

Rotary

Club of Louisville



Walt's Words of Wisdom



Hello Rotarians! Welcome to another fun week, another inspiring meeting and another informational SPARKS (please read it!).

This week we are tending our garden! Tomorrow you will be motivated and informed by our speaker, Susan Rademacher, Executive Director of River Heritage Conservancy, who will be speaking about the Origin Park initiative which would bring a massive park along the Ohio River shoreline in Southern Indiana. Here are some of my favorite gardening quotes:

Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influence of the earth. —Henry David Thoreau

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. --Marcel Proust

(My husband) Every day he makes me happy, many days he brings me flowers. --Cokie Roberts

Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. —Albert Einstein

We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. —Native American proverb

Since I am writing about tending gardens, the Rotary's garden will be blooming in West Louisville. We are temporarily moving to Joe's Palm Room in West Louisville where we will host our meetings for the rest of the calendar year. Our first speaker will be Senate Candidate Charles Booker. Come and see and hear and BE Rotary!

Life is good! Walt

Note from Delene



I hope to see many of you at the airport at 9:30pm this evening to welcome our veterans returning from the [Honor Flight Bluegrass](#). Just show up at the top of the escalators ready to cheer and be inspired.

We already have **almost 70 people** registered to attend the meeting with Charles Booker on September 15th at Joe's Palm Room. You can RSVP [HERE](#) - don't wait too long as I expect this meeting to sell out. ***NEW MEMBERS - don't forget our next Rotary University session will follow this meeting - please go ahead and RSVP.

Many of you are aware of the important role that Canopy and the new [Canopy Certification](#) launched in June play in putting Kentucky on the map in the good business movement. You will have a chance to hear first hand about the progress being made and from some of the first businesses to obtain certification, as well as meet Canopy supporters (and potential Rotarians!). Register for this free **Business Synergy** event at Independence Bank on September 27th [HERE](#).

We've finally uploaded all of the available **meeting recordings** to our [YouTube channel](#); thank you for your

patience!

If you see a post or article that features one of our **Rotarians in the Spotlight**, please share with me - I love seeing the impact Rotarians are having in our community! Scroll down for several this week.

For our newer members, you can still review the [Committee Interest Survey](#) to see if there is an area you would like to engage, and maximize your Rotary experience!

And finally, if you haven't yet read [The Spectrum](#) newsletter that just went out from our District Governor, it is packed full of important information as well, including the **Virtual District Training, Rotary Leadership Institute, Partnering for Peace**, the upcoming **Friendship Exchange** trip to New Zealand co-chaired by Susan Zepeda and Thom Crimans, and several articles by our members. There is a LOT happening with Rotary and many opportunities to engage.

IN MEMORIAM: J. Michael Ehrler



J. Michael (Mike) Ehrler, 99, of Louisville, passed away on September 1, 2022, after a long, full life. He joined Rotary in January 1967 - over 55 years ago!

Raised on a dairy farm in Louisville, Mike and his brothers expanded the small family milk-processing operation - Ehrler's Dairy, a favorite local business - to include home delivery service and 13 retail stores, which sold ice cream, delicious candy, and a variety of dairy products. Mike flew both B-17 and B-29 aircraft in World War II and later flew small planes from Bowman Field. Mike became the first licensed hot air balloon pilot in the state of Kentucky and flew them for 41 years which resulted in life-long friends, extensive travel, and competitive ballooning, with many victories.

At Mike's insistence, there will be no service or visitation. If you wish to share memories or condolences, please send an email to MikesFinalFlight@gmail.com.

You can view the full obituary [HERE](#).

Tomorrow's Meeting: Susan Rademacher / Origin Park



The September 8th meeting at SAVOR will feature **Susan Rademacher**, Executive Director of [River Heritage Conservancy](#). She will be speaking about the Origin Park initiative, which would bring a massive park along the Ohio River shoreline in Southern Indiana.

The menu will be Jambalaya (low spice, no shrimp); a vegetarian/gluten-free option is available upon advance request. RSVPs are closed; please email rotary@rotary45.org or text 502-295-9290 to see if seats remain available.

Click for the speaker bio: [Read More](#)

September 15th Meeting - Charles Booker - Joe's Palm Room

I am excited to share the news that we will be hosting **US Senate Candidate Charles Booker** as our speaker at our 9/15 meeting (unfortunately Senator Paul was unable to participate). We will be at a new location – the iconic Joe's Palm Room at 1821 W. Jefferson, opened by Joe Hammond in 1967 and recently re-opened.

We will have a buffet instead of plated meals and the cost will be \$25 per person. The menu will be Creamy Pesto Pasta with Chicken, Sauteed Root Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Assorted Rolls w/whipped butter, and Assorted Pastry Bars. You can RSVP



[HERE](#).

