

Rotary Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom



If you missed the note President Walt sent out on Monday, click [Read More](#) below to view.

This week's Walt's Words of Wisdom:

"There is one good thing about this world. There are always sure to be more springs." L.M. Montgomery

"There are always flowers for those who want to see them." Henri Matisse

"If people did not love one another, I really don't see what use there would be in having any spring." Victor Hugo

"Happiness is to hold flowers in both hands." Japanese Proverb

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world." Virgil A. Kraft

"A flower blossoms for its own joy." Oscar Wilde

Life is good!

Walt

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Tomorrow's Meeting - Dee Dee Taylor, Founder/CEO of 502 Hemp

Tomorrow's meeting at The Woman's Club of Louisville will feature **Dee Dee Taylor, Founder and CEO of 502 Hemp Wellness Center**. Her topic will be:

"It's 4/20: What does that mean for Kentucky?"

Dee Dee will discuss how the hemp industry is thriving and dying, Governor Beshear's Executive Order for Medical and also SB47 that passed.

Our door prize will be a gift card to 502 Hemp donated by Dee Dee!

You will also have a chance to meet and hear from our guests visiting from New Zealand as part of the Rotary Friendship Exchange.

The RSVP deadline has passed; email rotary@rotary45.org if you would like to attend. 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 in advance via SurveyMonkey or with cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card.



For more information about the meeting location or for the speaker's bio, click here: [Read More](#)

Carriage Trade Shop Open Tomorrow at WCL

The Woman's Club of Louisville operates a consignment shop called [Carriage Trade](#) that will be open before and after our meeting tomorrow; 40% of the proceeds go to support the work of the club. View a sneak peek [HERE](#).



Meeting Recap - Demetrius Gray

We welcomed speaker **Demetrius Gray, Founder/CEO of Captain** last week. You can view the meeting on our [YouTube channel](#). If you attended, please share your thoughts on the event [HERE](#).

Club Vice President and Deputy Mayor **Barbara Sexton Smith** honored our heroes and shared words of comfort and gratitude before President Walt rang the bell in memory of those community members whose lives were tragically stolen, and mass shooting survivor **Whitney Austin** updated us on the efforts of Whitney/Strong to prevent gun violence.



A brief Annual Meeting was called to order by **President Walt** and the outcome of our recent election was announced. Please welcome our incoming officers and directors who will assume new roles July 1st:

Lori Hudson Flanery will be transitioning from Club Secretary to Club President-Elect

Kevin Fields will be replacing Lori as Club Secretary

New incoming Club Board Directors will be:

Craig Mooney
Claire Arnold
Kevin McCarron
Harry Louis Seeger

And new Fund Board Director will be:

Anne Monell

The Rotary Foundation Committee Chair **Kelly Burke** recognized Paul Harris Fellows:

New: **Jan Grayson, Angela Bailey, Kevin McCarron, Di Tran, Judy Handmaker**

New Levels: **Alex Novak** (PHF+6), **Mark Kull** (PHF+6), **Linda Bartrom-Moore** (PHF+2), **Steve Eggers** (PHF+2) and **Walt Kunau** (PHF+3)



We have quite a few more to recognize in coming weeks, along with new Major Donors. Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given in appreciation to anyone who contributes a total of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation (international) Annual Fund or Polio Plus Fund. Multiple PHF level status is achieved with each subsequent \$1,000 contributed, with corresponding pins, and Major Donor status is achieved at the \$10,000 level. As a Paul Harris Fellow ... you are promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. You are also providing funds for matching district grants that support projects in our community and other communities in Louisville. To check your status, email kellyburke53@gmail.com.

Next Week's Meeting - Ursula Madden, BlueOval SK



Next week's meeting at The Woman's Club of Louisville will feature **Ursula Madden, External Affairs Manager at BlueOval SK and Blue Oval City**.

Lunch is \$25 and the menu will be Hot Brown pasta, salad with bourbon vinaigrette, rolls, and derby cheesecake bars; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegan or 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 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/RCL042723>

For more information about the meeting location, click here: [Read More](#)

Repair Affair: April 21

By Larry Sloan

Our first Repair Affair volunteer day of this year is this coming Friday. April showers bring May flowers, so bring rain gear, gloves, your favorite rake and broom, a leaf blower, hedge trimmer and branch pruner (if you have any of these) and get ready to do some good work! We will have equipment supplied by New Directions Housing.

We have about 10 volunteers signed up, but could use more! Bring your significant other or a child or grandchild. It's a fun event and we always say, "Many hands make the work light!" The house is located at 3715 Dixie Highway and the owner is Elizabeth Boone. Email me at larry.sloan@yahoo.com or David Snyder at davids@ndhc.org.

