

# Rotary Club of Louisville



## Note from President Kevin & Meeting Recap

We had a great Rotary luncheon last week! Click [Read More](#) below to see the full note and meeting recap I sent out earlier this week.

We had a fantastic turnout yesterday to hear this week's speaker David Jones, Jr.! I will be sharing more about that next week in my weekly note and recap.

We have some excellent speakers in the lineup - please consider inviting a prospective Rotarian to attend with you.

Have a great weekend and I hope to see you next Thursday at the University Club!

[Read More](#)

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## This Week's Meeting - David Jones, Jr



Our meeting this week featured **David Jones, Jr.** discussing the autobiography *David A. Jones, Always Moving Forward: A memoir of friends, family and building Humana*, which depicts his father's profound impact on American health care, as well as his lifelong engagement in – and perhaps unparalleled impact on – his hometown of Louisville.

Stay tuned for the meeting recap next week.

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

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## Next Week's Meeting - Elaine Gravatte, President of Givaudan Sense Colour

Our meeting on Thursday, November 16th at the University Club will feature **Elaine Gravatte**, President of Givaudan Sense Colour.

**"Powerful Pebbles"**



RSVP [HERE](#) by NOON Monday, November 13th.

The menu will be meatloaf with mashed potatoes; 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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## 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.

RSVP here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RotaryKiwanis11212023>

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](#).



## Rotary Holiday Party: December 14, Big Spring Country Club

From the Rotary Elf Elwe,

This year's holiday party will be at Big Springs Country Club on Dutchman's Lane. You and your guest(s) will enjoy a huge buffet, with a holiday cash bar. The program will include a word from President Kevin and lots of fun and games for prizes before live music to dance the night away. Wear your craziest holiday attire, as prizes will be given to the Best Dressed from the wise Elf of holiday fashion, Craig Winkleschoss!

Tickets are \$65 per person and advance registration is required:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLHolidayParty2023>

# Rotary Holiday Party



## Big Spring Country Club

5901 Dutchmans Lane

Thursday, December 14

Cash Bar 6:00 pm; Dinner 7:00 pm

\$65 per person

Attire: Holiday Festive

Gifts, prizes, dancing and lots of fun!

RSVP by December 10

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

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### IN MEMORIAM: William Bellis, Sr

Long-time Rotarian and Past Club President **William "Bill" Bellis, Sr.** passed away on October 20 at the age of 87.

Bill joined the club in November 1981. He was a Paul Harris Fellow +6, a member of the 1912 Society, and Past District 6710



Governor.

View the obituary [HERE](#).

We held a moment of silence in memory of Bill at a previous meeting and sent out notice via email of service arrangements, but overlooked including in Sparks.

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## Re:Center Ministries Dinner: December 13

By Larry Sloan

Thanks to those who came out to serve a meal and spend time with the men at Re:Center Ministries this week!



*Pictured: Huly Farr, Ginger Wallace, David Snyder, Larry Sloan, Kenya Wade*

Please join us on **December 13th** to serve and have dinner with the men at Re:Center Ministries, 733 E. Jefferson Street. The Holiday Season is a tough time for many, including those with addictions. We set up the meal at 5:00 pm. Typically, I bring meat loaf, scalloped potatoes and steamed vegetables. Others supply the soft drinks, bread/rolls, salad and desserts of fruit pies. The men we serve are going through the LifeChange program recovering from addiction. Those of us who do this regularly always feel like we get more out of it than the effort we put into it. Our club has supported this program with funds and volunteers since 2015. We would love to see some new faces! Contact me at [larry.sloan@yahoo.com](mailto:larry.sloan@yahoo.com) or David Snyder at [davids@ndhc.org](mailto:davids@ndhc.org) for more information or to sign up.

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## **INTERACT Club Blood Drives**

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

We actually achieved 150% of our goal for our Blood Drive on Thursday November 2. So proud of all those involved, our fantastic INTERACT Advisors, my comrades in arms, Rick Harned and Tony Newberry helping to steer our Interact Committee, and of course, all our wonderful youth who gave the gift of life to folks they'll never even meet.



**Louisville Club Members make El Salvador Friendship Exchange Special**

By Rick Harned

Between October 13 and 27, our Rotary District hosted nine Rotarians from El Salvador, completing a Friendship Exchange begun in January 2020, just before COVID shut down international travel. Louisville was the center of the activity for most of that time, including a visit to our club meeting on October 19.

