

# Rotary

## Club of Louisville



## Note from President Kevin & Meeting Recap

Dr. Shirish Barve and Dr. Greg Cooper, two leading experts in the field of Alzheimer's disease, gave a fascinating talk at last week's luncheon. They shared some new developments in research and treatments related to this devastating and all too prevalent disease.

This week we heard from Christy Brown, one of the most influential people in Louisville in terms of making good things happen in our city and elsewhere, much of it behind the scenes. She is the co-founder of the Envirome Institute, and her topic was "A New Vision of Health for the Ohio River." I'll recap highlights of the meeting in my note next week.

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



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## This Week's Meeting - Christina Lee Brown

This week's meeting featured 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.

Watch for President Kevin's meeting recap early next week.

Click [Read More](#) to view Speaker Bio: [Read More](#)



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## Next Week's Meeting - Douglas Craddock, Jr., University of Louisville

Our meeting on Thursday, November 2nd at the University Club will feature **Dr. Douglas Craddock, Jr.**, Vice President of Community Engagement at the University of Louisville.



"What's on the Horizon for UofL?"

*\*Unfortunately, Dr. Schatzel has been called to Frankfort on Thursday and will not be able to speak at our meeting as planned. Dr. Craddock will share perspectives on the community, UofL's future, and how the university can better support the business community – and vice versa.*

RSVP [HERE](#) by NOON Monday, October 30th.

The menu will be spaghetti and meatballs; 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 Bio: [Read More](#)

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## Note from Delene



Thank you for your patience with the delays in publishing Sparks (sliding in just before the week officially ends again!) as well as responding to messages these past few weeks while I have invested in both professional development and self-care! Here is a photo of me representing Rotary in Hillsboro Beach, Florida earlier this month!

### Rotary Large Club Conference

President-Elect **Lori Flanery** and I had a very valuable experience at the Rotary Large Club Conference in beautiful Baton Rouge, LA. This conference was [organized in 1959](#) by the Association of Rotary Club Executive Directors (ARCED) to provide opportunities for Executive Directors of clubs with large memberships (275+) to meet with peers for the purpose of development, motivation, and exchange of ideas. President-Elects attend as well for training and to plan and develop goals for their year as President. Throughout the conference, the Executive

Director and President-Elect have the chance to strengthen their partnership as they prepare for the Rotary year ahead.

Speakers included Jay Dardenne, Tom Thorfinnson, Christopher Zambakari and Richard Lipsey. We enjoyed drinks at sunset on the rooftop of Tsunami, dinner at the Old State Capitol, photos at the centennial Rotary sculpture on the river and excellent networking opportunities with EDs and PEs from other large clubs. Click [Read More](#) below for conference highlights.





[Read More](#)

## Iroquois High School Blood Drive: November 2

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

Swing by before or after our meeting next Thursday, November 2nd, to support our Iroquois High School INTERACT Club blood drive! Sign up [HERE](#).

Thanks to those who already donated at Western High School earlier this month. We need a few more members to volunteer to support our Iroquois students!



American Red Cross



HOPE begins with you.

## Blood Drive Iroquois High School

Gym  
4615 Taylor Blvd.  
Louisville, KY 40215

**Thursday, November 2, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by Louisville Rotary & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program  
Coordinated by Iroquois High INTERACT CLUB

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  
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Sponsor Code: IROQUOISLOUKY



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**Come give Oct. 21 thru Nov. 9 and get a \$10 gift card by email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$5,000 prize to treat yourself!**  
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## Rotary Wine Swap Party: November 10

By Barney Sutton

Click here to RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLWineSwap2023>

# Wine Swap Party

Nov 10, 7:00 pm

Home of Kevin & Sunny Lynch  
14713 Forest Creek Way  
Louisville, KY 40245

\$15 per person (limit 40)  
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres  
Cocktail/casual attire

RSVP: [admin@rotary45.org](mailto:admin@rotary45.org)  
or (502) 589-1800

Bring 2 identical  
bottles of wine per  
couple (value ~\$20),  
one for sampling and  
one for someone to  
take home.

*Hosted by the Social  
Activities Committee*



By Craig Mooney

Consider adding one or more of the dates below to your calendar to come out and help mentor our Rotary Honors Scholars. Connect with me at [cmooney@bosseconstruction.com](mailto:cmooney@bosseconstruction.com) if you would like to participate...it's a lot of fun!