Re:Center Ministries Dinner: April 26

By Larry Sloan

Our fourth Wednesday monthly meal at Re:Center Ministries will be next Wednesday, April 26th at 5:30pm. Please join us to set up the meal at 5:00 pm if you can. Typically, I bring meat loaf, scalloped potatoes and steamed vegetables. Others supply the soft drinks, bread/rolls, salad and desserts of fruit pies.

The men we serve are going through the LifeChange program recovering from addiction. Those of us who do this regularly always feel like we get more out of it than the effort we put into it. Our club has supported this program with funds and volunteers since 2015. We would love to see some new faces!

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Barry Barker

Congratulations to **Barry Barker** on being honored with the Sullivan Service Award at the [Metro United Way Community Impact Awards](#) program this morning. This award recognizes a company, organization, or individual who has demonstrated extraordinary



generosity with their time and talent and made a significant community impact through volunteer service. This special award is named in honor of former MUW volunteer engagement leader Mary Sullivan, who was the heart and soul of service in our community for more than 40 years.

Barry has actively volunteered with Metro United Way for more than a quarter century and has been a model of Executive Leadership that listens to and respects the input and needs of their constituents.

Be sure to wish Barry a Happy Birthday tomorrow if you see him.

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Jackie Jones

Jackie Jones, owner of Vita Shot Beverage Bar / Frosty's Frozen Treats will be featured on Spectrum Reach soon; she and her daughter Joy are part of the Spectrum Reach Pay it Forward program. You can reawaken the kid inside you with shaved and Italian ice at the Big Four Walking Bridge all summer (Tuesday-Sunday).



West End School Celebration

By Delene Taylor

We had a special celebration with the West End School 8th graders who participated in our reading program this semester. **President Walt** stressed the importance of good grades and extracurricular activities and **Rick Harned** broke out his dance moves (see the video in our [Rotary Facebook group](#)). **Bob Nesmith, Julie Schmidt, Mary Ellen Harned** and I enjoyed our time with these bright young scholars!



INTERACT Club Standouts

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

Two of our Rotary Club of Louisville Interact Club seniors from Western High School will receive their college degrees (A.A.) two weeks before high school graduation! Congrats to **ZamZam Muhamad & Cianna Clayton**. We are so proud of them!



May 3rd Rotary Day at the Downs Tickets & Parking

*** A few tickets are now available; please email rotary@rotary45.org if you are interested. For those who have already purchased tickets, I will have them at the meeting tomorrow, or can mail if needed.

*** Free parking will again be at the Kentucky Exposition Center, with continuous shuttles to/from the Paddock Gate at Churchill Downs. We have a handful of onsite parking passes available for purchase (\$20, Turquoise

Lot); email rotary@rotary45.org.

Join on **Wednesday, May 3rd** for our annual Rotary Day at the Downs! This year we will be in the **brand new First Turn Club Dining** space, which has access to the rail for great viewing. Tickets are \$140 per person and include admission, racing program, 4-hour Chef's Table Buffet, coffee, tea and soft drinks, and an OPEN BAR and fun prizes!

Events & Opportunities: JFCS MOSAIC Awards

By Courtney Evans

What: JFCS MOSAIC Awards

Organization: Jewish Family & Career Services

Date/Time: May 16, 2023 6:00 pm

Location: The Olmsted

Description: The JFCS MOSAIC Awards honor five refugees and immigrants who are diverse leaders, changemakers and humanitarians who have all made significant contributions to their professional fields and have given back to the community that supported them.

To purchase a ticket: <https://one.bidpal.net/jfcsmosaic2023/ticketing>

Member to contact: Courtney Evans, cevans@jfcsloisville.org

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.

Honor Flight: May 17



Plan to join us for the next Honor Flight on May 17th. Volunteers are needed for the Ground Crew as well as to welcome our veterans as they return to the airport that evening.

<https://www.honorflightbluegrass.org/>

Contact Gerald Martin (gerald@riverhillcapital.com) or Larry Sloan (larry.sloan@yahoo.com) for more information or to sign up.

Habitat for Humanity Service Project: May 20

By Larry Sloan

We are excited to announce that we will be helping with funding and volunteers for another Habitat For Humanity House. Our club was awarded a District Grant for this project. The homeowners are a husband and wife who are Iraqi refugees and have two children. This home will be built in Eastern Jefferson County near the Ford plant between Westport Road and KY 22 (Ballardsville Rd.)

Our fellow club member **Jeff Underhill** with Underhill Associates, along with **Jeremy Vokurka** with Miranda Construction, will be organizing work crews, skilled and otherwise, to help with the Raise the Roof work which will take place over 3 days. We will be helping out on **Saturday, May 20th** and President Walt will be saying a few words at the Ground Blessing at 11:30am that day. If you can help, contact me at larry.sloan@yahoo.com.



Abbas Algburi and Iman Mns, married, ages 37 and 33, from Iraq. They have a 4-year-old boy and a 3-year-old daughter. He works as a caregiver at Access Care. They've recently moved from an apartment in Beuchel to a house in Fern Creek.

