

Rotary

Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom



If you missed the highlights of our FUNdraiser in the note Walt sent out on Tuesday, click [Read More](#) below.

Here are Walt's Words of Wisdom for this week:

"No one has ever become poor from giving." – Anne Frank

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

"Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching the joy of giving." – Hank Rosso

"You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." – John Bunyan

Life is good!

Walt

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Note from Delene

The past couple of weeks have been a whirlwind for me! Between the additional hours invested in the FUNdraiser event and auction, finalizing the office move, our annual meeting/election process, new member onboarding, board meeting preparation and much more...there is much catch up to do! Thank you all for your patience and understanding as I work through the list of requests and responses.

Welcome to these new members approved by the Board this week:

- **Barbara Lankford**, Principal, Cannonade Consulting - returning member
- **Kristen Byrd**, Regional President, PNC (Corporate, joining member Christen Boone)
- **Sarah Davasher-Wisdom**, President & CEO, GLI (Corporate)
- **Kent Oyler**, Executive in Residence at U of L College of Business (Corporate)
- **Daniel Aziz**, Retail Management, Stock Yards Bank (Emerging Leader)
- **Kim McCastle**, Managing Director, Castle Consulting Group

Steve Ragan and **John Hampton** have transferred back to Active membership status!

We have a dozen or so candidates for whom proposals are in process, so you will be seeing lots of new faces. Our Club is growing! Now is an excellent time to invite someone you think would be a great addition.

I am excited about our meeting next week at The Woman's Club of Louisville! WCL meetings are on Wednesdays, and I was invited by WCL President Trudy Wheeler to attend the meeting this week with speaker Liz Curtis Higgs. The food was delicious, and I am pleased to report that we will share their chef, servers, and menu! Details about parking can be found in the meeting post below.



Scroll down and look at all the events and service opportunities in the works and put some dates on your calendar. If you haven't engaged recently, what are you waiting for? There is something for everyone, and if not - take the lead and make it happen!

I am certain I am missing some things that should be in this issue of Sparks so there will likely be a P.S. version - if there was something you wanted included that I've overlooked, please send me a message!

Next Week's Meeting - Brooke Pardue, President/CEO at Parks Alliance of Louisville



Next week's meeting at **The Woman's Club of Louisville, 1320 S 4th Street**, will feature **Brooke Pardue, President/CEO at Parks Alliance of Louisville**. Her topic will be:

"Parks For All - A Call to Action"

The menu will be **meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, and carrot cake**, and a salad or vegan/gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

