

## Note from President Kevin & Meeting Recap

District Governor Tom Reed, Jr. spoke to our club at last week's luncheon. Tom effectively grew up in the Rotary Club. His father, Tom Reed, Sr. was the youngest District Governor in District 6710 ever, at age 39 in 1962. He served as District Governor for a second time 10 years later. Tom Sr. was also a Director of the Rotary International Board in Evanston (1984-1986). Tom Jr. began volunteering and getting involved in Rotary Club activities at an early age. He's held all kinds of positions over the years.

Ryan Quarles, Agriculture Commissioner of Kentucky, spoke this Thursday; I look forward to watching the recording and providing a recap on Monday. Thank you to President-Elect Lori Flanery for presiding in my absence.

Click Read More below to see the full note and meeting recap I sent out earlier this week.

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## Next Week's Meeting - Nikki Lanier, CEO Harper Slade Racial Equity Advisory



Next week's meeting on Thursday, October 12 at the University Club will feature Nikki Lanier, CEO of Harper Slade Racial Equity Advisory.

" The Genesis of Harper Slade and Our Focus on Racial Equity"

By 2045, Black people and Hispanic people will make up the majority of the available workforce and the majority of our citizen body. We cannot sustain a civilized society when the majority of the people who inhabit it continue to have episodic and highly contextualized access to the American dream. While we advance racial equity strategies in the workplace, we must also advance the same ideals and belief systems outside of work.

RSVP HERE by NOON Monday, October 9th.

The menu will be pot roast with rice and combread; a salad with grilled chicken as well as a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

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.

Click Read More to view Speaker's Bio: Read More

## **Note from Delene**

First, my apologies for getting the newsletter out so late this week. It is a challenge to take a vacation and still get everything done timely!

To complicate matters, there was a nationwide glitch with the autopay feature in the QuickBooks software that resulted in none of the charges being processed automatically this month. Unfortunately, they will all have to be processed manually. If you received an email that your payment didn't go through, please click the "Try Again" button in the email. I'm told the issue has been resolved now and automatic payments should resume on November 5th when the next round of invoices generate. I regret the inconvenience.

I believe this is the most packed Sparks I've produced - there is a LOT of new information here that I hope you will take the time to read. A couple of things that **need immediate attention**:

- 1. Please join me on Monday to support our Western High School INTERACT Club blood drive
- 2. Please register NOW for our Rotary Day at Bernheim; we have to provide the final headcount on Monday

I encourage you to consider attending the <u>Rotary Leadership Institute</u>. It is a series of fast-paced, interactive courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians. RLI is designed so that Rotarians can use the content they learn and the connections they make in all aspects of their lives—Rotary, career, family, friends, and community.

I am registered for these online sessions offered by District 6040 and would love to have you join me if you are interested.

#### RLI Part I – First Half: November 14, 6:30 - 9:00 PM RLI Part I – Second Half: November 21, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Participation on both nights is necessary to be credited with completing RLI Part I. The RLI fee is **\$30** per participant, per RLI Part. Please contact me if you want to learn more or visit <a href="https://rlihoa.org/">https://rlihoa.org/</a> to see other upcoming sessions.



# Western High School Blood Drive

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

Sign up HERE to support our Western High School Interact Club blood drive on October 9th!



### Blood Drive Western High School

Room 333 2501 Rockford Lane Louisville, KY 40216

#### Monday, October 9, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Louisville Rotary Coordinated by Western High INTERACT CLUB

Schedule your appointment today!

16-year-old donors may donate with a signed Red Cross parental consent form.

Please be sure to eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids to prepare.

RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS Blood Donor App | Sponsor Code: WesternHS



Fall into giving blood Oct 1 thru 20 get \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/together

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## World Mental Health Day: October 10



Tuesday, October 10 is **World Mental Health Day** - organized by the World Federation for Mental Health and endorsed by the World Health Organization - to raise awareness of mental health issues worldwide and to mobilize efforts to support mental health.

Rotary International President Gordon McInally will be joined by Dr. Pallavi Gowda, a U.S. Army veteran and member of the Rotary Action Group for Mental Health Initiatives, and others, to share some practical advice on addressing mental health issues both with fellow Rotary members and with the people we serve.

Join the Facebook LIVE event HERE at 11:00am on Tuesday, October 10. This program will also be available with language subtitles on our YouTube channel.

View President Gordon's initiatives and Mental Health Brochure: rotary.org/initiatives23-24

# **Repair Affair Service Project: October 13**

By Larry Sloan

One of our favorite Rotary service projects is coming up on Friday, October 13. This will involve yard cleanup and perhaps painting a deck; more details later. You will be helping beautify and fix up an elderly and perhaps disabled homeowner's property. Tools will be provided or you can bring your own! Save the date and let me know if you would like to help. It is a fun project!

