

# Rotary

## Club of Louisville



## Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians!

1) I want to remind, encourage, and admonish all members to come to our meetings - this week **Bill Repasky** will be talking about cryptocurrencies. Next week, **Governor Beshear** will join us via Zoom for about 15 minutes at NOON, so I will ring the bell at 11:55 am; please plan to arrive a few minutes early and find your seat before then. Our guest speaker for the meeting will be **Dr. Aaron Thompson**, President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

2) Support the **West Louisville Housing Initiative**. Watch for an important email later this week from Luke Schmidt with all the details and the pledge form you can download.

3) Be sure to save the date for our Metro United Way **Wealth Gap Simulation** that will be hosted by Second Presbyterian Church in place of our regular meeting on Thursday, September 22nd. We will begin promoting soon, so think of whom you may wish to invite.

And finally, for **Walt's Words of Wisdom**:

*Too many people spend money they earn to buy things they don't want to impress people that they don't like. --WILL ROGERS*

See you Thursday!

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## Note from Delene



There simply weren't enough hours in the day to get Sparks out last Tuesday, but this week you get double the value! I hope you'll take a minute to read about all that is happening in our club and the many Rotarians who have been in the spotlight recently.

Thank you to all who have completed the [\*\*Committee Interest Survey\*\*](#). Committees are the heart of our Club and our goal is to see each of you engaged and working with other Rotarians to live out Service Above Self in ways that are meaningful to you. You can see what committees you are currently on in DaCdb, as well as the members and leadership of all the committees. Feel free to reach out to the Chair/Vice Chair(s) with any questions.

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## This Week's Meeting: Bill Repasky / Cryptocurrencies

Our guest speaker this Thursday will be **Bill Repasky**, Member, Frost Brown Todd. His



presentation is titled *Bitcoin, Wherefore Art Thou: What it is, what it's not, and Where it may be going*.

RSVPs are closed; please email [rotary@rotary45.org](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org) to see if any seats remain available. As we get closer to room capacity, it is very important that those who don't plan to eat still let us know you plan to attend - even if it is Thursday morning - so we can make sure there are enough seats for everyone. Click Read More below for the speaker's bio. [Read More](#)

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## August 11 Meeting Recap: James O'Connor, Louisville City & Racing Louisville

Last week's meeting featured an interview with **James O'Connor**, President of Louisville City FC and Racing Louisville; thank you to Speaker's Committee Chair Ashley Brauer for leading the conversation. If you would like to share your feedback, click [HERE](#).



Also on the program was our annual visit from our **District Governor Nancy Stearman**. She presented a district award to Past President Jean West, and challenged members to support the End Polio Now campaign, sharing sobering news of new cases in Europe and the U.S.



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## August 25 Meeting: Governor Andy Beshear + Dr. Aaron Thompson



Next week's meeting will feature **Dr. Aaron Thompson**, President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. His topic will be: **Is College for Everyone? Higher Education's role to a strong sustainable economy**. Exploring the connections between education and economy and how a postsecondary education at all attainment levels represents the best chance for the student, their future and the economic future of the Commonwealth. Click Read More below for the speaker bio.

The menu will be Peach BBQ Meatloaf and mashed potatoes; a vegetarian/gluten-free option is available upon advance request. RSVP by NOON on Monday, August 22nd:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCL082522>



**Governor Andy Beshear** will join us via Zoom at NOON to provide an on the Eastern Kentucky floods, Western Kentucky tornado recovery, etc.

\*\*\*NOTE: Our **meeting will begin at 11:55** in order to accommodate his time frame of noon-12:15pm. Please arrive early and be at your table by 11:50 if at all possible.

