

Rotary Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians:

This week we are talking bourbon with **Brittany Penny**, creator of **The IX Bourbon**! I know you will want to hear from her, and there just might be a bourbon tasting in the mix! We will also be hearing from two of our graduating Leadership Fellows - **Matt Riggle** and **Taylor Davis** - and welcoming two new participants into the program.

Next week we will have our representative in Congress, the Honorable **Morgan McGarvey**, as our speaker. This is also our leadership transition meeting – which we will dispatch with energy, speed and maybe a couple of laughs! We will fill the house. For those of you who register before next Monday's noon deadline, you get **TWO tickets** in the fish bowl for our last door prize drawing of the year: a hard to find bottle of **Weller Reserve**, donated by former Louisville Rotarian Robert Chatham. So come and see and hear and be heard! Meetings that highlight community leaders like Mr. McGarvey are part of the reason that you joined Rotary.

If you missed my email on Monday, click Read More below to view the full message.

WWW:

Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us. Wilma Rudolph, African American Sprinter

Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck. His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth. Muhammad Ali

Bourbon is proof that there is a god and god loves us!

Life is good!

Walt

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

This 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.

The RSVP deadline has passed. Please email admin@rotary45.org to see if seats remain if you are interested.

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](#)

Next Week's Meeting - Representative Morgan McGarvey



Next week's meeting at The Woman's Club of Louisville will feature **Representative Morgan McGarvey**, as well as the "passing of the gavel" and other fun surprises.

RSVP by Noon, Monday, June 26th [HERE](#).

Lunch is \$25 and the menu will be roasted pork with red pepper jam, green beans, polenta, and butterscotch brownies. A salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

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Business Synergy Event at Signarama Downtown - July 11

Join us on Tuesday, July 11, from 5:30-7:30pm at the Signarama Downtown, 1430 Mellwood Ave, for our next Business Synergy networking event, hosted by Rotarian **Maggie Harlow** and team. There will be appetizers and a cash bar available. This is a perfect opportunity to introduce your friends and potential members to our Club!

RSVP [HERE](#).



Re:Center Ministries Dinner: June 28

By Larry Sloan

Our fourth Wednesday monthly meal at Re:Center Ministries will be next Wednesday, June 28th at 5:30pm. Please join us to set up the meal at 5:00 pm. 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! Contact me at larry.sloan@yahoo.com or David Snyder at davids@ndhc.org for more information or to sign up.

KRM Refugee Family Project: Bring Donations to Meeting Next Week

By Mary Ellen Harned

Our Club is co-sponsoring two refugee families in partnership with Kentucky Refugee Ministries. We are collecting needed household items: click [Read More](#) below to see the list of items.

Please bring your donation(s) to our regular meetings at The Woman's Club of Louisville on **June 29 and July 6 - those are our only two collection dates!** 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.



[Read More](#)

Meeting Recap - Hannah Drake

Last week, we had the privilege of hearing from Hannah Drake, a very talented poet and engaging speaker. She shared thought-provoking stories about the history of slavery in Kentucky and beyond. It was challenging and eye-opening! If you missed it, you will be able to view it on our [YouTube channel](#) soon.

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

of the things we think, say or do:

- 1 Is it the TRUTH?
- 2 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build GOODWILL & FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to the community?



Rotarian in the Spotlight: Dr. Paula Grisanti

Join Health Enterprises Network on Monday, July 10th at 3:30pm at the Kentucky Derby Museum for a conversation with two healthcare innovators in our region: **Dr. Paula Grisanti** of the National Stem Cell Foundation, and Natalie Browning of Bamboo Health. It is a unique opportunity to explore the latest advancements, discuss groundbreaking concepts, and collaborate with like-minded individuals who are pushing the boundaries of healthcare innovation. Learn how these two organizations are empowering healthcare leaders to envision a future where quality, accessibility, and patient-centric care are at the forefront, while examining the future of healthcare, including telemedicine, artificial intelligence, genomics, digital health, and their implications for healthcare leaders and organizations.

Register [HERE](#).

A banner for the Healthcare Innovators Forum. The top section features a blue background with medical icons like a stethoscope, pills, and a brain. Below this is a dark blue bar with the 'HealthEnterprisesNetwork' logo on the left and the text 'HEALTHCARE INNOVATORS FORUM' in large white letters. The middle section shows a person in a white lab coat holding a tablet, with a '[GLI]' logo in the corner. The bottom section is a dark blue bar containing two circular headshots. The first is of Natalie Browning, with her name and title 'VP, Client Relations | Bamboo Health' below it. The second is of Dr. Paula Grisanti, with her name and title 'CEO, National Stem Cell Foundation' below it.

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HEALTHCARE INNOVATORS FORUM

[GLI]

Natalie Browning
VP, Client Relations | Bamboo Health

Dr. Paula Grisanti
CEO, National Stem Cell Foundation

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Dan Maloney

Congrats to **Dan Maloney** on being selected for the Leadership Kentucky Class of 2023. Read more [HERE](#).

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**. We will return to a buffet style menu; salad with grilled chicken will be a staple part of the offering. The buffet will open at 11:45am, so plan to arrive a little early if possible so you can be seated when we ring the bell. Stay tuned for more details.



Events

June 22nd, 11:00-12:00 PM

[Hospitality Committee meeting 11:00am](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville
Downstairs Parlour

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: Jeff Brohm](#)

Location: The Woman's Club of Louisville 1320 S. 4th Street
Speaker: Jeff Brohm, UofL Football Coach

July 13th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Shawn Dawley](#)

Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Shawn Dawley, OT2 Consulting

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

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Rep. Morgan McGarvey /Changeover](#)

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

Speaker: Rep. Morgan McGarvey / Changeover

July 11th, 5:30-7:30 PM

[Business Synergy event at Signarama](#)

Location: Signarama Downtown
Speaker: Business Synergy

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Adam Watson](#)

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

Speaker: Adam Watson, Against the Grain Brewery

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Will Farmer](#)

Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E

Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Will Farmer, DVM, Equine Medical
Director, Churchill Downs

Birthdays



Heather Gibson
June 22nd



Haldane Lamberton
June 26th



Chester B. Diamond D.D.
June 27th



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



Jeffrey A. Underhill
June 28th



Roland R. Blahnik
June 28th



Douglas E. Myers
June 30th



Sam Gwathmey Tyler
July 2nd



Shahid Ikram
July 3rd



Sharon Riehemann
July 4th



Steven Matly
July 8th



Franklin K. Jelsma
July 10th



David L. Hardy
July 12th

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