

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful (and profitable) Derby week. I have so enjoyed seeing your posts and photos. Tracy and I even made it into the "spotlight" at the Unbridled Derby Eve Gala at the Galt House!



New in this issue:

- [Rotary Day at the Downs](#)
- [Rotary Heart of America Zones 30-31 Summer Leadership Event](#)

Social/Networking Activities:

- [Rotary Business Synergy Mixer](#) with Canopy and YPAL, presented by Independence Bank: May 20, 5:30-7:30 pm
- [Scherman Summer Social](#): Sunday, June 8, 4:00-7:30pm

Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll to stories below):

- [Read with West End School students](#): Tuesday mornings
- [Serve a meal](#) at Re:Center Ministries: May 28
- [Serve with Repair Affair](#): June 7
- [Pack supplies](#) at SOS: July 22
- Pick up litter during our Ohio River Sweep: October 4

Committee Chairs: remember that the deadline for final reports for 2024-2025 projects AND for applications for 2025-2026 grants is May 30, 2025. Details can be found [HERE](#).

Committee Meetings:

- Service Projects & Grants: May 15, 1:00 pm
- International Service: May 21, 3:30 pm (virtual)

There is just not room in the newsletter to include all the amazing things our members are doing and being recognized for, but please take time to click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the spotlights and events section. These stories are worth reading!

Reminder: You can access meeting/event information and RSVP links on the Home tab in [DaCdb](#) and on our website louisvillerotary.org (scroll down on the home page) anytime. Most of the posts are in all three places, so you don't need to wait for Sparks to be published.

Rotarians in the Spotlight:

- [Dr. Swannie Jett](#)

Events & Opportunities:

- [KRM Live with Teddy Abrams](#): May 15
- [Kentucky To The World Spectacle of Excess](#): June 11
- [14th Annual NEW Showcase of Entrepreneurial Women](#): June 11

In service,



Executive Director [Read More](#)

May 8th Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration with Adrienne Johnson



Join us at noon on May 8th at the University Club for our **Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration**, featuring guest speaker **Adrienne Johnson**, Assistant Athletic Director for University of Louisville Women's Basketball.
**Note: Coach Walz is unable to join us due to a travel conflict.*

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is rotisserie chicken with glazed carrots and fingerling potatoes; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

The RSVP deadline has passed; email admin@louisvillerotary.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 cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card.

Click [HERE](#) to view Speaker Bio.

May 15th Meeting Featuring Kimberly Bunton, President, TKT & Associates



Join us at noon on May 15th at the University Club for our meeting featuring **Kimberly Buntun**, President, TKT & Associates.

"Selling the Soul of a City: How Louisville's Culture Closed a Global Marketing Deal"

We didn't just pitch our agency—we pitched our city. Learn how Bourbon City helped us secure an international automotive company as a client and why every resident plays a role in shaping their city's economic narrative.

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is oven-roasted turkey breast with stuffing, green beans, and gravy; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by Monday, May 12th [HERE](#).

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Click read more below to view Speaker Bio. [Read More](#)

Business Synergy Mixer with Canopy / YPAL / Independence Bank: May 20

By Jay Mallory

Please join us Tuesday, May 20th, from 5:30-7:30 pm at [Independence Bank](#) for our 3rd Annual Rotary Business Synergy networking event in collaboration with [Canopy](#) and the [Young Professionals Association of Louisville \(YPAL\)](#). Thank you to **Louis Straub** and his team for hosting us again!

You can RSVP [HERE](#).

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BUSINESS SYNERGY
WITH
Canopy **YPAL** YOUNG PROFESSIONALS Association of Louisville

PRESENTED BY:
Independence Bank

Save the Date for the Rotary Heart of America Summer Leadership Event

By Delene Taylor

I am excited to announce that our [Heart of America Zones 30-31](#) leadership team has chosen Louisville for one of the Summer Leadership Seminars - on Saturday, July 19th. Our Club will be hosting a social event for attendees on Friday evening, and we would love to have STRONG representation from our members.

We will begin the evening at the Kentucky Derby Museum with a 5:10pm viewing of the newly-released version of [The Greatest Race film](#) on one of the few 360-degree screens in the world, followed by a guided track tour. We will then head over to the Kentucky Science Center for a you-don't-want-to-miss-it Kentucky-themed reception/dinner catered by Bristol beginning at 6:30pm and a private screening of [City of Ali](#) in the theater with film director Graham Shelby. There will be time for Q&A and to enjoy more food and beverages before we wrap up and encourage attendees to experience some of our downtown nightlife!

If you would like to join us, email director@louisvillerotary.org.

2025 SUMMER LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

Rotary
Zones 30 & 31



Discover how to increase membership using the power of Public Image, Foundation, and Membership Toolkits.

