

Rotary

Club of Louisville



For Those Who Don't Scroll...

The 5-second version of what to pay attention to in this edition:

Final chance to RSVP for this week's evening meeting / Mardi Gras MASK-arade.

President Jean is the featured speaker at **tomorrow's meeting** of the [Rotary Club of Louisville Suburban Club](#). Join us at noon at Kosair Shrine Center, 4120 Bardstown Rd.

If you missed the presentations Luke & Denise shared about the West Louisville Housing Initiative, there are **3 virtual opportunities (2/24, 2/28, 3/1)** to hear it first hand and ask questions.

Lots of new meetings and events added to our calendar (but you'll have to scroll down for that).

DEADLINES NEXT WEEK:

Monday for Thursday's meeting with Matt Gibson, KDF
Tuesday for Rotary Day at the Downs tickets

Rotary West Louisville Housing Initiative Presentation / Q&A

By Luke B. Schmidt



By now, many of you have heard about our Club's exciting new initiative to improve housing opportunities for first time home buyers in the nine traditional West Louisville neighborhoods. Recently, we had the privilege of presenting the details of this initiative during two successive Thursday Club meetings. We realize that many of you may not have been present and may have missed our presentations.

Simply put, this initiative is the largest project in our Club's history. But, in order for us to be 100% successful, we need all of our members to pitch in and help. If you haven't had a chance to see our presentations, we would like to invite you to join us virtually during one of the following Zoom calls so that you can learn more. Please register in advance if possible:

Thursday, February 24th 2:00 PM

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYod-ysqDIvGdG1uRfUFgO02BQF2Se7_OzP

Monday, February 28th 10:00 AM

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrcumrqTsjG9NmMlfvNg2I8uaxO_cYGPn3

Tuesday, March 1st 10:00 AM

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltd-ispj4vE9y3vTX8_r_trKVXmL1oZ8AE

We look forward to meeting with you to provide details on this transformative project, which is the first of its type in the entire U.S.!

This Week's Meeting: a Mardi Gras MASK-erade!

FINAL CALL! Instead of our regular lunch meeting at Savor, this week we are meeting in the evening for a fun Mardi Gras MASK-erade. We have the entire Barret Bar & Grill (1012 Barret Avenue - plentiful parking) from 6-9pm and there will be Cajun food, music (Old Lou's Ragtime Band), dancing, pool tables, prizes, auction items and more - all for only \$25 per person instead of the normal \$27! Menu is Red Beans and Rice, Gumbo, Boudin Balls, Crawfish, and King Cake. Cash Bar (New Orleans-inspired drinks available).
RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLMaskarade>

A promotional graphic for the Rotary Mask-erade event. The background features a close-up of a King Cake, a traditional Mardi Gras treat, decorated with white icing and colorful sprinkles (purple, green, and yellow). The cake is surrounded by Mardi Gras decorations, including colorful beads and a silver fleur-de-lis. The text "Rotary Mask-erade" is written in a white, cursive font at the top. A QR code is located on the left side. On the right side, a list of activities is provided: "Cajun Food", "NOLA-Inspired Drinks", "Pool Tables", "Music & Dancing", "Beads, King Cakes", and "Prize for Best Mask!". At the bottom, the event details are listed: "Thursday, Feb 24, 6-9pm | Barret Bar & Grill | 1012 Barret Avenue".

Rotary Mask-erade

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NOLA-Inspired Drinks
Pool Tables
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Beads, King Cakes
Prize for Best Mask!

Thursday, Feb 24, 6-9pm | Barret Bar & Grill | 1012 Barret Avenue

March 3, 2022 Meeting



Our featured speaker will be **Matthew Gibson, President & CEO of the Kentucky Derby Festival.**

The menu is Peach BBQ Meatloaf with mashed potatoes and a vegetarian/gluten-free option is available upon request.

To RSVP/pay for the in person meeting at Savor:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCL030322>

If you wish to participate via Zoom, you can register in advance here:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpcO-pj1vGNH7uMpBwdG6AzfvCd3zug_2

February 17, 2022 Meeting Recap

Last Thursday we welcomed **Nate Morris, Rubicon Chairman and CEO**, for a Rotary Riverside Chat with President Jean West, where he offered his perspectives on smart waste and recycling solutions on a global scale.

You can view the recording of the meeting [HERE](#).



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We also had a captivating performance from cousins Kamani & Dior Johnson, "The

Superpreneurs" who taught us about financial responsibility - and how it can start at any age!

If you are interested in the "Superpreneurs" Teaching Fun Financial Literacy book, visit [HERE](#).

District 6710 Matching Gifts Campaign 2022

By Jean West



Rotary District 6710 is making a special offer through the generosity of several District Rotarians who donated their Rotary Recognition Points. Through April 10th, your personal donation from \$125 to \$2,000 to the Annual Fund-SHARE of The Rotary Foundation will be matched with these donated points up to a total of \$60,000.