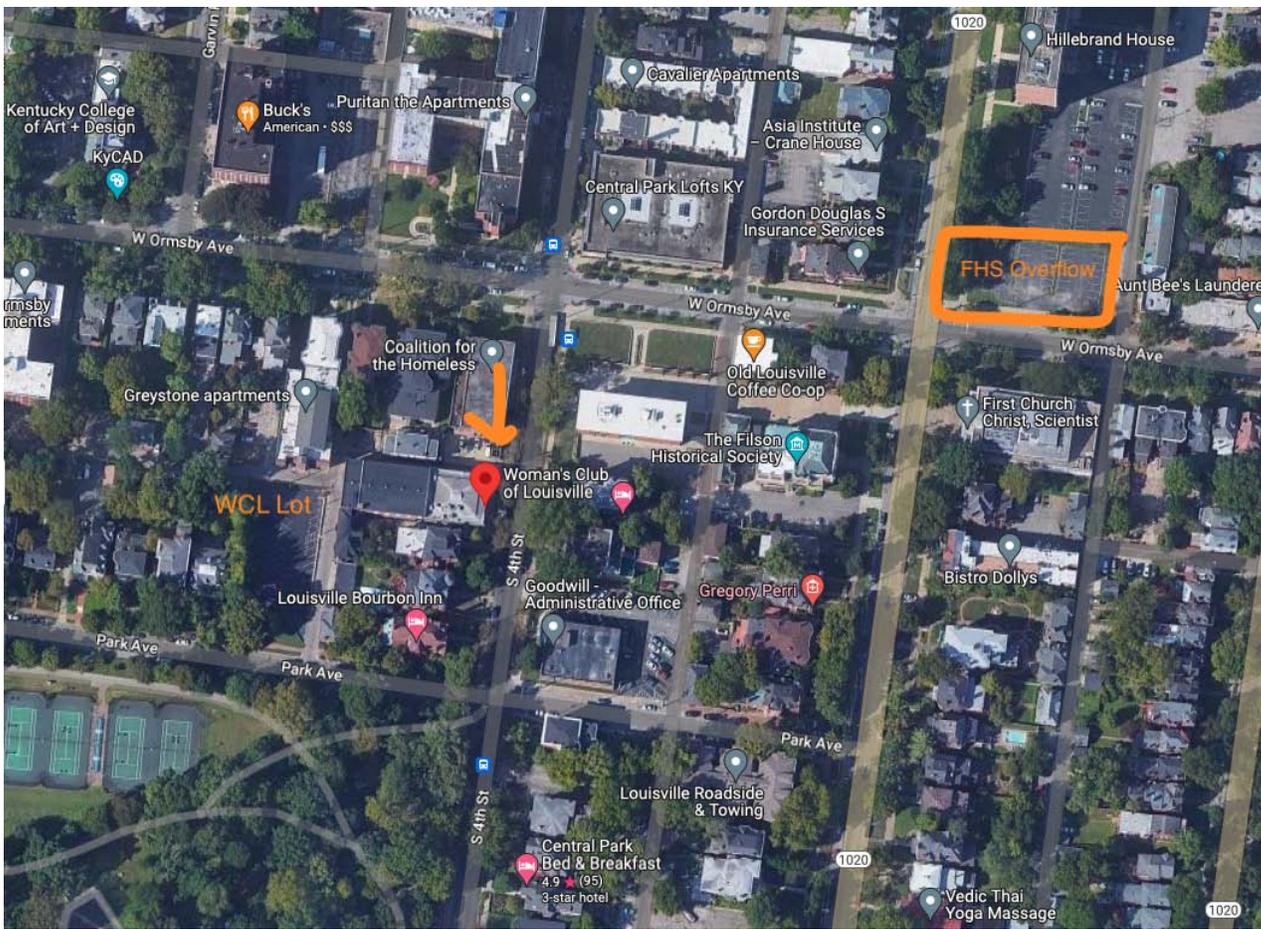
There is a \$5 meeting fee for those who choose not to purchase a meal - this will include a dessert and unlimited tea/coffee/water - and, of course, a fantastic program. You can pay \$5 in advance via SurveyMonkey or with cash, check or scan the QR code at check in to pay with a credit card.

RSVP by NOON Monday:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCL040623>

For those who have not been to The Woman's Club of Louisville, it is located at **1320 S. 4th Street** next to Central Park. There are several options for parking. There is a private lot behind the building (entrance off Park Venue) that has 40+ spaces. There is street parking along 4th Street, Ormsby Ave and around the park. We also have permission to utilize the Filson Historical Society's overflow parking lot, which is at 3rd and Ormsby. If you are young and able-bodied, you may consider leaving the spaces in the WCL lot for those who need them, at least for the first

meeting there.



You can enter the building from 4th Street or from the parking lot side. There is an elevator (built in 1923) available for those who need it.

For the speaker's bio click here: [Read More](#)

2022-2023 Rotary Award Nominations

By Karen Morrison

The Rotary **Lifetime Service Award** award honors a member who has exhibited a personal dedication to the pursuit of Rotary's values in one or more of Rotary's avenues of service. It recognizes a Rotarian's full body of service both to Rotary and to other organizations in the community, region and beyond. Download the nomination form [HERE](#). Please submit your nomination for this award by **April 6, 2023**.

