

Rotary

Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom



This is Walt Kunau, President of your Downtown Rotary Club.

We conducted a phon-a-text-a-thon yesterday. The totals are not in, but we contacted over half of our members – well over 200 calls and texts! The caller/texters were: Barbara Sexton Smith, Angela Bailey, Ashley Brauer, Greg Braun, John Bush (one of the Best Darn Presidents Ever), Thom Crimans, Dan Hartlage, Jay Mallory and Mike Richardson. Please thank them when you see them. If you did not get one, here is our message:

The reason for the call/text is twofold.

First, I want to thank you for being a Rotary member. Because of you, the scourge of Polio is almost eliminated from the face of the earth. Closer to home, because of you, 63 families will become first-time homeowners. The West Louisville Housing Initiative sponsored by your Rotary Club is quickly moving to provide the money for these loans. Being a member of Rotary means you participate in these and many

other world-wide and local projects. Once again, thank you!

Second, we need you! We need you to show up.

What does that mean?

We need you to come to our meetings at the Savor event space at River House on River Road at noon on Thursdays.

We need you to attend our social functions like Rotary Day at LouCity Soccer on August 13th.

We need you to have the best Rotary experience. You do that by practicing "Service Above Self" with our projects: mentoring at Western and Iroquois High Schools with our Rotary Honors Scholars; helping an elderly homeowner at our Repair Affair service days; greeting our veterans at the Honor Flights to Washington. You will find your Rotary experience enhanced by your service to our projects, and our world will be a better place to live.

Our theme for this year is **Imagine**. Imagine what Rotary would be like if I ... you finish that thought.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

And now for the rest of my note today, WWW (Walt's Words of Wisdom) since I forgot to announce them last week!

A definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome.

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

Pray for a good harvest, but keep on hoeing.

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 1928-2016

Note from Delene

A couple of important things this week:

1) Dues invoices for the 3rd quarter are being sent out this week and **action is required by every member**. Because there have been so many credit cards we were unable to process (many expired, some just canceled or compromised, etc.) the last couple of billing cycles, we are *starting fresh* and will not be automatically processing payments this quarter.

To pay online, you must click on the "**Review and pay**" button in the email you get from Rotary with the subject line "**New payment request from Rotary...**" and input your debit/credit card or bank information. You are providing it via the Intuit Quickbooks payment platform with state-of-the-art encryption and authentication technologies including SSL, digital certificates and RSA encryption...it's as secure as you can get online.

You can still pay by check if preferred - please go ahead and do so in the next few days if possible. I'm happy to accept checks at the meetings or you can mail to the office.

2) We have quite a few members with **outstanding dues** from prior quarters - which you probably thought were paid via your card on file. I have only recently had time to review each account as part of our year-end reconciliation process, or you would have been notified more timely. Watch for an email with copies of outstanding invoices/statements from me over the next few days. Please email me if you have questions (you can call but will likely have to leave a message). I have tried to carefully review history for the past 18 months to make sure the amounts owed are correct, but if you believe something has been paid, it would be very helpful if you could provide a check number/date or date of credit card charge.

I thank you for your patience as I seek the best ways to steward the resources of time and funds for the benefit of our Club and Fund. It has been a learning process and some trial and error, but the goal is to automate as much as possible so that I/we can focus on our bigger picture goals of growth and impact.

This Weeks' Meeting: Monique Kuykendoll-Quarterman/Tori Wood

Speakers **Monique Kuykendoll-Quarterman** and **Tori Wood** will discuss "**It Takes a Village: How Louisville's Community Jumpstarts Startup Development and Innovation.**"

Did you know that Louisville is known for its beneficial relationship between its communities and startups? Louisville is home to a nationally-recognized philanthropic endowment with grants for startups. Kentucky launched the first Small Business Innovation Research matching grant program in the nation, with several of those attracted companies settling in Louisville. Community members are incentivized by the state to invest in and mentor Louisville's early unicorns. Learn more from KY Innovation about how regional entrepreneurship thrives with the help and support of its community.

RSVPs are closed for this meeting; to see if there are meals/seats available, please email rotary@rotary45.org.



Click [Read More](#) to view the speaker bios.

[Read More](#)

Last Week's Meeting Recap : Greg Gitschier, Former Secret Service Agent

Last week our speaker was **Greg Gitschier**, a former Secret Service agent. His topic was titled "**Keep Your Head on a Swivel**" and he shared some important and valuable tips on what to do if involved in a mass shooting scenario, as well as some stories of his time in the Secret Service.





