

# Rotary

## Club of Louisville



### Note from President Kevin & Meeting Recap

I was on the GLI GLIDE trip in Boston last week and watched the recording of the Rotary luncheon after the trip. Lori Flanery did a great job leading the meeting with Ryan Quarles as the main speaker. There were about 150 people on the GLIDE trip, including several Rotarians. The GLIDE trips give leaders in Louisville an opportunity to learn about some of the best practices that have led to success in other cities to see how they might be adapted to Louisville.

Nikki Lanier, CEO of Harper Slade Racial Equity Advisory, spoke to our club at this week's luncheon and received a standing ovation. Nikki has had an impressive career in business and related fields. Many of you got to know her when she was the Louisville Regional Executive of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (from 2014 to 2021, when she accepted her current position). She spoke to our Club's Community Impact Committee when she was with the Fed. Watch for my full meeting recap in my note early next week.



Click [Read More](#) below to see the full note and meeting recap I sent out earlier this week. [Read More](#)

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### Next Week's Meeting - Greg Cooper, MD & Shirish Barve, PhD



Next week's meeting on Thursday, October 19th at the University Club will feature **Greg Cooper, MD** and **Shirish Barve, PhD**.

*"The Future of Alzheimer's Disease is Here"*

After decades of disappointment, new treatments are beginning to show promise in the fight to slow and eventually stop Alzheimer's Disease. Combined with research in prevention and the gut-brain axis, we can now envision a time when this disease can be detected even before symptoms arise and is stopped in its tracks.

RSVP [HERE](#) by NOON Monday, October 16th.

The menu will be Chicken Alfredo; a salad with grilled chicken or 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 Bios: [Read More](#)

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## October 26th Meeting - Christina Lee Brown

Next week's meeting on Thursday, October 26th at the University Club will feature Rotarian **Christina Lee Brown**, Founder of the [Envirome Institute](#).

*"A New Vision of Health for The Ohio River"*

Each of us is a part of the solution: investing our time, treasure, and talent for the health of the Ohio River, our source for life, for generations to come.

RSVP [HERE](#) by NOON Monday, October 23rd.

The menu will be Texas Chili w/cornbread; a salad with grilled chicken or 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

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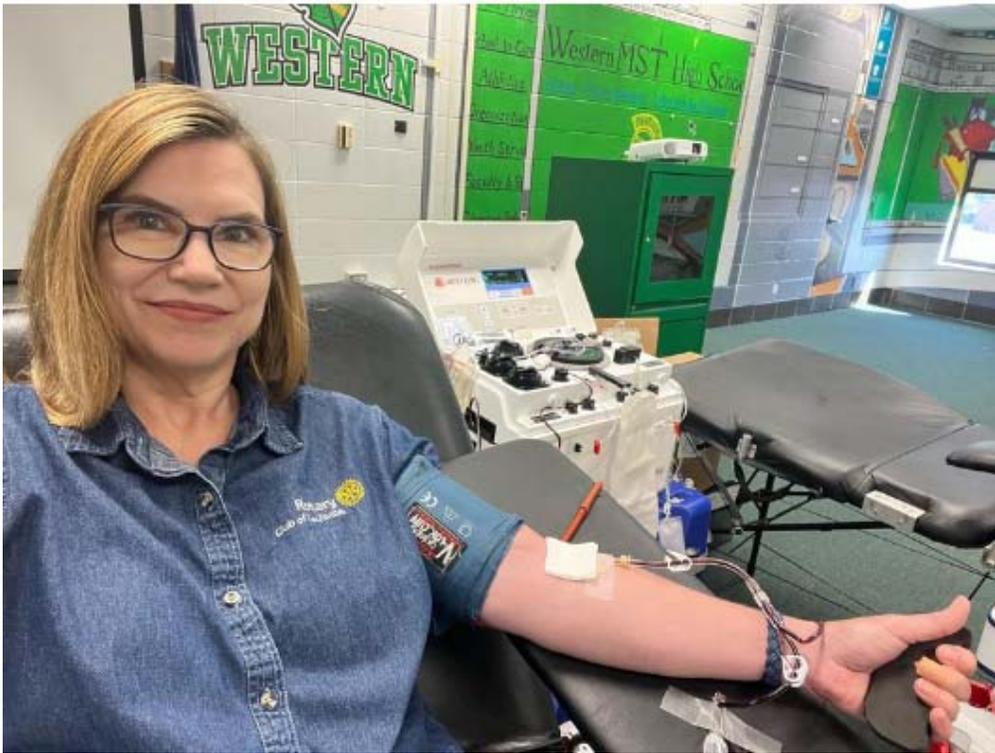
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## Western High School Blood Drive

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

Thanks to those who showed up to support our Western High School Interact Club blood drive on Monday, with special thanks to INTERACT Chair and Vice Chair **Linda Bartrom-Moore** and **Rick Harned**, and Western High School INTERACT Advisor Mika Powell!



## Repair Affair Service Project

By Sophia Fischer

Thanks to those who came out on Friday to help beautify and fix up an elderly homeowner's property.