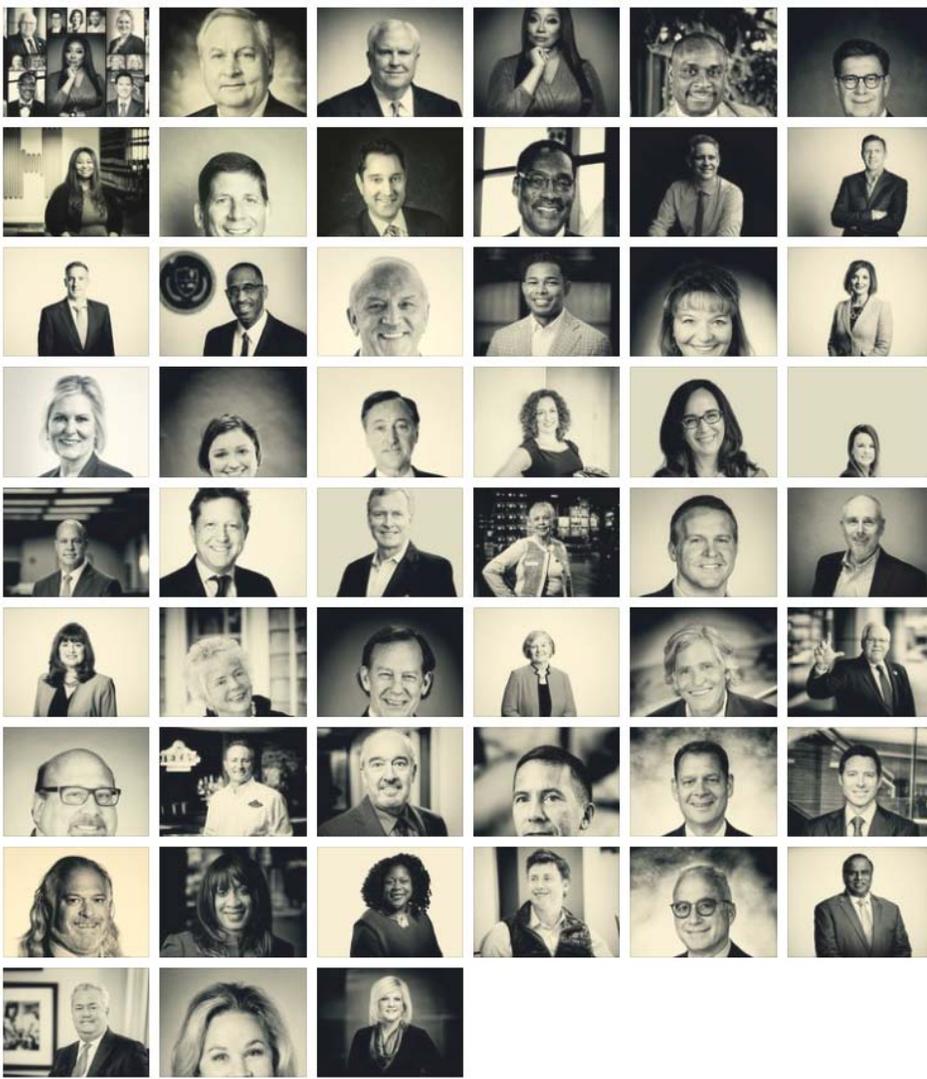
The **Rotarian of the Year Award** is designated for the one Rotarian in our club who clearly stands out in demonstrating "Service Above Self" and principled commitment to the Four-Way Test. A nominee should be an outstanding club member who has made significant contributions to the mission and operation of our club, and to one or more avenues of Community or International Service. This award may be given to a member who exhibits Service Above Self in their daily activities and who promotes Rotary by their actions and involvement. This may be accomplished through one major activity in club service, in multiple activities, or by serving on several committees. This person should be highly visible in the weekly activities of the club. Download the nomination form [HERE](#).

Please send the form(s) and supporting information to rotary@rotary45.org or 657 S Hurstbourne Pkwy, Ste D-226, Louisville, KY 40222.

Click below for a list of criteria for nominations.