We will still issue tickets for the buffet line, so you can register without purchasing a meal if you prefer. There will be a cash bar open from 11:30 until noon, and also following the meeting – you are welcome and encouraged to stay as long as you like. Committees are welcome to meet before or after meetings.

There are 42 parking spaces in the fenced lot at Joe's and more in the lot they own next to the club. There is also plenty of parking along both sides of Jefferson Street. For the September 15th meeting, we have Board members and other volunteers who have offered to meet anyone at Savor and carpool. Joe's Palm Room is less than 10 minutes from Savor, and 3 minutes from the Frazier where we have held meetings in the past. If you are driving west on I64, just take the 9th Street exit (#4) and turn right on Jefferson St. It's a straight shot to 18th street and Joe's is between 18th and 19th. Google still shows it as "The Palm Room" - that is the correct spot.

Download the full press release [HERE](#).

Our next Rotary University session will follow our meeting

Wealth Gap Simulation at Second Presbyterian - September 22, 11am-1pm

We are excited to team up with Metro United Way to host the [Wealth Gap Simulation](#) in place of our regular meeting on September 22nd. Rotarian Steve Jester will be hosting us at Second Presbyterian on Brownsboro Rd. This will be a longer than normal meeting, from 11:00am until 1:00pm - please feel free to arrive at 10:30am for networking. Stay tuned for an RSVP link with lunch details, and consider inviting a friend or two!

More than 3,000 individuals have participated in this simulation that takes people and organizations on a historical journey to wealth building in America, pausing on 13 federal policies that most powerfully accelerated or impeded progress based on race. It is helpful in understanding the impact of laws that have determined access to opportunity, resources, and power for generations, and highlights what we can do to change them. In partnership with Bread for the World, Metro United Way developed this training in the fall of 2019 and trained its staff to execute the simulation and offer a safe, confidential and engaging space to help elevate the conversation around policies that have been in place for decades that have affected generations of families in our community.

September 1st Meeting Recap: Cleo Battle, Louisville Tourism

Last week's meeting featured Cleo Battle, CEO of Louisville Tourism. He shared some fascinating information about the state of tourism and urged us all to become Tourism Ambassadors - to promote our city and invite others to visit! If you attended and would like to share your feedback, click [HERE](#).



2022-23 Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Schedule

By Craig Mooney

Please consider volunteering some of your time and expertise to support our signature service project - mentoring Rotary Honors Scholars at Western High School, Iroquois High School and/or the Western High School students attending Early College at Jefferson Southwest Campus this year.

We will supply you with our newly updated Mentoring Manual (thank you Linda Bartrom-Moore!). Our Scholars look forward to a year of life skills coaching too. I'm taking over the leadership role this year and will do my best to continue this great program that President Walt has led for the past several years. We need mentors for our three September dates listed below.

- Wednesday, September 14 from 7:40am - 9:15am at Iroquois High School, 4615 Taylor Blvd
- Friday, September 16 from 8:15am - 9:00am at Western High School Early College at JCTC Southwest Campus, 1000 Community College Dr, SOAR Room, Building A
- Tuesday, September 20 from 8:15am - 9:15am at Western High School, 2501 Rockford Ln, Shively

Click Read More below for future dates. Please contact me at cmooney@bosseconstruction.com to volunteer or with questions.

[Read More](#)

Can you help reach out to Metro Council?

By Luke B. Schmidt

The Community Impact Committee is asking for volunteers (you don't have to be a member of the CIC) on a one-time basis to contact members of the Metro Council and ask each to support the request of the Rotary Club of Louisville for an allocation of \$1 million dollars to support our signature West Louisville Housing Initiative. The more that we can show the members of the Council that there is widespread support for our initiative within the Club, the better our chances will be to confirm the allocation. It's easy - all we're asking you to do is send a simple email (we'll provide a draft email for you to use and email addresses) to each member of the Metro Council. We expect to begin sending these emails within the next couple of weeks. If you can help out, please contact me at lbschmidt@lbschmidt.com or 502.718.6342.

Rotary at Leadership Louisville Luncheon

Rotary was very visible at the recent Leadership Louisville Luncheon. Although we couldn't get everyone together for a photo, there were at least 30 club members in attendance. Congrats to Rotarian Cynthia Knappek and the LLC team for another fantastic event, and to sponsors Kim Halbauer / Fifth Third Bank, Tawana Bain / TBain&Co, Stephen George / Louisville Public Media as well as Frost Brown Todd, Louisville Business First, ARGI Financial Group, CBRE, MCM CPAs & Advisors LLP, MPI Printing, UofL College Of Business - all who are represented in our club!