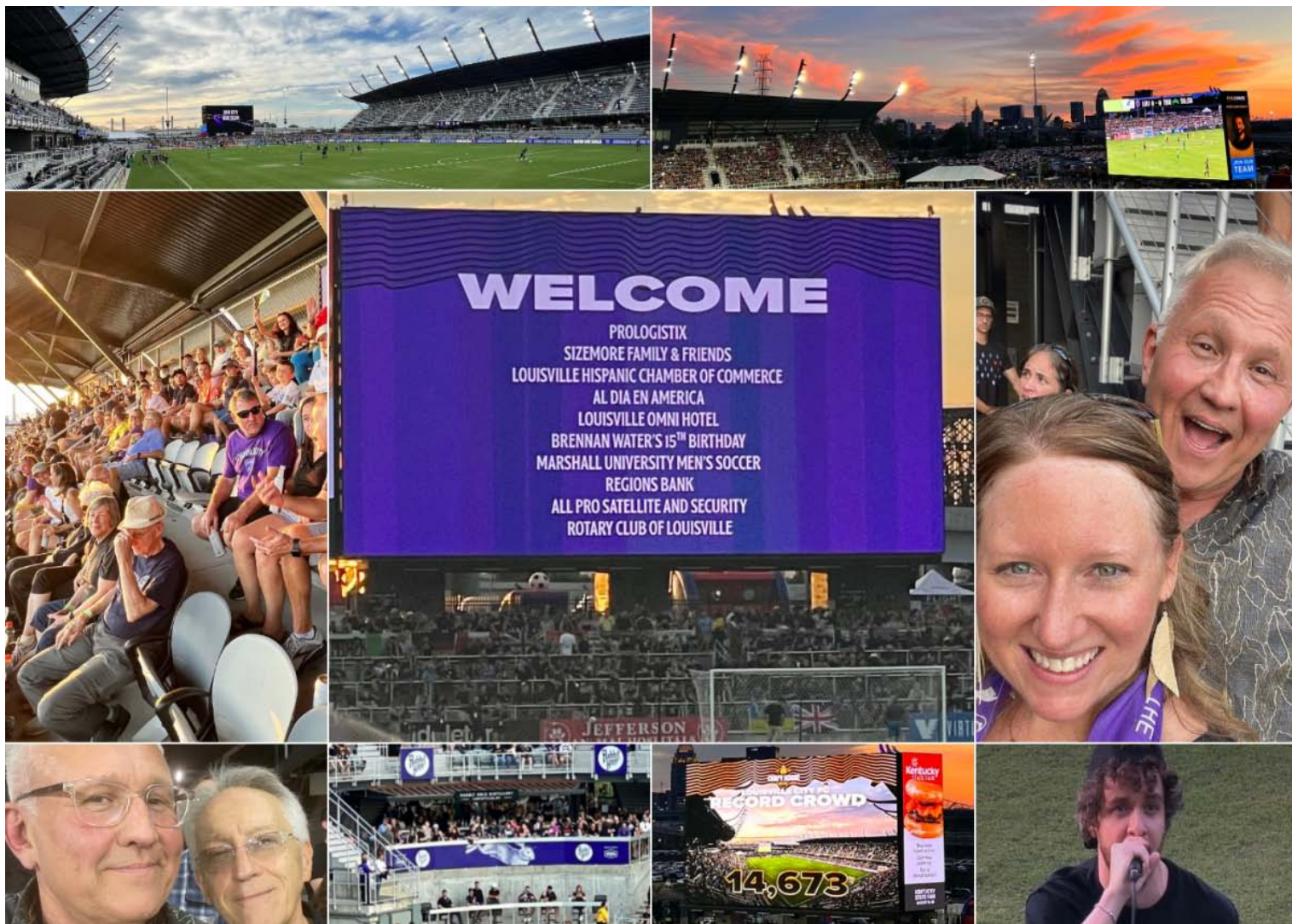
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## An Exciting Evening With Lou City FC!



What a perfect night we ended up having for our Rotary soccer outing! We didn't get a full group photo, as some sat in our section, some hung out at the Rabbit Hole Corner Bar, some were in the Supporters section, some never found parking, etc. It was the first ever sell out for the Club and for Lynn Family Stadium with over 14,000 in attendance. Rotarian Maggie Harlow's son Jack kicked things off with the Lou City chant and got the crowd warmed up for what turned out to be a very exciting and rewarding game, complete with a fireworks show afterwards to celebrate our win.