We need a Project Manager, so if you would like to offer your management skills for this project, they will be gladly accepted! Contact larry.sloan@yahoo.com or

### Rotary Day at Bernheim: October 14

By Tom Bohnert

Join your Rotary colleagues for an amazing day of discovery and fun at Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest on Saturday, October 14, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Walking, cart, and van tours are available to view the beautiful grounds, edible garden, Playcosystem, art in nature, canopy tree walk and, of course, we will search for the Forest Giants in the Giant Forest! Learn behind the scenes information about conservation and research projects. We will meet at the Education Building Gallery for lunch and coordination of tours. Gate personnel will direct you. During the delicious lunch (\$15 box lunch by On The Go Foods of Bardstown), our own **Dr. Mark Wourms** will give a quick presentation on special projects opening next year during Bernheim's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and other fun facts about Bernheim. Fun for all ages and time for you and your family to enjoy Bernheim's numerous offerings.

Please RSVP HERE: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLBernheim2023

Bernheim is just 25 minutes south of downtown Louisville. Take I-65 South, and just past Shepherdsville, take Exit 112 (KY 245) towards Bardstown. Entry is 1 mile on your right. See you at Bernheim!



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### Louisville Sustainability Summit: October 17

By Larry Sloan

One of the projects our Club supports is the Louisville Sustainability Summit, which is coming up on Tuesday, October 17, from 12:30 to 5:00 pm, at Louisville Visual Arts, 1538 Lytle Street. This is always a very informative session and the subject matter is one dear to our club -- Housing! Our West Louisville Housing Initiative is already making a difference! Plan on purchasing a ticket and attending...you will be glad you did.

2023 LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT OCTOBER 17 2029
2023 ADDRESSING CLIMATE RISKS THROUGH PLANNING AND DESIGN
12:30— EXPO OPENS1:00— WELCOME AND KEYNOTE: SUSTAINABILITY LESSONS FROM NEW YORK CITY TO KENTUCKY2:00— PANEL DISCUSSION: HOUSING FOR A CHANGED CLIMATE
3:00— EXPO AND NETWORKING3:30— SHORT TALKS4:00— PANEL DISCUSSION: GLOBAL CRISIS, LOCAL RESPONSE
5:00-7:00 — AFTERPARTY AND EXHIBIT OPENING FOR "THE SUSTAINABILITY COMPASS - N, E, S, W"

## **Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring**

#### By Craig Mooney

We have officially kicked off this year's mentoring programs at Iroquois and Western High Schools. I encourage you to consider adding one or more of the dates below to your calendar, and connect with coordinator Craig Mooney at cmooney@bosseconstruction.com to let him know you would like to participate...it's a lot of fun!

The schedule for Iroquois HS, 4615 Taylor Blvd, Louisville, KY 40215:

- October 18
- December 6
- January 31
- February 14
- March 27

The schedule for Western HS, 2501 Rockford Ln, Shively, KY 40216:

- October 17
- November 14
- January 23
- February 27
  March 19

\*\* Thursday May 9th is the tentative date for our Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration luncheon.

Click Read More to see photos.

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# West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit: October 20

October is Community and Economic Development month. We are proud to support the *Light the Way Entrepreneurial Excellence Award* for Economic Development which we will present to William Starks of G. Starks Realty Co. on October 20th at LCCC. Join us for the <u>7th Annual West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit</u> at 11:30am and stick around for the <u>awards program</u> that begins at 4:30pm. Scroll down for an update post from our DEI Committee.





### West Louisville's 7th Annual Economic Mobility Summit

Presenting: The 3rd Annual 2023 Sam Watkins, Jr. "Light The Way Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards"

Friday, October 20, 2023, at 4:30 PM: Grow Your Business Networking Mixer Networking Opportunities • Business Showcase • Vendors/Resources • Awards Prese



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ceremony honoring exem-plary local Black entrepreneurs in six distinct catego-ries, followed by a business networking reception.

#### Recognizing Louisville's Entrepreneurs for Enteprenuerial Excellence in 2023 in 6 Categories:



Lamont Collins Lettie Johnson Gifted By Design Leadership and Consulting, LLC Roots 101 African American Museum



ng Equity Leadership Tiffany Williams, Eternal, LLC

Start Up/Innc Ronvale Smith. Blak Koffee Cafe



Old Walnut Street Family Strengthening Center 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY 40203 502.583.8821, Registration at: www.lcccnews.org



## Behind the Scenes with Coach Kenny Payne: October 23



Rotary Club of Louisville has a very special invitation to go behind the scenes of Cardinals basketball on Monday, October 23. **Coach Kenny Payne** has invited Club members to watch practice and then he'll speak with our group and answer questions. This is an exclusive invitation and there are some strict parameters around our visit. Only 100 people may attend practice; please RSVP <u>HERE</u>. We must all arrive and enter at the same time; latecomers will not be admitted. Our group must be quiet during the practice so as not to distract the players. The coaching staff also advised there may be some cursing at practice.

