

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

Today marks 120 years since Chicago attorney Paul Harris and three friends began meeting regularly to share friendship and do good. I think this is the perfect time to introduce someone new to Rotary; reply and let me know who you plan to invite to a meeting.

Grab your lunch and join me via Zoom at **NOON THIS Tuesday** as we kick off the new season of Rotary University. I guarantee you will learn something valuable about our club or Rotary that you don't know, and you will have a chance to meet other members. Register [HERE](#).



This year, Rotary International shifted from introducing a new annual presidential theme/logo (like "*The Magic of Rotary*") to a simple presidential message that aligns with RI's Action Plan. At the recent International Assembly in Orlando, RI President-Elect Mário César Martins de Camargo asked members to **Unite for Good**. Access his and other speeches [HERE](#).

Check out this month's [district newsletter](#) for articles about Rotary Peace Fellowships (Fred Cowan, District Chair), 2025-2026 Global Grant Scholar recipients (Claire Arnold, District Chair), Rotary Friendship Exchanges (Susan Zepeda & Thom Crimans, District Co-Chairs) and more. Save the date for the District Conference in Hopkinsville May 16-17.

New in this issue:

- New Season of Rotary University Begins Tuesday

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
- 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 27, 1:00 p.m. **new date*

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

Rotarians in the Spotlight:

- Melissa Cobb

- Cynthia Knapek
- Maggie Harlow
- Brett Corbin
- Power 50
- Power 50 Hall of Fame
- Goodwill Industries
- CFL and LUL

Events and Opportunities:

- 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
- Leadership Louisville Center 2025 LeadingBetter Summit: April 9

In service,



Executive Director

New Season of Rotary University Begins THIS Tuesday

NEW MEMBERS: Please mark your calendars for the upcoming sessions, all at **NOON via Zoom**. Completion of Rotary University is required for new members, so prioritize these sessions! If you are a long-time member but would like a refresher or to meet some new members, feel free to join us as well.

February 25 *What is Rotary? / Rotary 101* Register [HERE](#).

March 25 *Committees* Register [HERE](#).

April 29 *Youth & Education* Register [HERE](#).

May 27 *Service Above Self* Register [HERE](#).

June TBD *Rotary Beyond the Club* Register [HERE](#).

July 22 Service Project at SOS

If you have any questions, reach out to Delene or to Jay Mallory, Chair of the Membership Development & Engagement Committee, jmallory@imagequest.com. [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



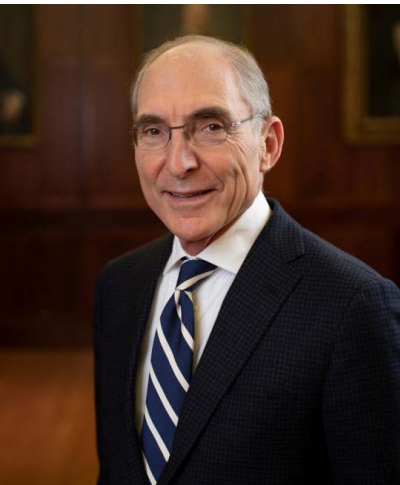
menu is beef stroganoff and roasted vegetables; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

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

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](#)

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](#).

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 20th Meeting Recap

The February 20th meeting at the University Club featured speaker and Rotarian **Jennifer Hancock**, CEO of [Volunteers of America Mid-States](#) and Immediate Past Chair of [Impetus for a Better Louisville](#). **Ginger Wallace** shared the invocation and **Tom Bohnert** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. **Jan Grayson** introduced Jennifer.



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

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.
[Read More](#)

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.

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



[Read More](#)

Interact & Rotaract Blood Drives: March 5, 12, 19

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

Please consider donating for our spring Interact blood drives:

March 5th at Western High School, 2501 Rockford Ln - click [HERE](#) (use Sponsor Code "WESTERNHS" if prompted).

March 12th at Iroquois High School, 4615 Taylor Blvd - click [HERE](#) (use Sponsor Code "IROQUOISLOUKY" if prompted).

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).

Thank you for supporting our young leaders!

2025 Rotary Speech Contest: March 12

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!



[Read More](#)

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*

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.



[Read More](#)

Speaker Lineup

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

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

3/6 Dr. Eli Capilouto, President, University of Kentucky

3/13 Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD

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

[Read More](#)

Events

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, 11:30-1:00 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, 12:00-1:00 PM

[Rotary University Session #2](#)

Comment: Via Zoom

March 27th, 1:00-2:00 PM

[Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting](#)

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

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

February 25th, 12:00-1:00 PM

[Rotary University Session #1](#)

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

[Rotary 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 20th, 11:00-11:45 PM

[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

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

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

[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

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

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

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

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

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 23rd, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)
Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

April 24th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jimmy Kirchdorfer](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Jimmy Kirchdorfer, ISCO Industries

April 29th, 12:00-1:00 PM
[Rotary University Session #3](#)
Comment: Via Zoom

April 30th, 11:00-6:30 PM
[Rotary Day at the Downs](#)

May 1st, 10:30-11:30 AM
[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

May 1st, 11:30-1:00 PM
[NO MEETING due to Day at the Downs](#)

May 8th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Rotary Honors Scholars Luncheon](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Coach Jeff Walz

May 15th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Kimberly Bunton, TKT Associates](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Kimberly Bunton, TKT Associates

May 27th, 12:00-1:00 PM
[Rotary University Session #4](#)
Comment: Via Zoom

May 28th, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)
Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

June 5th, 10:30-11:30 AM
[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

June 5th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Chris Enright & Robby Packard, PNC](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Chris Enright & Robby Packard, PNC

June 12th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Beth Stubbs, Rotary Int'l Treasurer](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Beth Stubbs, Rotary International Treasurer

June 19th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[NO MEETING - Happy Juneteenth](#)

June 25th, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)
Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

July 3rd, 11:30-1:00 PM
[NO MEETING - Happy Independence Day](#)

Birthdays



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



Charlie Todd
March 1st



Liz Matly
March 1st



William A. Stone
March 1st



Thomas Allen
March 2nd



Gregory Patrick Braun
March 2nd



Doug Scott
March 3rd



Cheryl Creech Kersey
March 4th



Christopher R. Davis
March 4th



Brian Schneider
March 5th



Chris Teeley
March 10th



Patricia W. Hart
March 11th



Dave Pankotai
March 14th



Smith B. Bushong III
March 15th



Michele R. Oberst
March 16th



John H. Clark IV
March 16th



Helen K Cohen
March 16th



Johnetta Roberts
March 17th



Brad Smith
March 19th



Michael Washburn
March 20th



Corey Miller
March 20th



Clifford Ashburner
March 22nd



Brian Veeneman
March 22nd

Charles K. McClure III

Gerald Martin

Woo Smith

Ernst Camentz



March 22nd



March 25th



March 26th



March 27th



Kim Halbauer
March 28th



Richard Paul Schiller
March 28th



Steven R. Ragan
March 30th

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