Rotarian in the Spotlight: Alisa Gray

Congrats to **Alisa Gray** who will take over as CEO at the Kentucky Humane Society in April. Read the story in Business First [HERE](#).



Image: Kentucky Humane Society

Alisa Gray, right, will take over for Lori Redmon, left, as president and CEO of Kentucky Humane Society in April 2023. Redmon has chosen to take on a new role overseeing KHS's growing Equine C.A.R.E. (connect, assist, rescue, educate) Program.

KENTUCKY HUMANE SOCIETY

Rotarian in the Spotlight: Dr. Swannie Jett

Park DuValle Community Health Center CEO **Dr. Swannie Jett** discusses minority mental health and gun violence issues post-COVID with Damon Cobble, Minority Mental Health Project. You can watch the video [HERE](#).



Park DuValle Community Health Center, Inc.

August 25 at 5:41 PM · 🌐

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Damon Cobble – Minority Mental Health Project | CEO Live Talks

Watch full video now on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEfkr0wv01Q>

Founder of Minority Mental Health Project (MMHP), Damon Cobble is an active leader and Mental Health Practitioner based in Louisville, KY. As a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Certified Clinical Trauma Specialist, Cobble is best known for developing solutions to heal and empower our underserved communities.

Join CEO Dr. Swannie Jett and Damon Cobble in an informal conversational about minority mental health and gun violence issues post-COVID-19 Pandemic.

CEO LIVE TALKS
**Healing,
Empowerment,
& Solutions**



Rotarian in the Spotlight: Angie Bailey

Angela Bailey presented a session called *Imposters Wanted!* at the 38th Annual KYSHRM Conference.



The banner features a black header with the KYSHRM logo on the left and the text "38th Annual KYSHRM Conference" in white. Below the header, on the left, is a photo of a woman in a red blazer. To her right, the title "Impostors Wanted!" is displayed in large, bold, black font, followed by "By Angela Bailey" in a smaller black font. The bottom of the banner has a red background with white text indicating the date and time, and the text "Powered By Whova" on the right.

38th Annual KYSHRM Conference

Impostors Wanted!

By Angela Bailey

Wednesday August 31, 2022 / 07:30 AM - 08:30 AM

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Rotarian in the Spotlight: Rick Smith

Rick Smith was in Washington D.C. to participate in the American Council on Education Mental Health in Higher Education Roundtable. Important work!



Rick W. Smith Sr. is in Washington D.C.

August 30 at 6:18 PM · 🌐

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Thrilled to participate in the American Council on Education Mental Health in Higher Education Roundtable sponsored by Lumina Foundation today, sharing the important work of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. [#mentalhealthawareness](#) [#mentalhealthmatters](#) Aaron Thompson Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) Vivek Murthy Dr. Zainab Okolo, LCMFT Jamie Merisotis



Interact Club Board Meeting

By Dr. Linda Bartrom-Moore

The 2nd BOARD MEETING of the '22-'23 school year of Western High School Western Warriors INTERACT Club was a working lunch at my home. We sorted out all the sweatshirts and T-shirts and bagged them up for members, and then sat down to lunch while we went over the ENTIRE club Constitution and Bylaws. A most enjoyable and super productive afternoon. GREAT kiddos - looking forward to a fantastic school year!



Linda Bartrom Moore is at **Rotary Club of Louisville**.

August 27 at 2:52 PM · Louisville · 🌐

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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
Greg Braun - Maid in Louisville
Brett Corbin - Raymond James
Selma Domingos - Green Health Cleaning
Susan Grant - Artist
Jay Mallory - ImageQuest
Sharon Riehemann - Old National Bank

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.

World Polio Paint the Stadium Purple Day - October 24

Through our alignment with Louisville City FC, Lynn Family Stadium will be bathed in purple to mark World Polio Day on October 24 from 9pm until midnight. Why purple? It comes from the purple dot painted on the fingers of children, who have received the potentially life-saving polio vaccination. It's a growing trend for iconic buildings to be illuminated in purple to recognize the work of Rotary International and partners in the fight for a polio-free world. As long as polio exists anywhere, it is a risk to children everywhere...it is only a plane ride away. Save the date and if you are in the area that evening, take a photo and help us spread awareness about Rotary's impact.

Rotary University - Next Session Is 9/15 at Joe's Palm Room Following Meeting

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 at Joe's Palm Room, 1821 W. Jefferson St.

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. For more info or questions, contact Chris Manzo at cmanzo@sndbx.design.