Parking: Floyd Street Garage, 2126 S Floyd St, Louisville, KY 40208

Please be parked by 3 pm in order to walk to the practice facility. Carpooling is suggested. (Please note: UofL Basketball does not own the lot adjacent to the practice facility. Do not park there.)

Practice Facility: 2432 S Floyd St., Louisville, KY 40208 Arrive by 3:15 pm. Our group will be admitted once. If you arrive after 3:30, you will not be permitted into practice.

### World Polio Day: October 24



October 24 is World Polio Day. We have made tremendous progress since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched. But even just one case still represents one child's life forever changed by polio. That's why Rotary members must remain tenacious and keep our promise: We won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.

#### To donate: https://bit.ly/RCLEndPolioDonation

A special shout out to these Charter Members of the Polio Plus Society:

Roland Blahnik David Burkholder Rick Harned Mike Kull Amy Luttrell Woody Northup Kevin Wardell Susan Zepeda

This is a new program to recognize gifts and pledges to support Polio Plus at a minimum of \$100 per year. Those who make this pledge to join the PolioPlus Society will receive a special membership lapel pin. Contributions also qualify for Paul Harris Fellows Recognition Points credit and will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Click HERE if you are interested in becoming a member of the Polio Plus Society.

### Ernie Camentz Achieves PHF +8

#### By Delene Taylor

I was delighted to have the opportunity to visit with long-time Rotarian **Ernst Camentz** during my recent trip to Florida. He lives in Delray Beach, which was about 20 minutes from where my daughter and I were staying. Ernie is in better health and has a sharper memory than most people I know, and it was such a pleasure to spend some time with him and hear his stories and insights.

I presented him with his PHF +8 pin - you can watch the video <u>HERE</u>. You can hear his remarks <u>HERE</u>. We will share these videos at a meeting during Rotary Foundation month in November as well.

Thank you Ernie for your long-time membership and ongoing generous support of our Club and The Rotary Foundation!



# **Rotarian in the Spotlight: Lori Flanery**

Congrats to Lori Flanery on the announcement of a \$100 million investment in a massive renovation project, rehabbing nearly 1,000 units across Louisville, from apartments to single-family homes, most of which have residents who are at or below 30% of the area median income. Read the Louisville Business First article HERE or click Read More below.



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## **Rotarian in the Spotlight: Jeff Underhill**

Congrats to Jeff Underhill and Underhill Associates on being recognized at the <u>Preservation Kentucky Excellence in Preservation Awards</u> ceremony with the *David L.* Morgan Excellence in Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit Award for the <u>Myers Medical Lofts</u> project located in downtown Louisville.



# Rotarian in the Spotlight: Josh Suiter

Congrats to Josh Suiter on being named Chamber Professional of the Year by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives at the recent 2023 Excellence Awards.



## **Rotarians in the Spotlight: Barry Allen and Nicole George**



Congratulations to Barry Allen and Nicole George for being appointed by Mayor Greenberg to the advisory board to oversee distribution of opioid settlement funds.

# Driving Change and Empowering Communities: Highlights from the DEI Committee

At the August DEI Committee meeting, key topics of discussion centered around driving economic empowerment within minority communities and identifying strategic actions to stay relevant and engaged. This article highlights key topics, including the need to confront the potential of "DEI fatigue", the Committee's project initiatives and more. Click Read More below for the key takeaways from this enriching conversation.

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# Willow Hope Farm Outing



The professional photos from our outing at Willow Hope Farm are now online HERE. Thanks again to Alisa Gray and the Kentucky Humane Society for such an enjoyable and informative day!

## Did you leave something behind?

We have a jacket in our Rotary "lost and found" (it was left in our office downtown) - if it belongs to you, please let me know! Size 4XL



#### Events

October 9th, 9:00-2:00 PM Western HS Interact Club Red Cross Blood Drive Location: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Room 333 Louisville, KY 40216

October 13th, 9:00-2:00 PM **Repair Affair Service Project Location:** Location TBD

October 17th, 8:40-9:45 AM RHS Mentoring at Western High School

October 18th, 8:40-9:45 AM RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

October 19th, 1:15-2:15 PM <u>Youth & Education Committee Meeting</u> Location: University Club 200 E. Brandeis Avenue

October 23rd, 3:00-6:00 PM Rotary Day Behind the Scenes with Coach Kenny Payne Location: Practice Facility: 2432 S Floyd St Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: Coach Kenny Payne Subject: Behind the Scenes at UofL Men's Basketball October 26th, 11:30-1:00 PM RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Christy Brown Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: Christy Brown Subject: A New Vision of Health for the Ohio River November 2nd, 10:30-11:30 AM DEI Committee Meeting Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

November 6th, 5:30-8:30 PM Rotary Leadership Retreat Location: Leadership Louisville Center 707 W Main St Louisville, KY 40202 Speaker: Rotary Leadership Retreat November 9th, 11:30-1:00 PM RcoL Weekly Club Meeting: David Jones, Jr. Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: David Jones, Jr.