Let's build stronger, more vibrant clubs together!

Open to ALL Club Members

LOCATIONS



St. Louis
July 12



Louisville
July 19



New Orleans
July 26



Birmingham
Aug 2



Oklahoma City
Aug 8

Together, we will create a customized action plan that

- ✓ Enhances visibility and appeal
- ✓ Engages and retains members
- ✓ Leverages the power of our Foundation

**REGISTER
NOW !!
ONLY \$60**

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**Great FUN Optional Events in Each Location
Friday Night!**

Rotary Day at the Downs

We had a fantastic WINSDay at Churchill Downs! Thanks to everyone who joined us and made the day special.



April 24th Meeting Recap

The April 24th meeting at the University Club featured Jimmy Kirchdorfer, CEO of ISCO Industries. **Alice Bridges** shared an on-point golf-themed invocation and **Joyce Seymour** led the pledge and 4-

Way Test. Mayor Craig Greenberg introduced Jimmy.



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

[Read More](#)

Welcome New Members

At the April 24th meeting, Club President Nominee **Barbara Sexton Smith** inducted new members **Angie Howard**, **Shannon Kisselbaugh** and **Paris Parada**. Sponsors **Jean West** and **Denise Sears** helped with the pinning.



Click [Read More](#) to read the introductions: [Read More](#)

Nominate a Member for Rotarian of the Year!

By Karen Morrison

It is time to nominate deserving members for our 2024-2025 Rotarian of the Year award. Click [HERE](#) to download the nominations form and see criteria for the award. The deadline to submit is May 31, 2025.

[Read More](#)

Pre-Meeting Learning Opportunities with AG Rick Harned

AG **Rick Harned** will host a table at upcoming lunch meetings for members who want to learn more about different Rotary topics. Just show up around 11:30 am when the buffet opens, grab your meal, and go sit with Rick. You'll get a better parking space, less of a line, and some useful knowledge!

The next opportunity will be **Thursday, May 22nd**, and the topic will be the **Rotary Youth Exchange program**: short-term and long-term exchanges, inbound and outbound programs, who is eligible, host family responsibilities, etc. It will last about 15–20 minutes, until our regular meeting begins.

On May 29th he will be discussing **Rotary Fellowships**.



No need to RSVP or sign up...just set an alarm on your phone to leave a little early for Rotary. If you are interested in a topic but can't make the meeting that day, just let us know. [Read More](#)

Rotary University Session #4: May 27th

Our next Rotary University session will be **Tuesday, May 27th at NOON via Zoom**. Register [HERE](#). We will discuss the various service projects we sponsor and opportunities to live out our motto of *Service Above Self*.

Register [HERE](#) for the final session on **Monday, June 16th at NOON via Zoom**, when we will discuss *Rotary Beyond the Club*.

And register [HERE](#) for our **July 22nd New Member Service Project at SOS** from 5:30-7:30pm.

If you were unable to attend any of the previous sessions, the links to the recordings and the survey you will need to complete with the session code words for credit are below.

Session #1 recording [HERE](#) (passcode **q%E9&28Y**) and survey [HERE](#).

Session #2 recording [HERE](#) (passcode **AZIS*0tw**) and survey [HERE](#).

Session #3 recording [HERE](#) (passcode **s4V=eK1M**) and survey [HERE](#).

Completion of Rotary University is required for new members, so prioritize these sessions! If you have been a member for a while but would like to learn more or just meet some of our newer members, feel free to join us as well.

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](#)

Re:Center Ministries Meal Service: May 28

By Larry Sloan

Our next meal service will be on Wednesday, May 28th at 5:30 p.m. at 757 S Brook St. We need a couple more volunteers, so please let me know if you can help (Larry.Sloan@yahoo.com or 502-552-3990).



Thanks to our volunteers who come out to serve and fellowship with the men in the addiction recovery program at [Re:Center Ministries!](#)

[Read More](#)

Repair Affair Service Project: June 7

By Alisa Gray

We don't yet know the address, but our project is usually a yard clean-up and/or painting for a senior homeowner, or maybe a wheelchair ramp that needs sealing or staining. Please plan to dress for this type of work. NDHC/Repair Affair will provide all the needed equipment, work gloves, water and a box lunch. We will meet at the site at 8:00 a.m., work until noon, have lunch and then clean up the site with the intent of being finished around 1:00 or 1:30. Each volunteer will receive a Repair Affair t-shirt.



[Read More](#)

Scherman Summer Social: June 8

Craig Scherman will host his annual party for members and their guests at his beautiful home in Anchorage (1208 Evergreen Rd) on Sunday, June 8th, from 4:00-7:30pm. Come enjoy dinner, an open bar, live music, beautiful views, great conversation and a whole lotta fun! Watch for the RSVP link soon.



