

# Rotary

## Club of Louisville



### March 14, 2022 Meeting - Unsung Heroes Luncheon



This week we will recognize and celebrate the Unsung Heroes in Metro Louisville. Area Rotary Clubs recognize one student from each of the 48 high schools in Jefferson County. Students are selected by leaders from each school and represent the best of the best when it comes to leadership, academics, community service and extracurricular activities. This year's program will be led by our own Barry Allen.

NOTE: We will NOT have a live Zoom option for this meeting. The meeting will be recorded and uploaded to our [YouTube channel](#) within a few days.

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### Meeting Recap - March 10, 2022 - Courier Journal: An Inside Look At In Depth Reporting On JCPS

We welcomed guest speakers this past week from the Courier Journal to revisit its coverage of magnet schools in Jefferson County: Mary Irby-Jones, Executive Editor, Mandy McLaren, Education Reporter, and Veda Morgan, Senior Director of Engagement and Diversity. Freshman students from Valley High School presented their research and a case study on both the NAACP and Rotary International - and shared strategies on how Rotary can expand its message and reach using social media, including a [sample video](#). Membership Chair Jay Mallory formally introduced six new members - scroll down to read about them.

You can view the meeting slides [HERE](#). The meeting recording will be on our YouTube channel soon.







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## Upcoming Meeting Speakers

March 24 - Capt (Retired) Carolyn Furdek, PT, DPT - Author / PTSD Survivor

March 31 - Jesika Young, President & CEO of [Cimtech Inc.](#)

April 7 - JK McKnight, Founder of [Art of Impact](#)

April 14 - Dr. Michael Imburgia, Co-Founder, [Have a Heart Clinic](#)

April 21 - Earth Day / Saving Our Rivers Program

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## Save the Date for Repair Affair: April 22-23

By Larry Sloan



Our Rotary Club has supported Repair Affair for many years with volunteers. Last June, over 20 members including family members helped elderly or disabled homeowners with landscape clean up, painting, fixing up and other normal house maintenance including basement and garage clean up. We had a blast on a very hot June day and the homeowners we helped were very grateful.

Save the date for the next Repair Affair on Friday, April 22 & Saturday April 23 from 9am-3pm. There will be another Repair Affair date on Saturday June 26th (the usual citywide date), and Saturday October 8th.

Sign up sheets will be at the weekly lunch meetings (or contact Larry Sloan).

[Read More](#)

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## Rotary Soccer Day - Lou City vs Tampa Bay Rowdies - August 13,

# 2022

Plan to attend the 2022 Rotary Soccer Day as Lou City takes on the Tampa Bay Rowdies on Saturday, August 13th at 7:30pm. We will have a block of seats centerfield as well as pre-game access to the Four Roses Corner Bar beginning at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$46 each and can be purchased [HERE](#).



## Meet Our New Members

We've welcomed quite a few new members over the past several weeks, and are introducing them a few at a time as schedules allow. These Rotarians were formally introduced to the Club last Thursday:



**Chris Manzo, Patti Weiter, Michael Buckman, Stewart Bridgman, Brandy Jenkins, Vernon Foster.**  
Click below to view bios.



## Silent Auction Winners

Congrats to the winners of our Silent Auction!

VIP Bourbon Tasting Experience for Four Adults: **Tracy Holladay** and **Steve Jester** at \$200.00

One Night Stay and Round of Golf at one of 3 Kentucky State Parks: President **Jean West** at \$125.00

Gilda's Club for the Evening - Cocktail Party for 50 or Sit-Down Dinner for 30 (2 available): **Jeff Underhill** and **Barney Sutton** each won with a \$500.00 bid

...for a total of \$1,325.00 raised from the silent auction to go toward service projects related to the Saving Our Rivers Project as part of Rotary International's newest Environmental Platform.

 <p>One Night Stay and Round of Golf for two!!</p> <p>Barren River, Pine Mountain, Dale Hollow Parks Welcome you!</p> <p>Enjoy a vacation a drive away!</p>	 <p>Gilda's Club for the Evening!</p> <p>Have a Cocktail party for 50 or a Sit Dinner Dinner for 30 OChil-</p> <p>Out door area and plenty of parking</p>	 <p>A VIP Bourbon Tasting Experience for Four Adults!!</p> <p>Tour Old Forester in the Morning,</p> <p>Then Woodford Reserve in the afternoon!!!</p>
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## Rotary Represented At Kentucky Chamber Annual Dinner



Executive Director Delene Taylor and Rotarian Marisa Neal represented Rotary Club of Louisville in Lexington at the Kentucky Chamber Annual Dinner last week.

# Western Early College Mentoring & Interact Board



Last week, members of our Club participated in a mentoring session with our Western Early College Rotary Honors Scholars on the fine art of introducing yourself. First-time mentors this year included Ken Selvaggi, Carl Coslow, Will Greene, Sarah Hugenberg, Matt Riggle, Sharon Riehemann, Julie Johnson, Brett Corbin, Thomas Allen, Mark Hohmann, and community volunteers Roger Davis and Melissa Jones. There are two more mentoring sessions on March 23 and 29 on the topic "Pulling It All Together" - contact Walt Kunau for details. And save the date for our Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration Luncheon on May 12th.