View more photos and videos on our [Facebook page](#). Thank you to our Social Committee for organizing another great member event.

## Rotary Golf Outing - September 26th

**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 - Cliff Elgin Consulting  
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MORE PRIZE SPONSORS WELCOME - Text Greg Braun @ 502-817-8224

Know someone who is a potential Club member? Invite them to play and meet your fellow Rotarians.

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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Kevin Lynch / ARGI

Congratulations to **Kevin Lynch** on ARGI Investment Services, LLC being ranked No. 45 on the list of the nation's financial advisory firms that have seen the most growth since 2019; the firm grew by nearly 4,000 clients and added \$2.67 billion to its total assets under management. Read the Business First article [HERE](#).



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## Rotarians in the Spotlight: Dave Christopher



**Dave Christopher** was highlighted in *Newsweek* for his efforts in encouraging black entrepreneurship. After raising \$3 million in nine months, including a hefty contribution from The Rockefeller Foundation, Dave launched the Russell Technology Business Incubator in January 2021, which offers a curriculum focused on the three essential elements needed for a successful business: capital, networking and education. The first class of 34 students all graduated, and 27 businesses are now up and doing well, and a second class of 34 candidates is working through the year-long program. Download a copy of the article (from DaCdb) [HERE](#).

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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Dr. Patti Weiter

**Dr. Patti Weiter**, President-Elect of the Kentucky Psychological Association, was recently interviewed by WHAS 11 about when, how and what age parents should talk about school shootings.



View the full story [HERE](#).

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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Erica Fields

**Erica Fields** and her company Brooks Grain were recently highlighted by PNC Bank on their website and social media.



View the full story [HERE](#).

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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Jeremy Vokurka | Miranda Construction

Congratulations to **Jeremy Vokurka** and Miranda Construction on being one of ten Louisville-area companies named on the Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in America.



Read the Business First article [HERE](#) and view the full Inc. 5000 list [HERE](#).

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## Rotarians in the Spotlight

Several Rotarians will be recognized at the upcoming Business First *Partners in Philanthropy* luncheon:

### 2022 Nonprofit Visionary Leaders

Amy Luttrell, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky  
Kasey Maier, Waterfront Botanical Gardens

Companies being recognized for philanthropy:

Family Scholar House (Michael Buckman)  
Norton Healthcare (Corporate Member)  
Republic Bank (Ben Talbott, Jackie Jones)  
Mister "P" Express (Corporate Member)  
Strothman and Co. (Ray Strothman)

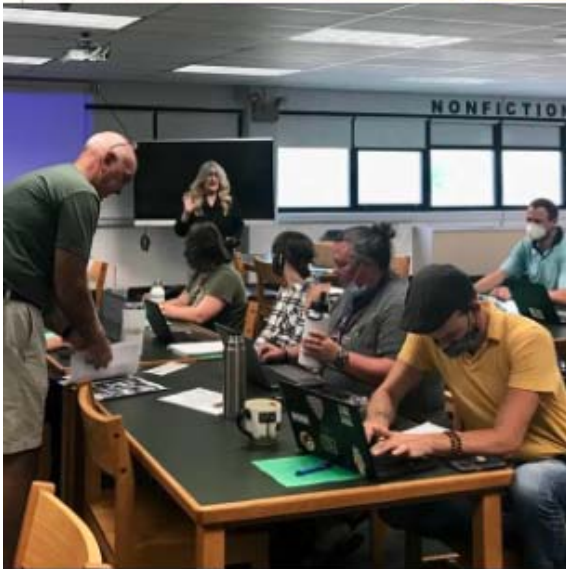
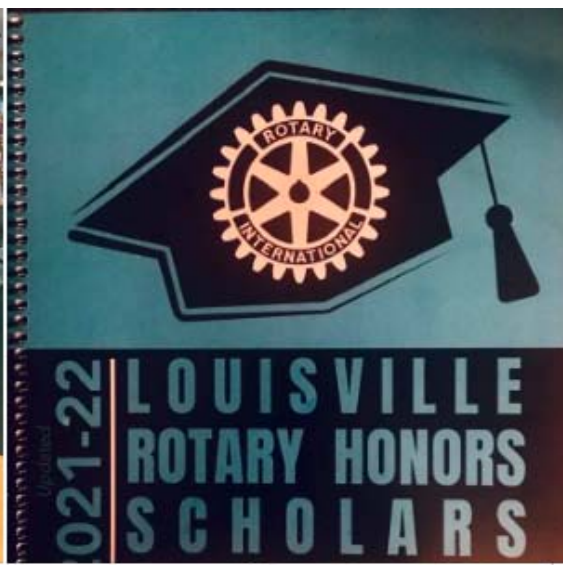
See the full list [HERE](#).

