

Rotary Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom

Hello Rotarians:



Last week Dr. Marty Pollio, Superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools, showed his passion for all students in our city. He not only cares about the kids, he works to make their school experience better. He outlined his strategy. Watch it on [our YouTube channel](#) – you will be glad you did!

Craig Scherman hosted “the” Rotary party of the summer! Even though the weather interfered a bit, everyone enjoyed the beautiful artwork, excellent music, and tasty food and beverages. Most were able to spend a few minutes outdoors enjoying the incredible scenery. And of course...the company and conversations were terrific. Check out the photos below. Thank you Craig!

Our speaker this week, Hannah Drake, will challenge us. She is a poet who speaks to those in positions of power and privilege. Her well-known work, *Spaces*, will shake you. We still have a couple of meals available, so email rotary@rotary45.org if you would like to join us.

WWW:

A poet's work ... to name the unnamable, to point at frauds, to take sides, start arguments, shape the world, and stop it from going to sleep. —Salman Rushdie

Poetry is language at its most distilled and most powerful. —Rita Dove

Poetry is the lifeblood of rebellion, revolution, and the raising of consciousness. —Alice Walker

Poetry is one of the ancient arts, and it begins as did all the fine arts, within the original wilderness of the earth. —Mary Oliver

Life is good!

Walt

This Week's Meeting - Hannah Drake

This week's meeting at The Woman's Club of Louisville will feature **Hannah Drake**, blogger, podcast host, activist, public speaker, poet, and author of 11 books. She serves as the Chief Creative Officer at IDEAS xLab and co-lead artist of the [\(Un\)Known Project](#), which seeks to discover the hidden names and stories of Black people enslaved in Kentucky and beyond. Her title is "Go Back & Tell".



The deadline to register has passed. If you wish to attend, please email rotary@rotary45.org to see if seats remain available.

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 directions to The Woman's Club, and the speaker's bio, click [Read More](#).

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Next Week's Meeting - Brittany Penny, The IX Bourbon



Next week's meeting at The Woman's Club of Louisville will feature **Brittany Penny**, first African American woman CEO in the bourbon industry and Founder of 2 Cents Inc, the visionary company behind the exquisite IX Bourbon Whiskey.

RSVP by Noon, Monday, June 19th [HERE](#).

Lunch is \$25 and the menu will be mushroom spinach quiche with spring salad and strawberries, roll, birthday cake. A salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

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Mark Your Calendar for June 29 and July 6!



Not only will our final meeting of the Rotary year on **June 29th** feature the passing of the gavel from Walt to Kevin, but we are also honored to welcome **Rep. Morgan McGarvey** back to our podium. You won't want to miss it!

The following week, July 6th, we will hear from **UofL football coach Jeff Brohm**.

Both meetings will be at The Woman's Club of Louisville. Save the dates and watch Sparks for the links to register!

Meeting Recap - Dr. Marty Pollio

Last week, we had a packed meeting for Dr. Marty Pollio, who shared his vision and plan for JCPS. If you missed it, the recording is on our [YouTube channel](#). Check out the WDRB story [HERE](#).

If you attended, please share your thoughts on the event [HERE](#).



Congratulations to **Larry Sloan** on the **Lifetime Service Award** - very much deserved!



We honored several students with Ted Buerck Scholarships. Thanks to **Craig Scherman** for his dedication each year to this important program!



Welcome to new member **Kristen Byrd**, Regional President at PNC.



Storms Didn't Stop Scherman Summer Party!

A great time was had by all at this year's summer bash at Craig Scherman's house! Thank you to all who attended, and especially to Craig for hosting!





Service Above Self: Repair Affair

By David Snyder

Thank you to **Ashley Brauer**, **Louis Seeger** and **Mike Kull** for showing up to help with clear coat sealing the wheel chair ramp at Ms. Clemons home on Saturday!



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Join Us at the University Club Beginning July 13th

Our meetings will move to the newly-renovated University Club on the UofL campus beginning July 13th. Stay tuned for more details.



NEW CLUB PROJECT: Welcoming Refugees to our Community

In the coming months, our Rotary Club will co-sponsor two refugee families in partnership with Kentucky Refugee Ministries. We are now collecting needed household items. Click read more below to see the list of products. You are asked to bring items to our regular meetings on two Collection Dates **ONLY: June 29 and July 6!** We also welcome your donation of Kroger or Walmart gift cards in any amount on the same dates. Your support to help these families resettle in our community is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to be a hands-on member of our team for apartment set-ups, welcoming at the airport and befriending the family in their first few months, please contact Mary Ellen Harned (harneds@twc.com) or Larry Sloan (larry.sloan@yahoo.com) for the next steps.



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Opportunity: Rain Harvest Dam Construction Project in India

By Roland Blahnik

There is a wonderful opportunity to go to India and work on a Rotary project to construct a Rain Harvest Dam. It is likely to be an amazing, perhaps life-changing, experience. You will also visit some of India's top attractions, like the Taj Mahal and the Agra Fort, and finish up in Kathmandu. Arrive in India October 20, 2023, and leave for home November 10, 2023. See the itinerary and details [HERE](#).

Trips like this led to my involvement in Kenyan projects, and my current efforts to participate in an Indian project like you will experience in India.

Please contact Elias Thomas ethomas@metrocast.net to arrange your attendance. If you would like to talk with me about my two experiences resulting in working with Kenya and working on starting

Events

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: 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

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[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

July 6th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Jeff Brohm](#)

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

Speaker: Jeff Brohm, UofL Football Coach

Birthdays



Erica Fields
June 14th



Mark Kull
June 15th



Sarah Davasher-
Wisdom
June 15th



James U. Smith
III
June 16th



Michelle Black
White
June 18th



Karen Morrison
June 19th



John Jennings
June 20th



Heather Gibson
June 22nd



Haldane
Lamberton
June 26th



Chester B.
Diamond D.D.
June 27th



Douglas H.
McCall D.M.D.
June 27th



Lynn Sanders
June 27th



Jeffrey A.
Underhill
June 28th



Roland R.
Blahnik
June 28th



Douglas E.
Myers
June 30th

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