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

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

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

- **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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## Thanksgiving Lunch w/Kiwanis Club: Tuesday, November 21

We will host the annual Thanksgiving meal with the Kiwanis Club on TUESDAY, November 21st, at the University Club. Our speaker will be **J. Bruce Miller** (you can view Rotarian Kirt Jacobs 2006 interview with him [HERE](#)). We will kick off the Red Kettle challenge, hear the traditional *Ode to the Officers*, and enjoy a delicious lunch and fellowship. Below are some photos from last year's event.



## Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

By George Brakmeier

We will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Holiday Manor Kroger on US Highway 42 again this year, competing with the Kiwanis Club to see who can collect the most. There will be 4 90-minute shifts each Saturday, and we need 4 people per shift. Sign up via the links below, or contact me at 502-552-2002.

December 2 - click [HERE](#)

December 9 - click [HERE](#)

December 16 - click [HERE](#)

If you can't take a shift but want to help us win the challenge, swing by one of these Saturdays between 9:00am-3:00pm, drop some coins, and cheer us on! Or, you can make a donation [HERE](#).



## West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit & Awards

October is Community and Economic Development month. LCCC's 7th Annual West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit - focused on "*Empty Pantry: The State of Food Insecurity*" - was fantastic and enlightening. Keynote speaker Reverend Vincent E James Sr., CEO of Dare to Care Food Bank, inspired with his eloquent and impassioned words. The panels, breakout sessions and round table discussion were excellent. The program concluded with the Sam Watkins Jr "Light the Way" awards, celebrating amazing entrepreneurs (click [Read More](#) below).

President **Kevin Lynch** presented the *Light the Way Entrepreneurial Excellence Award for Economic Development* to William & Christine Starks of G. Starks Realty Co. Rotarian **Aaron McGahee** also sponsored an award - the same one he received last year!



LOUISVILLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTERS

Sam Watkins, Jr.  
*"Light the Way"*  
Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards

Friday, October 20th, 2023  
4:30 PM

**CHRISTINE & WILLIAM STARKS**  
G. Starks Realty Co. & Leverage Property Management  
*Economic Development*



[Read More](#)

## Behind the Scenes with Coach Kenny Payne

Rotary Club of Louisville had a very special invitation to go behind the scenes of Cardinals basketball on Monday, October 23. **Coach Kenny Payne** invited Club members to watch practice and then he spoke with our group and answered questions.



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## Hello from Aruba

Past President **Jean West** sent us these photos of her recent visit and flag exchange with the [Rotary Club of Aruba](#).



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## Welcome New Members

Welcome to these new members inducted this week:

### Christy Brown



Christy is a philanthropist and leader who is active in the cultural, spiritual, educational and political life of Louisville and Kentucky. She is the co-founder of the Christina Lee Brown Envirome Institute at the University of Louisville, which promotes the idea that the world would be a better place if people would promote better health in all its forms, not only physical but emotional, economic, intellectual and so on. She is on the boards of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Sustainable Food Trust and co-founded Louisville's Festival of Faiths.

### Tod Sedgwick



Tod is an information entrepreneur and served as US Ambassador to Slovakia. He currently is chairman of Foreign Policy 4 America and is on the boards of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems and the Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress.

### Scott Koloms

Scott has passionately advocated for a socially conscious and impact-driven business movement in Kentucky for the last several years. He dreams of Kentucky having the strongest, most effective group of for-profit social and environmental enterprises in the country. He played a pivotal role in the passage of the Public Benefit Corporation (PBC) legislation in Kentucky. As President and owner of Facilities Management Services, he led FMS to become the first PBC in Kentucky and the first janitorial services company in the world to become a certified B Corp. Scott is the founder of Canopy, a nonprofit organization aiming



to Make Kentucky First in Good Business.

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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Larry Sloan

Congratulations to Rotarian **Larry Sloan**, Vice Chair of the TARC Accessibility Advisory Council. He was honored to present the White Cane Award - which honors a blind person who embodies service to the blind community - to Billy Wright, who became blind as a boy; he attended the Kentucky School for the Blind, JCC, and Spalding, and became a leader in the blind community. View the full story [HERE](#).



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## Rotarians in the Spotlight: Jordan Clemons and Sarah Hugenberg

Congratulations to **Jordan Clemons** and **Sarah Hugenberg** on being selected for the [Leadership Louisville Center's Ignite Louisville](#) class of Spring 2024.