[Read More](#)

New Member Service Project at SOS: July 22

By Jay Mallory

Our next new member service project at SOS, 1500 Arlington Avenue, will be Tuesday, July 22nd from 5:30-7:30pm. For those of you that have attended, feel free to come back. For those of you that have not made it, I hope you are able to, as this is a fantastic opportunity to give back and meet some of your fellow Rotarians. Come ready to have some fun, pack medical supplies, and you might even shed a tear when you learn about how this fantastic organization is changing people's lives. Learn more [HERE](#).

Register [HERE](#).



[Read More](#)

District 6710 Conference: May 16-17 in Hopkinsville

We will be celebrating the Magic of Rotary at the Bruce Convention Center in Hopkinsville on May 16-17 for District Conference 2025! Be prepared to be inspired, entertained and motivated; click [HERE](#) for the schedule.

- **Keynote Speakers:** Stephanie Stuckey, CEO of [Stuckey's](#) and Past Rotary International President Mark Maloney
- **Entertainment:** Professional magicians, live music, and basket auction Hoptown-style to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation
- **Special Event:** Friday evening, we will be hosted by DG Dale Leatherman's home club, the [Rotary Club of Hopkinsville](#), at [Casey Jones Distillery](#). The event features an outdoor barbeque, special cocktails, distillery tours, live music, and more
- **Service Project:** [Love the Hungry](#) - Saturday morning
- **Favorites:** Speech Contest and 10 dynamic breakout sessions

Click [HERE](#) to get your registration link (District is **6710**) and [HERE](#) to reserve your hotel room.

Speaker Lineup

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

5/22 Renee Shaw, KET
5/29 *Pending confirmation*
6/5 Chris Enright and Robby Packard, PNC
6/12 Rotary International Treasurer Beth Stubbs
6/19 NO MEETING (holiday)
6/26 Nadareca Thibeaux, LOUMED
7/3 NO MEETING (holiday)
7/10 Rotary Leadership Transition Meeting

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Events

May 8th, 10:30-11:30 AM
[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

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 20th, 5:30-7:30 PM
[Rotary Business Synergy with Canopy | YPAL | Independence Bank](#)
Comment: Independence Bank 3901 Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY 40207
Speaker: Rotary Business Synergy with Canopy | YPAL | Independence Bank

May 22nd, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Renee Shaw, KET](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Renee Shaw, Director of Public Affairs, KET

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 7th, 8:00-12:00 PM
[Repair Affair Service Project](#)

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
Speaker: NO MEETING - Happy Juneteenth

June 26th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Nadareca Thibeaux, LOUMED](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

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: Adrienne Johnson, Assistant Athletic Director, UofL Women's Basketball

May 15th, 1:00-2:00 PM
[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

May 21st, 3:30-4:30 PM
[International Service Committee Meeting \(Zoom\)](#)
Comment: Via Zoom
Speaker: International Service Committee Meeting

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

May 29th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBD](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: TBD

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 8th, 4:00-7:30 PM
[Rotary Summer Social at Craig Scherman's House](#)
Comment: 1208 Evergreen Rd Louisville, KY 40223

June 16th, 12:00-1:00 PM
[Rotary University Session #5](#)
Comment: Via Zoom

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
Speaker: NO MEETING - Happy Independence Day

Speaker: Nadareca Thibeaux, LOUMED

July 10th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCOL Weekly Club Meeting: Leadership Transition

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

Speaker: Leadership Transition

July 17th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCOL Weekly Club Meeting: Cathe Dykstra, Family Scholar House

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

Speaker: Cathe Dykstra, Family Scholar House

Birthdays



Anthony R. Kemper
May 7th



Daniel Lawson
May 10th



Tracy Peck
May 12th



Gordon K. Costley
May 12th



Chris Buerck
May 13th



Luke B. Schmidt
May 14th



Bridgette Wingate
May 14th



Sophia Fischer
May 15th



Bethany Witten
May 16th



Eric Gurevich
May 17th



George A. Brakmeier III
May 17th



Charles Edward Jungbert
May 18th



Kevin S. Wardell
May 19th



Andrew David Pomerville
May 19th



Leroy F. Squires
May 20th



Karen Kurfees Buchanan
May 21st



Melissa A. Marvel, CPA
May 21st



William K. Burke
May 22nd



W. Kevin Smith
May 23rd



Robert W. Rounsavall III
May 23rd



Kristofer Twist
May 25th



Henry V. Heuser Jr.
May 25th



Clark H. Orr Jr.
May 26th



Carl Kihm
May 26th



Christopher R Nation
May 27th



Kristy Flippins Bartlett
May 31st

Club Leaders



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President



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President-Nominee



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