## Rotary Day at Bernheim

We had an amazing day of discovery and fun at Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest today, viewing the beautiful grounds, edible garden, Playcosystem, Art in Nature, canopy tree walk and, of course, searching for the Forest Giants in the Giant Forest! Rotarian **Dr. Mark Wourms** shared behind the scenes information about conservation and research projects as well as special projects opening next year during Bernheim's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Those who weren't there really missed out on a special day, but you can enjoy our photos and plan to join us next year. Thank you to our Social Activities Committee and especially **Tom Bohnert** for organizing this event.





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**Welcoming Rotarians from El Salvador**



### *Farewell Dinner in El Salvador, January 2020*

In January 2020, our Western Kentucky District arranged a Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) to El Salvador. The delegation, led by **Rick Harned**, enjoyed wonderful hospitality from local Rotarians, and we planned to reciprocate. Then COVID hit. Now at last, we are able to welcome 9 Rotarians, arriving on October 14 and staying a little over a week. We appreciate the Club members who are providing home hospitality: **Roland Blahnik, Courtney Evans, Thom Crimans and Rick & Mary Ellen Harned**. In addition, **Paula Grisanti, Hulyn Farr** and the Harneds are hosting them for dinner. Each day they will tour the local sights as well as learn about our Rotary service projects.

Our visitors will join us for lunch at our October 19 meeting and we hope you will extend a warm welcome! Though most must return home at the end of the week, several will visit Rotarians in Bowling Green and Henderson before returning home.

If you would be interested in future RFE trips, please contact District Chair, Thom Crimans [tcrimans@gmail.com](mailto:tcrimans@gmail.com).

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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  
2023

# LIVABLE LOUISVILLE

ADDRESSING CLIMATE RISKS  
THROUGH PLANNING AND DESIGN

12:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
Louisville Visual Art  
1538 Lytle Street

- 12:30 — EXPO OPENS
- 1:00 — WELCOME AND KEYNOTE: SUSTAINABILITY LESSONS FROM NEW YORK CITY TO KENTUCKY
- 2:00 — PANEL DISCUSSION: HOUSING FOR A CHANGED CLIMATE
- 3:00 — EXPO AND NETWORKING
- 3:30 — SHORT TALKS
- 4:00 — 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

Consider adding one or more of the dates below to your calendar...it's a lot of fun! Contact me at [cmooney@bosseconstruction.com](mailto:cmooney@bosseconstruction.com) if you would like to participate or learn more.

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 9<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for our Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration luncheon.

Click Read More to see photos: [Read More](#)

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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 [7th Annual West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit](#) at 11:30am and stick around for the [awards program](#) that begins at 4:30pm.



**7th Annual West Louisville  
Economic Mobility Summit**  
**Empty Pantry: The State of Food Insecurity!**

Sponsorship & Exhibitor Opportunities Available!

**You don't want to miss this dynamic day of discussions,  
collaboration, and innovation as we:**

- Explore sustainable solutions to tackle healthy food insecurity head-on.
- Explore local tourism and hospitality industries to drive economic mobility.
- Acknowledge emerging trends in the food and beverage sectors.

**Mark your calendars for October 20th and be part of the movement!  
See you there!**

**Advocating,  
addressing, and  
providing solutions  
to the challenges  
food insecurity  
together.**



**Keynote Speaker:  
Rev. Vincent James,  
CEO, Dare To Care**

**You'll enjoy:  
Networking and  
partnership  
opportunities to fuel  
economic  
development.**

**Keynote Speaker,  
Panels, Workshops,  
Networking and  
more...  
Friday Oct. 20th  
11:30am-4:30pm**



**For more information and registration details, visit [lccnews.org](https://bit.ly/WestLouEcon23)** <https://bit.ly/WestLouEcon23>



**Old Walnut Street Family Strengthening Center  
1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY 40203  
Contact Ziberia Puryear 502.583.8821, [www.lccnews.org](http://www.lccnews.org)**

## 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 Presentation



**• Keynote Address:**  
The Summit commences with Rev. Vincent James, President/CEO of Dare to Care, illuminating the path to overcoming food insecurity in economically distressed communities.



**Light The Way Award**  
The 3rd Annual Sam Watkins, Jr. "Light The Way Award" is custom designed out of hand riveted antique copper simulating the lamp post era of Old Walnut Street. A golden "fleur-de-lis" is centered in place of the light ornament.



**The Golden Fleur-de-lis**  
The Old Walnut Street's "fleur-de-lis" symbolizes its French origin as a lily flower meaning "Life, Perfection, and Light." Considered a Christian Catholic symbol, Charles V commanded the creation of the French Modern design of three fleurs-de-lis in 1376, in honor of the Holy Trinity.



**One Who "Lit The Way"**  
In 1996, Louisville's own Muhammad Ali "lit the way" with the Olympic torch during the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, GA. Known throughout the world as "The Greatest," Ali "lit the way" for many other Louisvillians who, like him, were raised in Louisville's west end.



**Edison "Lit The Way"**  
In 1866, Thomas Edison moved to Louisville to work for the Western Electric Company and 13 years later, "lit the way" to perfect the world's first incandescent light bulb on October 22, 1879. This was right after his Edison Electric Company became General Electric!