[Read More](#)

Rotarians in the Spotlight: Power 50



Congrats to these Rotarians who made the Business First Power 50 list:

- Tawana Bain
- Kevin Cosby
- Sarah Davasher-Wisdom
- Kim Halbauer
- Gill Holland
- Cynthia Knapek
- Amy Luttrell
- Mike Mountjoy
- Evon Smith

Representing organizations whose leaders are on the list:

- Chambers Moore - Baird
- Riggs Lewis, Adam Fields, Matt Ayers - Norton Healthcare
- Michael Buckman - Family (formerly Family Scholar House)
- Tommy Sturgeon - Frost Brown Todd
- Kent Weyland - Weyland Ventures
- Lee Guillaume - Stock Yards Bank & Trust
- Tony Coffey - Parthenon LLC
- Harry Louis Seeger, Jackie Jones - Republic Bank & Trust
- Chris Teeley - Brown Forman Corp
- Mark Lieberfreund - Humana
- Martin D'Cruz - Baptist Health
- Robert Fink - UofL Health

I believe every one of the companies and organizations on the list should be represented in our Club! If you are connected to one of the people on the list that isn't, would you please reach out to them and encourage them to attend a meeting and consider joining?

You can read the article and see the full list [HERE](#).

By Walt Kunau

Thank you to all who showed up for our Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring session at Western High School. The focus was on how to present yourself with confidence and represent yourself on paper professionally. Props to our RHS Chair Craig Mooney for a year of great organizing and to Vice Chair Linda Bartrom-Moore and our wonderful mentors who are the HEART of the program:

Rick Harned, Julian Beaumont, Ron Kayrouz, Craig Mooney, Kenya Wade, Eric Gurevich, Charisma Stigall, Linda Bartrom-Moore, Rita Safranek, Daniel Aziz, George Burkley, Melissa Amos-Jones.



We have one more mentoring session on Friday, April 14 from 8:15am - 9:00am at Western Early College, JCTC Southwest Campus, 1000 Community College Dr, SOAR Room Building A.

Contact cmooney@bosseconstruction.com to volunteer or with questions. If you haven't yet been part of this great experience, we'd love to show you what it is all about!

Thank You Notes from WES 8th Graders

By Walt Kunau

Do you want a 'feel good' moment to brighten this rainy day? Read these [Thank You notes](#) from our scholars at West End School. We have a GOAT and a Legend among us! What we do makes a difference. This would not have happened if Julie Schmidt had not chosen Literacy as her legacy for her year as President. Thank you to everyone who invested time reading *Pound the Stone* by Joshua

Medicaf with these bright future leaders over the last few weeks - what a special experience!

Notice of Rotary Club of Louisville Annual Meeting

This will serve as official notice in accordance with our Club and Fund Bylaws that our Annual Meeting will be held at noon on April 13, 2023 at The Woman's Club of Louisville, 1320 S. 4th Street. This will be part of our regular lunch meeting and the outcome of the election to approve the proposed slate of officers and directors will be announced. The meeting will also be recorded and available on our YouTube channel.

Voting Open: Proposed Officer & Director Slate

By Kevin Lynch

Voting for the proposed slate of officers and directors will continue through noon on Wednesday, April 12th. If you are an Active member of the Club, click [HERE](#) for your electronic ballot (one vote per active member). The results of the election will be announced at our Annual Meeting on April 13 (see above). Click here to see the proposed slate:

[Read More](#)

Save the Dates: Business Synergy Networking Events

Save the dates for these upcoming evening networking events:

Wednesday, April 12, 5:30-7:30pm at the Kentucky Science Center

Tuesday, July 11, 5:30-7:30pm at Signarama Downtown

Save the Date: Club Social Events

Our Social Committee has been hard at work planning fun events, so mark your calendars and save these dates:

Wednesday, May 3 - Rotary Day at the Downs

Wednesday, June 7 - New Member Celebration

Sunday, June 11 - Craig Scherman's Fabulous House Party

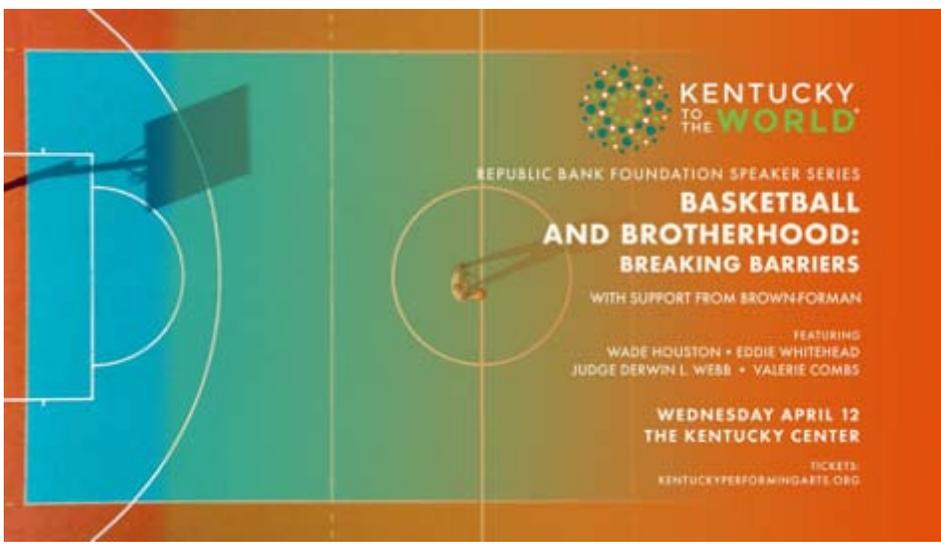
Saturday, September 9 - Rotary Picnic with Ponies & Puppies

Saturday, October 14 - Rotary Day at Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest

Friday, November 3 - Rotary Wine Swap Party

Thursday, December 14 - Rotary Holiday Celebration

Basketball and Brotherhood: Breaking Barriers



What: *Basketball and Brotherhood: Breaking Barriers*

Organization: Kentucky To the World

Date/Time: April 12, 5:30 pm reception, 6:30 pm program

Location: The Kentucky Center

Description: This conversation will explore the barrier-breaking era of desegregation with former UofL athletes Wade Houston and Eddie Whitehead, who in 1962 paved the way for future athletes of color. The program will touch on how their struggles and triumphs went on to shape their lives. UofL Director of Development for Diversity and Engagement Valerie Combs, the first Black woman to sign a letter of intent to attend UofL on a basketball scholarship, and Judge Derwin Webb, a captain of the UofL basketball team who went on to become Kentucky's first African-American Family Court Judge, will round out the program. Clips from the upcoming documentary *Basketball and Brotherhood: Breaking Barriers*, produced by Jessica Loving, Luke Whitehead, and well-known Louisville filmmaker Fred Reynolds, will be interwoven throughout the special evening.

KTW has set aside some complimentary ticket pairs for our Club members. To reserve, contact Lisa@kentuckytotheworld.org before Friday, April 7th.

Events and Opportunities: IFMA Active Shooter Training

What: Active Shooter Training Event

Organization: International Facilities Management Association (IFMA)

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 19th, 8:15am - 2:00pm

Location: University of Louisville Shelby Campus

Description: This event will be open to the general public. The course will cover how to understand, plan and react in a mass-shooter event.

More information : <https://ifmalouisville.org/>

Member to contact: Craig Mooney, cmooney@bosseconstruction.com (past president, current board member and program committee chair for the IFMA Louisville Chapter)



ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

APRIL 19, 2023
8:15AM - 2PM
U OF L SHELBY CAMPUS



RSVP:
LOUISVILLEACTIVESHOOTERTRAINING.COM



PRESENTED BY:
AARON MCGAHEE
RHINOX RESEARCH GROUP

FREE for IFMA members
One comp ticket for a representative of a non-profit
\$65pp - Early-bird before 2/28
\$85pp - 3/1 - 4/19

Learn how to understand, plan, and react to the mass-shooter threat.
This course will cover:

- Know the Signs
- Emergency Operations Plan
- Workplace Environment
- Run, Hide or Fight
- Failed Polices and Solutions

HOSTED BY:



Note: This section features upcoming events and opportunities to serve with our nonprofit member organizations. Submissions must be from a member (or spouse/partner) of our Club who is either an employee or board member of the organization for which the event/opportunity is being shared. Click [HERE](#) to submit.

Rotary Friendship Exchange / District 6710 Delegation

By Thom Crimans

Several Club members are currently in New Zealand as part of the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Their hosts are scheduled to come to Kentucky in late April or early May. Most events on the Kentucky itinerary (Keeneland, Mammoth Cave, Makers Mark, Corvette Museum, etc.) have a few extra tickets available for purchase! Anyone interested can contact me or Susan Zepeda for details.