November 14th, 8:40-9:45 AM RHS Mentoring at Western High School

November 16th, 11:30-1:00 PM <u>RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Elaine Gravatte</u> Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: Elaine Gravatte, President, Sense Color | DDW Subject: Powerful Pebbles November 30th, 11:30-1:00 PM <u>RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: LMPD Chief Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel</u> Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: LMPD Chief Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel December 7th, 10:30-11:30 AM <u>DEL Committee Meeting</u> Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

December 13th, 5:00-7:30 PM Re:Center Ministries Dinner Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202 Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner December 21st, 11:30-1:00 PM Happy Holidays - NO MEETING January 4th, 10:30-11:30 AM DEI Committee Meeting Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

January 23rd, 8:40-9:45 AM RHS Mentoring at Western High School

January 31st, 8:40-9:45 AM RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

February 1st, 11:30-1:00 PM <u>Mayor's State of the City Address</u> Location: Metro Employee Wellness Center 400 S 1st Street Speaker: Mayor Craig Greenberg Subject: Annual State of the City Address February 20th, 6:00-8:00 PM <u>Rotary Date Night: Cooking @ Millie's</u> Location: 340 W Chestnut St Louisville, KY

October 12th, 11:30-1:00 PM RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Nikki Lanier Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: Nikki Lanier, CEO, Harper Slade, LLC and The RAARE Woman Collective Subject: The Genesis of Harper Slade and Our Focus on Racial Equity October 14th, 11:00-2:00 PM Rotary Day at Bernheim Location: Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest 2075 Clermont Rd Clermont, KY 40110 October 17th, 12:30-5:00 PM Louisville Sustainability Summit Location: Louisville Visual Art 1538 Lytle Street October 19th, 11:30-1:00 PM RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Greg Cooper, MD & Shirish Barve, Ph.D. Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: Greg Cooper, MD & Shirish Barve, Ph.D. Subject: The Future of Alzheimer's Disease is Here October 23rd, 7:00 Rotary Large Club Conference: Baton Rouge, Oct 23-25 Location: Baton Rouge, LA Speaker: Rotary Large Club Conference: Baton Rouge Subject: Save the Dates October 25th, 5:00-7:30 PM Re:Center Ministries Dinner Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202 Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner

October 26th, 1:15-2:15 PM <u>CIC / Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting</u> Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Ave

November 2nd, 11:30-1:00 PM RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Kim Schatzel Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: Dr. Kim Schatzel, UofL President November 8th, 5:00-7:30 PM **Re:Center Ministries Dinner** Location: 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202 Speaker: Re:Center Ministries Dinner November 10th, 6:00-8:00 PM Wine Swap Party Location: Home of President Kevin Lynch 14713 Forest Creek Way Louisville, KY 40245 Speaker: Wine Swap Party November 16th, 10:30-11:30 AM International Service Committee Meeting Location: University Club Louisville 200 E. Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: International Service Committee Meeting November 23rd, 11:30-1:00 PM Happy Holidays - NO MEETING Speaker: Joint Meeting with Kiwanis Club on Tuesday?

December 6th, 8:40-9:45 AM RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

December 7th, 11:30-1:00 PM RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jamal Muashsher Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: Jamal Muashsher, President & CEO, Valvoline Global December 14th, 6:00-10:00 PM **Rotary Holiday Celebration** Location: Big Spring Country Club 5901 Dutchmans Ln Louisville, KY 40205 Speaker: Rotary Holiday Celebration December 28th, 11:30-1:00 PM Happy Holidays - NO MEETING January 11th, 11:30-1:00 PM RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Raphaela Platow Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: Raphaela Platow, Speed Art Museum January 25th, 11:30-1:00 PM Roc Weekly Club Meeting: Shelly Zegart Location: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 Speaker: Shelly Zegart, Kentucky to the World February 1st, 10:30-11:30 AM **DEI Committee Meeting** Location: University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue February 14th, 8:40-9:45 AM **RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School** 

### **Birthdays**



Antigone Mehani-Asghari October 8th

Nachand Trabue October 11th



Lee Guillaume October 12th





John R. Guthrie October 22nd

Matthew Boone Gardiner





October 21st



Charles R.M. Farnsley October 26th



Thomas H. Bohnert October 28th

### **Club Leaders**



**Claire Arnold Club Director** 

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W. David Dunn October 9th

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Ben Smock October 12th



Julie Scoskie James October 23rd

Julie H. Schmidt October 25th

Barney A. Sutton October 26th

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