**• Sam Watkins, Jr. "Light the Way" Entrepreneurial Excellence Award:**  
The Summit will conclude with the 3rd Annual Awards ceremony honoring exemplary local Black entrepreneurs in six distinct categories, followed by a business networking reception.

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



**Arts and Culture**  
Lamont Collins,  
Roots 101 African  
American Museum



**Advancing Equity**  
Lettie Johnson,  
Gifted By Design  
Leadership and  
Consulting, LLC



**Leadership**  
Tiffany Williams,  
Eternal, LLC



**Start Up/Innovation**  
Ronyale Smith,  
Blak Koffee Cafe



**Economic  
Development**  
William Starks,  
G. Starks Realty Co.



**Acceleration/Growth**  
Christian/Victor/  
Bryson Yarbrough,  
Brough Brothers  
Distillery

Old Walnut Street Family Strengthening Center  
1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY 40203  
502.583.8821, Registration at: [www.lccnews.org](http://www.lccnews.org)

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

The 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 [HERE](#). 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.

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## 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.

Thanks to Josh Suiter for representing Rotary and spreading the word about World Polio Day at a recent LouCity FC game!



## Thanksgiving Lunch with Kiwanis Club: Tuesday, November 21

SAVE THE DATE for our annual Thanksgiving meal with the Kiwanis Club, where we will kick off the Red Kettle challenge, hear the traditional *Ode to the Officers*, and enjoy a delicious lunch and fellowship. We will be hosting this year at the University Club, so please plan to attend. Below are some photos from last year's event.



## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Maggie Harlow

Congratulations to **Maggie Harlow** for this great [feature article](#) in Louisville Business First.



[Read More](#)

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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Cynthia Knappek

Congratulations to Rotarian **Cynthia Knappek**, who was recognized at the [PRSA Bluegrass Landmarks of Excellence Awards](#) as the Communicator of the Year for her tireless efforts to inspire and embrace leaders in our community and her dedication to cultivating inclusivity and embracing diversity.! Rotarian Barry Barker was a prior honoree as well.

Bluegrass Chapter  
**PRSA**

**LANDMARKS OF  
EXCELLENCE**

*Communicator  
of the Year*



**CYNTHIA KNAPEK**

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## Rotarians in the Spotlight: Most Admired CEOs

Congratulations to **Abby Drane** and **Amy Luttrell** on being selected by Louisville Business First as one of the [2023 Most Admired CEOs!](#)



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## Events

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

**[CIC / Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting](#)**

**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

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

**[Youth & Education Committee Meeting](#)**

**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

**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 21st, 11:30-1:00 PM

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting with Kiwanis Club**

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

**Speaker:** Joint Meeting with Kiwanis Club

November 30th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: LMPD Chief Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel**

**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

**DEI Committee Meeting**

**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 18th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Alan Lenahan**

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

**Speaker:** Alan Lenahan, CEO of Fund Evaluation Group

January 25th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**RCoL 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

**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

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Elaine Gravatte**

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

**Speaker:** Elaine Gravatte, President, Sense Color | DDW

**Subject:** Powerful Pebbles

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 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

**Mayor's State of the City Address**

**Location:** Metro Employee Wellness Center 400 S 1st Street

**Speaker:** Mayor Craig Greenberg

**Subject:** Annual State of the City Address

## Birthdays

	Thomas R. Roth October 15th		Keith Miller October 18th		Steven A. Eggers October 21st		Matthew Boone Gardiner October 21st
	Robert L. Hallenberg October 21st		Aleksandra Dovedan October 21st		John R. Guthrie October 22nd		Julie Scoskie James October 23rd
	Ashley Brauer October 23rd		Mark Lieberfreund October 24th		Taylor Davis October 24th		Julie H. Schmidt October 25th
	Bradley Leedy October 25th		Barney A. Sutton October 26th		Mary Lang October 26th		Charles R.M. Farnsley October 26th
	Mary Ellen Harned October 27th		Thomas H. Bohnert October 28th				

## Club Leaders

	<u>Kevin Lynch</u> President		<u>Lori Hudson Flanery</u> President-Elect		<u>Kevin Fields</u> Secretary		<u>Kim Halbauer</u> Treasurer
	<u>Claire Arnold</u> Club Director		<u>Gregory Patrick Braun</u> Club Director		<u>Paula Grisanti</u> Club Director		<u>Charles D. Hartlage</u> Club Director
	<u>Jay Mallory</u> Club Director Membership Chair		<u>Kevin J McCarron</u> Public Image Chair Club Director		<u>Craig Mooney</u> Club Director		<u>Denise L Sears</u> Club Director
	<u>Harry Louis Seeger V</u> Club Director		<u>Amy Luttrell</u> Rotary Foundation Chair		<u>Steven A. Eggers</u> Club Service Chair		<u>Walt L. Kunau</u> iPast President
	<u>Delene E Taylor</u> Club Executive Secretary		<u>Joe Wilhoyte McWilliams Jr.</u> Assistant District Governor				

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