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## Events & Opportunities: Backside Learning Center

**What:** 17th Annual Benefit for the Backside: A Day at the Races

**Organization:** The Backside Learning Center

**Date/Time:** Friday, November 17th at 12:00pm

**Location:** Churchill Downs First Turn Club

**Description:** Join the Backside Learning Center at the "17th Annual Benefit for the Backside: A Day at the Races" at the FIRST TURN CLUB. Enjoy this brand new, EXCLUSIVE venue with once-in-a-lifetime paddock access, right outside the venue door! The event supports the BLC's mission to provide support and resources in a safe, welcoming environment for the diverse community of racetrack workers & families.

**More information:** [benefitforthebackside.com](http://benefitforthebackside.com) or [acrum@backsidelearningcenter.org](mailto:acrum@backsidelearningcenter.org)

**Member to contact:** Rick Harned

Note: This section features upcoming events and opportunities to serve with our nonprofit member organizations. Submissions must be from a member (or spouse/partner) 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.

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### Events

November 2nd, 10:30-11:30 AM

[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

**Location:** University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

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 6th, 5:30-8:30 PM

[Rotary Leadership Retreat](#)

**Location:** Leadership Louisville Center 707 W Main St Louisville, KY 40202

November 8th, 5:00-7:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

**Location:** 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

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 10th, 6:00-8:00 PM

[Wine Swap Party](#)

**Location:** Home of President Kevin Lynch 14713 Forest Creek Way Louisville, KY 40245

November 14th, 8:40-9:45 AM

November 16th, 10:30-11:30 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 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:** J. Bruce Miller

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 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 13th, 5:00-7:30 PM

### [Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

**Location:** 733 E Jefferson St Louisville, KY 40202

December 16th, 9:00-3:00 PM

### [Bell Ringing Benefiting Salvation Army](#)

**Location:** Kroger on Holiday Manor (US42)

December 21st, 1:00-2:00 PM

### [Service Projects & Grants Committee 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 23rd, 8:40-9:45 AM

## [RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

## [International Service Committee Meeting](#)

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

November 16th, 1:00-2:00 PM

### [Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

November 23rd, 11:30-1:00 PM

### [Happy Holidays - NO MEETING](#)

**Speaker:** N/A

December 2nd, 9:00-3:00 PM

### [Bell Ringing Benefiting Salvation Army](#)

**Location:** Kroger on Holiday Manor (US42)

December 7th, 10:30-11:30 AM

### [DEI Committee Meeting](#)

**Location:** University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

December 9th, 9:00-3:00 PM

### [Bell Ringing Benefiting Salvation Army](#)

**Location:** Kroger on Holiday Manor (US42)

December 14th, 6:00-10:00 PM

### [Rotary Holiday Celebration at Big Spring Country Club](#)

**Location:** Big Spring Country Club 5901 Dutchmans Ln Louisville, KY 40205

**Speaker:** N/A

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

### [Happy Holidays - NO MEETING](#)

**Speaker:** N/A

December 28th, 11:30-1:00 PM

### [Happy Holidays - NO MEETING](#)

**Speaker:** N/A

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 18th, 1:00-2:00 PM

### [Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

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

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

February 14th, 8:40-9:45 AM  
[RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School](#)

February 15th, 1:00-2:00 PM  
[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

February 1st, 10:30-11:30 AM  
[DEI Committee Meeting](#)  
**Location:** University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue  
February 8th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Debbie Ford](#)  
**Location:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208  
**Speaker:** Dr. Debbie Ford, Chancellor, IU Southeast

February 15th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Cleo Battle](#)  
**Location:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208  
**Speaker:** Cleo Battle, Louisville Tourism

February 20th, 6:00-8:00 PM  
[Rotary Date Night: Cooking @ Millie's](#)  
**Location:** 340 W Chestnut St Louisville, KY

## Birthdays



Thomas H. Bohnert  
October 28th



Molly Smith  
November 3rd



Thom S. Crimans  
November 3rd



John A. Yarmuth  
November 4th



Patricia A Weiter  
November 5th



Gill Holland  
November 7th



Ann Wells  
November 7th



Ken Selvaggi  
November 8th



Peter B. Lanham III  
November 8th



Daniel Aziz  
November 8th



Cynthia Knapek  
November 9th



Kenneth Richard Grossman  
November 9th



Ty J Handy  
November 10th



Michael J. Kull  
November 10th



Cynthia Caudill  
November 12th



Kirt Jacobs  
November 13th



Tod Sedgwick  
November 13th



John M. Bush  
November 13th



Frederic T. Harned  
November 14th



David M. Burkholder  
November 14th



David Snyder  
November 14th

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