Next Week's Meeting: Conrad Bachman / Louisville's International Festival of Film



Next week's meeting will feature **Conrad Bachman**, Founder and Co-Chair of [Louisville's International Festival of Film](#). He will share some tales from his acting career and preview the upcoming film festival. For those who were in the room last time he spoke to our Club, you know it is a treat to have him with us.

The menu will be lasagna with garlic bread; a vegetarian/gluten-free meal will be available upon advance request.

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Whitney Austin

As many of you know, Rotarian **Whitney Austin** has been a strong advocate and lobbyist for bipartisan gun legislation both before and after surviving a mass shooting in Cincinnati. She was in the Senate Gallery as the votes were tallied and the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act was passed! She also received a personal invitation to a special celebration event at the White House. She was featured on

the front page of the Sunday Courier Journal on July 17th. For a special inside glimpse into her experience leading up to the passage, read her blog about it [HERE](#).



2020 PULITZER PRIZE WINNER

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Messages show Ky. prosecutor made promises for nude images

Online exchanges with defendant surfaced in another criminal case



Andrew Wolfson
Louisville Courier Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

Goldy



Helton

Inside

Top prosecutors say attorney who did favors for nude images should quit.
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An elected prosecutor in Eastern Kentucky exchanged Facebook messages with a defendant in which he promised to help her with her criminal cases in exchange for nude photos and videos of herself.

In 230 pages of messages from 2018 to 2020 obtained by The Courier Journal, Ronnie Goldy, commonwealth's attorney for Bath, Menifee, Montgomery and Rowan counties, told Misty Helton that if she sent him the nude images, he would talk to judges about continuing her cases and setting aside warrants.

On Aug. 20, 2018, for example, Helton responded to Goldy's request for a nude video, texting she could make a new one.

"You did get a bond taken care of on a Sunday, I suppose," she messaged. "Now you are thinking right," he replied.

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Biden drops plan to name anti-abortion Republican as judge



Joey Garrison and Joe Senka
USA TODAY

Meredith

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden is abandoning plans to nominate a conservative, anti-abortion attorney as a federal judge in Kentucky, with the White House citing opposition from a surprising source: Republican Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.

The White House's retreat from its planned nomination of attorney Chad Meredith — in what was a purported

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SHOOTINGS IN AMERICA

'This is the start'



Louisville native Whitney Austin talks in 2020 about her experience being shot 12 times during a 2018 mass shooting at a Cincinnati office building. JEFF RAUGHENDER/COURIER JOURNAL

In Kentucky, newly passed federal gun law met with cautious optimism

Jonathan Bullington
Louisville Courier Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

"In many ways, this is more of a spending bill than a gun regulation bill."

Daniel Webster
A. James Hopkins professor and co-director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions

When the last vote was counted, Whitney Austin cried.

She thought about the September day four years ago when a man with a gun shot her 12 times; about the three people he killed and the other person he wounded in that 2018 mass shooting at a Cincinnati office building.

She thought about all the other mass shootings since that have elicited thoughts and prayers and outrage — but little legislative action.

"We had seen such failure before," said Austin, a Louisville native and founder of Whitney Strong, a nonprofit dedicated to preventing gun violence. "But there are a lot of things that got us to this moment, and one of them is failure."

"Every time we failed, that moved us forward. That changed a mind, a



Police investigate the scene of the mass shooting in which three people were killed and two, including Austin, were wounded on Sept. 6, 2018, in Cincinnati. ALBERT CESARI/THE ENQUIRER

perspective."

Spurred by mass shootings 30 days apart at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, and an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, 65 U.S. senators — including 15 Republicans — broke through years of partisan gridlock to pass what many have called the most significant

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Rotarian in the Spotlight: Robert fink

Rotarian Robert Fink, Pharm.D., MBA, FACHE, FASHP was recently commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Andy Beshear for service during the pandemic in coordinating vaccination efforts, including the two-month mass vaccination operations at Cardinal Stadium.

This is the highest title of honor bestowed by the Governor, in recognition of an individual's noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service. Kentucky Colonels are unwavering in devotion to faith, family, commonwealth, and country.

Congratulations Bob, and thank you for your service to our community!