13606 Park Springs Lane



We are planning with Habitat for two additional project dates, the first of which will be for installing siding and the second for landscaping (planting shrubs and spreading topsoil for sod). When those dates are firm up I will be sending out another email.

There will be a Pre-Construction meeting where we will meet the homeowners and the construction project leaders from Habitat. That meeting will be on Wednesday, May 3rd at 11 am on the Habitat Louisville campus at their Jane and Jewell Center, 1620 Columbia Street, Louisville, KY 40203. If you plan on volunteering, you can click [HERE](#) to fill out the volunteer form for Habitat.

Please let me know if you would like to:

- 1) join me for the Pre-Construction meeting on May 3rd;
- 2) work on the Raise The Roof May 20th;
- 3) be put on the list for the subsequent volunteer days of installing siding or doing landscaping.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Larry Sloan, Lifeline Committee Chair
"Many hands make the work light."

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

Events

April 20th, 10:30-11:30 AM

[International Service Committee Meeting](#)

April 21st, 9:00-1:00 PM

[Repair Affair Service Project](#)

Location: 3715 Dixie Highway Louisville, KY 40216

April 27th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Ursula Madden](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Ursula Madden, External Affairs Manager for Blue Oval SK and Blue Oval City

May 4th, 8:00

[Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \(RYLA\)](#)

Location: Greenville, Kentucky

Speaker: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

May 11th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Rotary Honors Scholars Luncheon](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Scotty Davenport

May 12th, 10:00

[District 6710 Conference](#)

Location: Holiday Inn - University Plaza 1021 Wilkinson Trace Bowling Green, KY 42103

Speaker: District 6710 Conference

May 18th, 11:30-1:00 PM

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

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky President

May 24th, 5:00-7:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

May 27th, 12:00

[Rotary International Convention](#)

Location: Melbourne, Australia

Speaker: Rotary International Convention

Subject: <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

June 6th, 5:30-7:30 PM

[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - June](#)

Location: TBD

April 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM

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

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Dee Dee Taylor, 502 Hemp

April 26th, 5:00-7:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

May 3rd, 12:00-7:00 PM

[Day at the Downs](#)

Location: Churchill Downs First Turn Club 700 Central Avenue Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Day at the Downs

May 4th, 11:30-1:00 PM

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

May 11th, 1:00-2:00 PM

[Rotary University Session 5: Rotary International](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Rotary U Led by Rick Harned & Susan Zepeda

Subject: Rotary International

May 17th, 8:00-10:30 PM

[Honor Flight Bluegrass](#)

Speaker: Honor Flight Volunteer Opportunity

May 20th, 8:30-3:30 PM

[Habitat for Humanity Build](#)

May 25th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: TBD](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: TBD

June 1st, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dan Maloney](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Dan Maloney, Louisville Zoo

June 7th, 5:30-7:30 PM

[New Member Celebration](#)

Location: TBD

Speaker: New Member Celebration

June 8th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Marty Pollio

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Dr. Marty Pollio, JCPS Superintendent

June 15th, 10:30-11:30 AM

International Service Committee Meeting

June 22nd, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Brittany Penny

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Brittany Penny, 2 Cents Inc.

Subject: First black woman CEO in bourbon, creator of The IX Bourbon

June 29th, 11:30-1:00 PM

Louisville Weekly Club Meeting: Rep. Morgan McGarvey /Changeover

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Rep. Morgan McGarvey / Changeover

June 11th, 4:00-7:30 PM

Craig Scherman's Fabulous House Party

Location: 1208 Evergreen Rd

Speaker: Summer Social

June 15th, 11:30-1:00 PM

Louisville Weekly Club Meeting: Hannah Drake

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street

Speaker: Hannah Drake

June 28th, 5:00-7:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Birthdays



Todd A. Spencer
April 19th



J. Barry Barker
April 20th



Dave W. Christopher Sr.
April 21st



Max Bridges
April 22nd



Gordon L. Ragan
April 22nd



J. Tracy Holladay
April 23rd



Rebecca Grignon-Reker
April 25th



Robert S. English
April 26th



Turney P. Berry
April 27th



Gary W. Noel
April 28th



Stephen George
April 29th



Boyce F. Martin III
April 29th



Kevin Lynch
April 29th



Kristen Byrd
May 2nd



Kelley Spillson
May 3rd



Evon Smith
May 3rd



John W. Hampton
May 3rd



Russell Smith
May 4th



Michael Gabhart
May 5th



Di Tran
May 5th



Terry W. Tyler
May 5th



John-Robert Curtin
May 5th



Ben Reno-Weber
May 6th



Anthony R. Kemper
May 7th



Brandy N Jenkins
May 8th



Chambers Moore
May 11th



Gordon K. Costley
May 12th



Luke B. Schmidt
May 14th



Sophia Fischer
May 15th

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