[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

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

March 12th, 9:00-2:00 PM

[INTERACT Blood Drive](#)

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

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD](#)

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

Speaker: Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD

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

February 25th, 8:30

[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

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

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Eli Capilouto](#)

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

Speaker: Dr. Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky

March 12th, 4:15-6:00 PM

[Rotary Speech Contest](#)

Comment: Gilda's Club Kentuckiana 2440 Grinstead Dr Louisville, KY 40204

Speaker: Rotary Speech Contest

March 14th, 8:30-3:00 PM

[Habitat for Humanity "Raise the Roof" Day](#)

Comment: 4526 Broadleaf Dr. Louisville, KY 40216

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, 10:30-11:30 AM

[International Service Committee Meeting](#)

Comment: Savor at River House 3015 River Rd Louisville, KY 40207

March 20th, 11:00-11:45 PM

[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

Comment: Savor at River House 3015 River Rd Louisville, KY 40207

March 20th, 1:00-2:00 PM

[Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting](#)

Comment: Savor at River House 3015 River Rd Louisville, KY 40207

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

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

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

April 8th, 4:00-7:00 PM

[Rotary Spring Fling at the Zoo](#)

Comment: 1100 Trevillian Way Louisville, KY 40213

April 19th, 9:30-12:00 PM

[Louisville Knot Sign Cleanup](#)

Comment: Louisville Knot Sign 9th Street

April 23rd, 5:30-6:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

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

April 30th, 11:00-6:30 PM

[Rotary Day at the Downs](#)

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 25th, 8:30-9:30 AM

[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

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

April 3rd, 10:30-11:30 AM

[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

April 17th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: David James & Misty Wright](#)

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

Speaker: Deputy Mayor David James & Misty Wright, Louisville Metro

April 22nd, 9:30-2:00 PM

[Rotary Earth Day Litter Cleanup Service Project](#)

April 24th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jimmy Kirchorfer](#)

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

Speaker: Jimmy Kirchorfer, ISCO Industries

Birthdays



[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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