Tomorrow 7/27 is the last day to purchase tickets to Lou City Soccer on August 13

Final call to register to attend the 2022 Rotary Soccer Day, as Lou City takes on the Tampa Bay Rowdies on Saturday, August 13th at 7:30pm. We will have a block of seats centerfield as well as pre-game access to the Rabbit Hole Corner Bar beginning at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$46 each and can be purchased [HERE](#).



Rotary Golf Is Back!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th
GLEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

NEW FORMAT -- SHAMBLES

11:30 BUFFET LUNCH -- 12:30 FIRST TEE TIME

\$50.00 PER PLAYER

The fee will include a buffet lunch including one drink (beer, Gatorade, soft drink, or cold tea) and a round of golf with cart. There will be individual prizes, male and female, for low gross and low net scores* plus other traditional prizes.** Players can sign up individually, in pairs, threesomes, or foursomes. Foursomes for play other than registered foursomes will be by random assignment. Players must register [HERE](#) and pay the \$15.00 deposit per golfer. The \$35.00 balance will be paid to Glen Oaks on 9/26. Registration deadline is Monday, 9/19.

*Handicaps will be required at registration.

**Prizes will be limited to one per person.

Prize sponsors: Cliff Elgin Consulting, Maid in Louisville, and ?

MORE PRIZE SPONSORS WELCOME - Text Greg Braun @ 502-817-8224

Rotary University

If you are new to Rotary and/or haven't completed these orientation sessions, or just want to join in the fun with some of our new members, please mark these dates on your calendar. We will meet IN PERSON at Savor following the regular lunch meetings.

August 11 - Rotary International (Rick Harned / Susan Zepeda)
September 15 - Service Projects / Grants (Steve Eggers / Alice Bridges)
October 6 - Rotary Honors Scholars (Thom Crimans / Craig Mooney)
November 10 - New Member Celebration

All members are welcome.

Events

July 27th

[Re:Center Dinner - Lifeline Committee](#)

August 4th

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

August 13th

[Rotary Soccer Day - Lou City vs Tampa Bay Rowdies](#)

August 18th

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

August 25th

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

September 8th

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Susan Rademacher](#)

Speaker: Susan Rademacher / Origin Park

July 28th

[RCoL Meeting Speaker: Monique Kuykendoll-Quarterman, Tori Wood](#)

August 11th

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: James O'Connor](#)

Speaker: James O'Connor, Louisville City / Racing Louisville President

August 16th

[Board/Committee Leadership Retreat](#)

Speaker: Annual Planning Retreat

August 24th

[Re:Center Dinner - Lifeline Committee](#)

September 1st

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Cleo Battle](#)

Speaker: Cleo Battle / Louisville Tourism

September 13th

[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - September](#)

September 15th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Senate Candidate Forum](#)

Speaker: Senate Candidate Forum

September 28th
[Re:Center Dinner - Lifeline Committee](#)

October 4th
[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - October](#)

October 13th
[RCoL Weekly Meeting: 3rd District Congressional Candidate Forum](#)
Speaker: 3rd District Congressional Candidate Forum

October 26th
[Re:Center Dinner - Lifeline Committee](#)

November 1st
[Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - November](#)

November 10th
[RCoL Weekly Meeting: Speaker: Maggie Keith and Lindsey McClave](#)

September 22nd
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Wealth Gap Simulation](#)

Speaker: Wealth Gap Simulation

September 29th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Felicia Smith/NCFL](#)
Speaker: Felicia Smith/NCFL

October 6th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Pat Armstrong](#)
Speaker: Pat Armstrong/KY Derby Museum

October 20th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Ingrid Hernandez](#)
Speaker: Ingrid Hernandez / President - INgrid Design

October 27th
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Mike Anderson](#)
Speaker: Mike Anderson/President, Churchill Downs

November 3rd
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dan Mann](#)
Speaker: Dan Mann, Executive Director, Louisville Regional Airport Authority
Subject: RI Foundation Focus

Birthdays



John Lueken
July 26th



G. Raymond Schuhmann
July 28th



Cynthia P. Collier
July 30th



Allan M. Parnell
July 30th



Gary Dryden
July 30th



Maria A Smith
July 30th



Alan N. Singleton
July 31st



Anthony L. Newberry
July 31st



Paul J. Bickel III
July 31st



Carl M. Thomas
August 2nd



Charles B. Castner
August 3rd



Robert M. Connolly
August 3rd



Griffin Meredith
August 4th



Matthew Ayers
August 4th

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