

# Rotary

## Club of Louisville



## Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians:

Being President of our Club has been one of my life's greatest honors. I have had more fun than anyone should be allowed. I have been inspired by your daily deeds reflecting "Service Above Self." I have introduced leaders and entrepreneurs and poets. I have been challenged and thanked. I will thank some of those who made this easy and fun. Delene has been the straw that stirs the drink and Tracy has taken care of all the details that make our Club shine. And that is a place to start. I will recognize many of you in my closing remarks. I am thankful, honored and humbled. Our club is in a good place!

WWW:

*"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference."* Elie Wiesel

*"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."* Thomas Edison

*"Pray for a good harvest, but keep on hoeing."* From a sign posted off a rural road

*"If you don't like what you are getting --- change what you are doing!"*

*"The way out is through the door. Why is it that no one will use this method?"* Confucius

*"Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses."* Alphonse Karr

*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."* Robert Louis Stevenson

*"What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"* George Eliot

*"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song."* Maya Angelou

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."* Theodore Roosevelt

THE MAN IN THE ARENA - Excerpt from the speech "Citizenship In A Republic" delivered at the Sorbonne, in Paris, France on 23 April, 1910

Life is good!

Walt Kunau

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## This Week's Meeting - Representative Morgan McGarvey



This 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.

The RSVP deadline has passed. If you haven't registered but would like to attend, email [admin@rotary45.org](mailto:admin@rotary45.org) to see if seats remain.

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 - Jeff Brohm, UofL Football Coach



Next week's meeting at The Woman's Club of Louisville will feature **Jeff Brohm, Head Football Coach at the University of Louisville**.

RSVP by Noon, Monday, July 3rd [HERE](#).

Lunch is \$25 and the menu will be BBQ chicken thighs, cole slaw, potato salad, and apple spice cake with rum glaze. A salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

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## KRM Refugee Family Project: Bring Donations to Meeting

# This Week and 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](#)

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## Meeting Recap - Brittany Penny

Last week, we heard from **Brittany Penny** about her journey to become the first African American woman CEO in the bourbon industry and the Founder of 2 Cents Inc. We were able to sample The IX Bourbon! If you missed it, you can view the meeting on our [YouTube channel](#).

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



We also heard from graduating Leadership Fellows **Taylor Davis** and **Matt Riggle** about their Rotary experience and welcomed two new Fellows, **Tonya Augustine** and **Amalia Gamez Guerra**. See separate post below about the program.

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## Rotary Leadership Fellows Program

By Ashley Brauer

The Rotary Leadership Fellows Program celebrated two graduates and welcomed two new members at our meeting last week. The program originated in 1996 as the Landrum Prize for Leadership. In 2001, the Rotary Club of Louisville partnered with the Landrum Family to create a unique program designed to exercise the Club's mission of service, provide a three-year leadership development program, and create a pipeline of future leaders for the Club and the community at-large.

Fellows are recent or soon-to-be graduates of the University of Louisville MBA program. Each Fellow is matched with mentors, organizes three Fellows meetings, participates in Club meetings, service and social activities, and receives a \$5,000 cash award.

This year, **Matt Riggle** and **Taylor Davis** completed the Fellowship program. Taylor is a Relationship Manager with Lifetime Wealth Strategies. Matt is Vice President of Asphalt Materials and Analytics at Louisville Paving and Construction. Both Matt and Taylor will join the Club as full members.

New Fellows include **Tonya Augustine**, Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, and **Amalia Gamez Guerra**, Hispanic Admissions Counselor for the University of Louisville.

Continuing Fellows include:

- **Sarah Hugenberg**, Vice President and Relationship Strategist for PNC Private Bank.
- **Bethany Witten** is the owner and Chief Solutions Specialist for Hat Rack Business Solutions.
- **Brandy Davis** is a Disability Program Specialist for the University of Kentucky.
- **Eric Gurevich** is a Creative Strategist for CMR-ignite.
- **Antigone Mehani-Asghari** specializes in data analytics.

- **Kelley Spillson** is a Customer Insights Manager at Salesforce and an owner of Epiphany Bar.

We thank the Rotary Leadership Fellows Committee, **Vernon Foster** and the UofL College of Business for their partnership on this program, and **Louis Straub** for hosting the Fellows at Independence Bank.



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## 2023 Past Presidents Dinner

We shared a wonderful evening of farm fresh food, fellowship, and reminiscing earlier this week as the past presidents of our Club gathered at Epiphany, co-owned by Rotarian Kelley Spillson.



Front row: **Luke Schmidt, Lelan Woodmansee, Jean West, Ray Schuhmann**  
Middle row: **Julie Schmidt, Jim Smith, Charlie Oberst, Mike Kull, Paul Gold**  
Back row: **Kevin Wardell, Woody Northup, Alice Bridges, Walt Kunau, Henry Heuser**

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## **Re:Center Ministries Dinner**

By Larry Sloan



Thanks to **Sharon Riehemann**, **David Snyder** and **Kenya Wade** for helping to serve the fourth Wednesday meal at Re:Center Ministries. Our next date will be Wednesday, July 26th 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](mailto:larry.sloan@yahoo.com) or David Snyder at [davids@ndhc.org](mailto:davids@ndhc.org) for more information or to sign up.

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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.

RSVP [HERE](#).



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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**. 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.



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 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

August 3rd, 11:30-1:00 PM

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Will Farmer**

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

**Speaker:** Will Farmer, DVM, Equine Medical Director, Churchill Downs

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, 10:30-11:30 AM

**International Service Committee Meeting**

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

**Speaker:** International Service Committee Meeting

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

**Re:Center Ministries Dinner**

**Location:** 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

**Speaker:** Re:Center Ministries Dinner

## Birthdays



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



Walter J. Swyers  
July 14th



Charles A. Roederer Jr.  
July 15th



Kevin W. Cosby  
July 15th



Doug James  
July 17th



Barry Glen Allen  
July 19th



Stephanie Kelley  
July 20th



Clifford T. Elgin  
July 21st



Tyler N. Allen  
July 23rd



Richard H.C. Clay  
July 24th



Andre Kimo Stone Guess  
July 24th



Miles Burkholder II  
July 25th



Tony H. Coffey  
July 25th



John Lueken  
July 26th



G. Raymond Schuhmann  
July 28th



Morgan Hancock  
July 28th

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