Rotary University: Next Session April 13th

We will meet IN PERSON following our meeting on April 13th. Completion of Rotary University is required for new members, so please prioritize these sessions!

January 12	Session 1 - What is Rotary?
February 9	Session 2 - Committees
March 9	Session 3 - Rotary Honors Scholars
April 13	Session 4 - Service Projects
May 11	Session 5 - Rotary International
TBD	New Member Celebration / Mixer (location TBD)

Contact Chris Manzo for details cmanzo@sndbx.design

Events

April 4th
[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - April](#)

April 12th
[Business Synergy Event at Kentucky Science Center](#)
Speaker: Business Synergy Networking

April 13th
[Rotary University Session 4: Service Projects & Grants](#)
Speaker: Rotary U Led by Steve Eggers and Alice Bridges
Subject: Service Projects & Grants

April 20th
[International Service Committee Meeting](#)

April 26th
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)
Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

May 3rd
[Day at the Downs](#)
Speaker: Day at the Downs

April 6th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Brooke Pardue](#)
Speaker: Brooke Pardue, Parks Alliance of Louisville

April 13th
[RCoL Annual Meeting \(Speaker Demetrius Gray\)](#)
Speaker: Demetrius Gray, Founder & CEO, Captain
Subject: In addition to our regular weekly meeting agenda, we will hold our Annual Meeting at this event and the incoming slate of officers and directors will be announced.

April 14th
[ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College](#)

April 20th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dee Dee Taylor, 502 Hemp](#)
Speaker: Dee Dee Taylor, 502 Hemp

April 27th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Ursula Madden](#)
Speaker: Ursula Madden, External Affairs Manager for Blue Oval SK and Blue Oval City

May 4th
[Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \(RYLA\)](#)
Speaker: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

May 4th
[NO MEETING due to Day at the Downs](#)

May 11th
[Rotary University Session 5: Rotary International](#)
Speaker: Rotary U Led by Rick Harned & Susan Zepeda
Subject: Rotary International

May 17th
[Honor Flight Bluegrass](#)
Speaker: Honor Flight Volunteer Opportunity

May 24th
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)
Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

June 1st
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dan Maloney, Louisville Zoo](#)
Speaker: Dan Maloney, Louisville Zoo

June 7th
[New Member Celebration](#)
Speaker: New Member Celebration

June 11th
[Craig Scherman's Fabulous House Party](#)
Speaker: Summer Social

June 15th
[Louisville Weekly Club Meeting: Hannah Drake](#)
Speaker: Hannah Drake

June 29th
[Louisville Weekly Club Meeting: Rep. Morgan McGarvey /Changeover](#)
Speaker: Rep. Morgan McGarvey / Changeover

May 11th
[RCoL Rotary Honors Scholars Luncheon](#)
Speaker: Scotty Davenport

May 12th
[District 6710 Conference](#)
Speaker: District 6710 Conference

May 18th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dr. Eli Capilouto](#)
Speaker: Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky President

May 27th
[Rotary International Convention](#)
Speaker: Rotary International Convention
Subject: <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

June 6th
[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - June](#)

June 8th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Marty Pollio](#)
Speaker: Dr. Marty Pollio, JCPS Superintendent

June 15th
[International Service Committee Meeting](#)

June 28th
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)
Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Birthdays



Angie Bailey
April 2nd



Nelson Auge
April 3rd



Denise L Sears
April 3rd



Graeme Donovan
April 5th



Marisa Midkiff Neal
April 6th



Erskine H. Courtenay III
April 6th



Nicole George
April 7th



Clyde K. Warner Jr.
April 7th



Michael Norman
April 8th



R. Lowell Pratte
April 9th



Abbreial Drane
April 9th



Michael L. Brumleve
April 9th



Nick Garner
April 9th



Christopher L. Bottorff
April 11th



Kathy Dehoney Evitts
April 12th



James T. Crain Jr.
April 13th



Jennifer Helgeson
April 13th



Josh S Suiter
April 13th

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