Make your personal check payable to "**Rotary Foundation**" and note "**SHARE Fund**" on the memo line. Mail to the address below to arrive before April 10, 2022.

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 to find out how far you are from the \$1,000 minimum required to achieve Paul Harris Fellow status.

May 4, 2022 Rotary Day at the Downs - DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 1st

Join us in the private Stakes-Parlor room and balcony with a view of the Finish Line, Winner's Circle, historic Twin Spires, Paddock where horses are saddled, and the Louisville Skyline - on **Wednesday, May 4th**.

Tickets are \$130 per person and include admission, racing program, Chef's Table Buffet, coffee, tea and soft drinks and fun prizes! We will participate in the trophy presentation for Race #2.

Note that the free parking included this year will be at the Kentucky Exposition Center, with continuous shuttles to/from the Paddock Gate at Churchill Downs. Onsite parking passes can be purchased separately at \$15 per car or SUV.

Purchase tickets at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Churchill050422> by **March 1st**.



Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Program



Be sure to mark your calendar for these future honors scholars mentoring dates:

Iroquois High School 7:40am-9:15am

Wednesday, March 23 Topic: Pulling it All Together

Western Early College Fridays 8:15am-9am

Friday, March 11 Topic: Answering Tough Questions

Friday, April 8 Topic: Pulling it All Together

Western High School 8:20am-9:15am

Tuesday, March 1 Topic: Answering Tough Questions

Tuesday, March 29 Topic: Pulling it All Together

Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration Luncheon May 12

Rotary University - Save the Dates

If you have joined Rotary in 2020-21 and haven't completed these orientation sessions, please mark them on your calendar - we will meet via Zoom at noon on these dates:

January 11 - What is Rotary (Mike Kull / Julie Schmidt) - [Zoom link](#)

February 1 - What is Rotary International (Rick Harned / Susan Zepeda) - [Zoom link](#)

February 25 - Philanthropy Partners: Rotary Promise Scholars (Walt Kunau / Thom Crimans / Craig Mooney) - [Zoom link](#)

March 8 - Committees (Greg Braun / Ken Grossman) - [Zoom link](#)

April 13 - Service Above Self (Steve Eggers / Alice Bridges) - [Zoom link](#)

All members are welcome, as a refresh or just to support the new members attending. Please email rotary@rotary45.org for a meeting invite.

Rotary Job Board

Have a job opening at your company? Post it on Rotary's Job Board! A fellow Rotarian might know the perfect person to fill the position.

- New Directions Housing Corporation is seeking a [Deputy Chief Operating Officer](#)
- The Food Literacy Project is seeking a [Director of Development & Communications](#)
- Maid In Louisville - Front line cleaning techs; part-time; flex hours, weekends or weeknights. Contact Greg Braun greg@maidinlouisville.com

If your company has a job opening to post, send the information to rotary@rotary45.org.

Events

February 23rd

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

February 24th

[RCoL Meeting - Mardi Gras MASK-arade](#)

February 28th

[Rotary CIC WLH Initiative Presentation / Q&A](#)

March 3rd

[RCoL Meeting - Matt Gibson, Kentucky Derby Festival](#)

March 10th

[RCoL Meeting - Mary Irby-Jones, Courier-Journal](#)

March 17th

[RCoL Meeting - Unsung Heroes Recognition Luncheon](#)

March 23rd

[Re:Center Dinner - Lifeline Committee](#)

March 31st

[RCoL Meeting - Jesika Young, Cimtech](#)

April 8th

[Rotary Honors Scholars '21-22 Western Early College April 8](#)

April 13th

[Rotary University Session 5: Service Above Self](#)

February 24th

[Rotary CIC WLH Initiative Presentation / Q&A](#)

February 25th

[Rotary University Session 3: Philanthropy Ptrs/Promise Scholars](#)

March 1st

[Rotary CIC WLH Initiative Presentation / Q&A](#)

March 8th

[Rotary University Session 4: Committees](#)

March 11th

[Rotary Honors Scholars '21-22 Western Early College March 11](#)

March 23rd

[Rotary Honors Scholars '21-22 Iroquois High School March 23](#)

March 24th

[RCoL Meeting - Carolyn Furdek - PTSD Survivor](#)

April 7th

[RCoL Meeting - JK McKnight - Art of Impact](#)

April 12th

[Business Synergy event at Watch Hill Proper](#)

April 14th

[RCoL Meeting - Dr. Michael Imburgia, Have a Heart Clinic](#)

Birthdays

Kasey Maier
February 23rd

Kevin Fields
February 24th

Leo Smith
February 25th

Samuel Ward
February 25th



Ruby Becker
February 27th



Gregory Patrick
Braun
March 2nd



Thomas Allen
March 2nd



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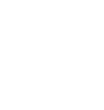
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