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## Rotary Presentation To Teachers at Western High School

**Dr. Linda Bartrom-Moore** recently presented information about our community partnerships including Rotary Honors Scholars and Interact Club to JCPS Educators at Western High School. Thank you Linda and all of our volunteers who work with youth!





Linda Bartrom Moore is with Jean Losavio and 3 others at Rotary Club of Louisville.

August 6 at 10:42 PM · Louisville · 🌐

School's already in session for hard working [Jefferson County Public Schools](#) Teachers at [Western High School](#). Presented Session on "Community Partners" vis-a-vis [Rotary Club of Louisville](#)'s support of Youth through our Rotary Honors Scholars Program, Interact Club [Interact](#) and the incredible Evolve 502 program. Props to TEACHERS: laying the foundation of the future! 🍰🍌🍷🍷🇺🇸 Shout out to Academies Director [Rick Moir](#) for organizing. Principal Kelly & the outstanding staff & STEM programs at @Western High lay the foundation for the future!! 🍷🍌🍷🍷🇺🇸 [Jefferson County School District Rotary](#)

## The Big Table: World's Largest Potluck

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11th from 5-7pm and help set a record for the World's Largest Potluck, to be held at Iroquois Park. Bring your favorite dish and experience the magic that happens when you share good food with new people! Click [thebigtable.us](https://thebigtable.us) for more info and to register (free), or contact Rotarian Jud Hendrix.





## 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 following the regular lunch meetings.

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

August 18th

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Bill Repasky/Crypto Currency**

**Speaker:** Bill Repasky

**Subject:** Crypto Currency

August 25th

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Aaron**

August 24th

**Re:Center Dinner - Lifeline Committee**

September 1st

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Cleo**

### Thompson/Higher Education

**Speaker:** Dr. Aaron Thompson

**Subject:** Higher Education Matters

September 8th

### RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Susan Rademacher

**Speaker:** Susan Rademacher / Origin Park

September 13th

### Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - September

September 22nd

### RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Wealth Gap Simulation

**Speaker:** Wealth Gap Simulation

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

### Battle/Louisville Tourism

**Speaker:** Cleo Battle

**Subject:** Louisville Tourism/ Bourbon Heritage Month

September 13th

### Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

**Speaker:** Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

September 15th

### RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Senate Candidate Forum

**Speaker:** Senate Candidate Forum

September 27th

### Business Synergy event w/Canopy at Independence Bank

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**



Alice Bridges  
August 17th



Gwen M Mooney  
August 19th



Ben J. Talbott III  
August 20th



Alex E. Novak  
August 21st



Jean West  
August 21st



Jacqueline Elaine Jones  
August 21st



Harry A. Bryan  
August 21st



Todd P. Royer  
August 23rd



William C. Vail Jr  
August 24th



Raymond G. Strothman  
August 26th



Irv Maze  
August 27th



Charles B. Mattingly  
August 27th

Elizabeth Strehl  
August 27th

Janet Patterson  
August 28th

Bryan Armstrong  
August 28th

Craig Mooney  
August 29th





William J. Rutledge  
August 31st



Kathey Sanders  
August 31st



Charles J. Lavelle  
August 31st



## Club Leaders



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