Our Western High School INTERACT Board is now complete with the induction of the final two Board members by Faculty Advisor Dr. Lisa Millsaps and Rotary Interact Chair Linda Bartrom-Moore last week. Thank you to both Lisa and Linda for your Service Above Self!

## President Jean West featured in Today's Woman

Community & Sisterhood Modern Family



### Saving the River

by Jean West | Photo by kylene White

OUR CITY'S ICONIC RIVER IS ONE OF THE MOST POLLUTED IN THE COUNTRY. JEAN WEST EXPLAINS HOW YOUR FAMILY CAN HELP.

I grew up along the river in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Mississippi loomed large in our lives. It brought food and fuel to our homes and businesses. The righteous were baptized in it. Many times on a Sunday drive along River Road in South Louisiana, we would witness crowds of the faithful wearing white robes, standing waist deep in the water, singing and praying, and being dipped in the muddy waters of the river. It's a Christian ritual steeped in the tradition of John the Baptist. You've seen it in movies like *O Brother Where Art Thou?* In literature and folklore, the river is the water of life. This may be why I never felt it was so attractive and comfortable to me when I moved here 37 years ago.

When the boys were small, we enjoyed exploring the Falls of the Ohio. It was magical for them to think they were skipping along rocks with fossils that were left in the Dinosaur Age. When the water was low, we'd get a pizza and picnic on the riverbank. I would let them go as far out as it was safe. We schooled them on the importance of the locks and dams that helped create the city of Louisville. And that when you heard that loud alarm, the raging waters of the Ohio would be released.

The Ohio is more than a picturesque landscape feature. It provides drinking water for three million people in this country. When we turn on the tap, most of us give no thought to what we are actually drinking. In Louisville, we are lucky. Though the Ohio River is considered one of the most polluted in the country, ours is some of the best and cleanest drinking water.

The first city to add fluoride to the water, our purification and treatment system is superb. But there is serious concern about the health of our waters nationally and globally.

This past September, The American Queen Steamboat Company, based in New Albany, partnered with the Rotary Club of Louisville to launch the first Saving Our Rivers Cruise along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Passengers on

President Jean West was featured in the March 2022 issue of Today's Woman, published by Rotarian Tawana Bain. In this, "The Green Issue", Jean speaks about the Rotary Club's Save The River initiative.

You can read the article [HERE](#) (on page 64).



# 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, April 8 Topic: Pulling it All Together

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

Tuesday, March 29 Topic: Pulling it All Together

Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration Luncheon May 12

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## 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](mailto:mjk502@aol.com) to find out how far you are from the \$1,000 minimum required to achieve Paul Harris Fellow status.

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

April 13 - Committees (Greg Braun / Ken Grossman) - [Zoom link](#)

All members are welcome, as a refresh or just to support the new members attending. We will be announcing a new season of Rotary University soon!

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## Events

March 17th

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

March 23rd

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

March 31st

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

**Speaker:** Jesika Young, Cimtech

April 8th

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

April 13th

[\*\*Rotary University Session 5: Committees\*\*](#)

**Speaker:** Rotary U Led by Greg Braun & Ken Grossman

March 23rd

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

March 24th

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

**Speaker:** Capt (Retired) Carolyn Furdek, PT, DPT  
**Subject:** Locked-in: A Soldier and Civilian's Struggle with Invisible Wounds

April 7th

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

**Speaker:** JK McKnight

**Subject:** Art of Impact

April 12th

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

**Speaker:** TBA - Kentucky Distillers' Association

April 14th

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

**Speaker:** Dr. Michael Imburgia, Have a Heart Clinic

## Birthdays

Smith B. Bushong  
III

Michele R. Oberst  
March 16th

John H. Clark IV  
March 16th

Helen K Cohen  
March 16th





March 15th



Johnetta Roberts  
March 17th



Corey Miller  
March 20th



Brian Veeneman  
March 22nd



Charles K.  
McClure III  
March 22nd



Clifford Ashburner  
March 22nd

## Club Leaders



Jean West  
President



Walter L. Kunau Jr.  
President-Elect



Kenneth Richard Grossman  
Vice President



Julie H. Schmidt  
iPast President



Lori Hudson Flanery  
Secretary



Mike Richardson  
Treasurer



Neville Blakemore  
Club Director



Ashley Brauer  
Club Director



Frederic J. Cowan  
Club Director



Thom S. Crimans  
Club Director



Kevin Fields  
Club Director



Cheryl Creech Kersey  
Club Director



Denise L. Sears  
Club Director



Ken Selvaggi  
Club Director



Todd Warren  
Club Director



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Service Projects  
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