Events & Opportunities

We are excited to launch a new section to feature upcoming events and opportunities to serve with our nonprofit member organizations. Submissions must be from a member of our Club who is either an employee or board member of the organization for which the event/opportunity is being shared. Click [HERE](#) to submit. Here is an example:

What: Volunteer Opportunity

Organization: Whitney/Strong

Event: A Night For Life

Date/Time: September 9, 2022, 5-11pm (could be less depending on the job)

Location: Paristown Hall

Description: This annual fundraiser event will focus on the artistic storytelling of two local gun violence survivors and the mission of the Whitney/Strong. Note: while the program will focus on hope and action, stories of violence will be shared - volunteers with personal trauma related to violence or loss should consider that before participating.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Registration – assist with registering guests

- Merchandise sales – run sales of merchandise
- Silent auction oversight – watch silent auction items
- Raffle oversight – sell raffle tickets
- General needs/gopher – could be a hodge-podge of responsibilities but great fun!

More information: <https://www.whitneystrong.org/a-night-for-life>

Member to contact: Whitney Austin, whitney@whitstrong.org, 502-548-9974

We also have created a new members-only private [Facebook group](#) where you can share these opportunities. You will be asked to answer a couple of basic questions and to agree to the group's rules before your request to join is approved.

Events

September 8th

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

Speaker: Susan Rademacher / Origin Park

September 14th

[**ROTARY Honors Scholars Mentoring Iroquois High School**](#)

September 16th

[**ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College**](#)

September 22nd

[**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Wealth Gap Simulation**](#)

Speaker: Wealth Gap Simulation

September 27th

[**Business Synergy event w/Canopy at Independence Bank**](#)

September 28th

[**Rotary Leadership Retreat**](#)

Speaker: Rotary Leadership Retreat

Subject: Annual retreat for Rotary Board Directors and Committee Leaders

October 4th

[**Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - October**](#)

October 12th

[**ROTARY Honors Scholars Mentoring Iroquois High School**](#)

October 14th

[**ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College**](#)

October 20th

[**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Ingrid Hernandez**](#)

Speaker: Ingrid Hernandez / President - INgrid Design

October 27th

[**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Josh Heird /**](#)

September 13th

[**Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - September**](#)

September 15th

[**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Charles Booker/ Senate Candidate**](#)

Speaker: Senate Candidate Charles Booker

September 20th

[**Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School**](#)

Speaker: Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

September 26th

[**Rotary Golf Day**](#)

Speaker: Rotary Golf Day

Subject: Register:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLGolf2022>

September 28th

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

September 29th

[**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Felicia Smith/NCFL**](#)

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October 6th

[**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Pat Armstrong/Derby Museum**](#)

Speaker: Pat Armstrong/KY Derby Museum

October 13th

[**RCoL Weekly Meeting: 3rd District Congressional Candidate Forum**](#)

Speaker: 3rd District Congressional Candidate Forum

October 18th

[**Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School**](#)

Speaker: Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

October 26th

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

November 1st

[**Rotary Leadership Fellows Meeting - November**](#)

UofL Athletics

Speaker: Josh Heird, University of Louisville Athletic Director

November 3rd

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Dan Mann

Speaker: Dan Mann, Executive Director, Louisville Regional Airport Authority

Subject: RI Foundation Focus

November 10th

RCoL Weekly Meeting: Speaker: Maggie Keith and Lindsey McClave

November 17th

Louisville Weekly Club Meeting: Mike Anderson/Churchill Downs

Speaker: Mike Anderson/President, Churchill Downs

November 24th

NO MEETING - Happy Thanksgiving!

December 7th

Rotary Holiday Celebration at Big Spring Country Club

December 29th

NO MEETING - Happy New Year!

November 9th

ROTARY Honors Scholars Mentoring Iroquois High School

November 11th

ROTARY MENTORING Western Early College

November 22nd

Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

Speaker: Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Western High School

December 1st

Louisville Weekly Club Meeting: Lori Gonzalez

Speaker: Lori Gonzalez, UofL Interim President

December 22nd

NO MEETING - Happy Holidays!

Birthdays



Charles D. Hartlage
September 9th



Jane Walsh
September 10th



Laurie Bottiger
September 11th



Christen Boone
September 11th



Todd A. Lanham
CIC, CRM
September 12th



John O'Callaghan
September 12th



Jay P. Davidson
September 12th



Edward Galloway
September 13th



Maggie Payette
Harlow
September 16th



Brett Corbin
September 16th



DeVone Holt
September 17th



Anne Monell
September 19th



Stewart G. Bridgman Jr.
September 19th



Nancy Jo Trafton
September 20th



Stephen Tarver
September 25th



Steven D. Kerrick
September 27th



Stephen C. Payne
September 27th



Patrick M. Payne
September 28th



Tommy Sturgeon
September 29th



Philip J. Tamplin Jr.
September 30th

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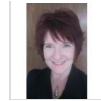
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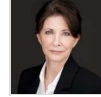
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