Many of our members made it happen: Thom and Cathy Crimans, Roland and Marie Blahnik, Courtney Evans, and Rick and Mary Ellen Harned hosted the visitors in their homes; Paula Grisanti and Hulynn Farr invited everyone involved to beautiful dinners in their homes; Karen Morrison, through the Gilda's Club Kentuckiana van, provided transportation; Kevin Fields, Denise Sears, and Mark Wourms showed off some of the good work we do, and Ginger Wallace provided tickets to the Jack O'Lantern Spectacular.

Other District Clubs were also involved, including Louisville Suburban, Harrodsburg, Danville, Bowling Green (both Noon and AM), and Henderson, showing off the beauties of Kentucky in the autumn!

Our visitors sent a hearty thank you to all who made this a truly special Rotary Event!





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## Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring

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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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Whitney Austin

Rotarian **Whitney Austin** was featured in Sunday's edition of *Meet the Press*. You can watch this important interview [HERE](#). Her portion starts around the 17:20 mark and then she's back for the live chat at the end.



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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Nachand Trabue

Rotarian **Nachand Trabue** [joined WDRB in the Morning](#) this week to talk about the Grand Opening of [MELANnaire Marketplace](#) today at Mall St. Matthews; watch the Facebook Live video [HERE](#). More than 30 Black-owned businesses and vendors will be featured at the Mall's holiday marketplace from Nov. 10 until Jan. 2.



**MELANnaire**  
Mall St. Matthews Marketplace

*Back to St. Matthews*  
HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

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over 30  
B.O.B's

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH  
UNTIL JANUARY 2ND

EVERY  
WEEKEND

Sign up to be a vendor  
[www.MELANnaire.com](http://www.MELANnaire.com)

      
@MELANnaireMarketplace

## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Dr. Swannie Jett

Congratulations to Rotarian **Dr. Swannie Jett** and **Park DuValle Community Health Center** on their **huge announcement!** Philanthropist Mackenzie Scott has donated \$4.8 million to support the center's dental department, expand behavioral health services, and launch a new project that will help address food scarcity in the West End.



[Read More](#)

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## Events & Opportunities: Backside Learning Center

By Rick Harned

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

**Member to contact:** Rick Harned

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## Events & Opportunities: Parks Alliance of Louisville

By Alice Bridges

**What:** Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Alberta O. Jones Park

**Organization:** AOB Consulting and Parks Alliance of Louisville

**Date/Time:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 3:30 pm

**Location:** Alberta O. Jones Park, 744 A. 23rd Street, Louisville, KY 40211

**Description:**

Alberta O. Jones Park will officially open to the public with a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the completion of phase one of Louisville's newest metro public park. The project has united California Neighborhood residents and community partners in transforming nearly seven city blocks of vacant property into a vibrant public greenspace. Under the leadership of the nonprofit Parks Alliance of Louisville and a community-driven planning process facilitated with support from Alice Bridges, residents chose everything from recreational amenities to naming the park after Alberta Jones—a pioneering Louisville attorney and civil rights champion.

# GRAND OPENING

+ *ribbon cutting*



ALBERTA  
O. JONES  
PARK

744 S 23rd St, Louisville, KY 40211

**NOV 18<sup>th</sup> | 3:30 PM**



**More information:** Click Read More below; no registration required  
**Member to contact / email:** Alice Bridges, [aliceobridges@outlook.com](mailto:aliceobridges@outlook.com)

[Read More](#)

# Events & Opportunities: Bridgehaven

By Jay Mallory

**What:** Bridgehaven Bridge Builder Annual Breakfast

**Organization:** Bridgehaven Mental Health Services

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, 11/29/23 7:30 am - 9:00 am

**Location:** U of L Conference Center (Shelbyhurst Campus), 450 North Whittington Parkway

**Description:** Come out and have a hot breakfast, hear from some incredible speakers and support Bridgehaven. The proceeds from this event help this incredible organization continue to provide hope and recovery through innovative, comprehensive, community-based mental health services to adults living with mental illness.

**More information:** Contact member Jay Mallory at 502-419-7274 or [jmallory@imagequest](mailto:jmallory@imagequest) for more information and to register.

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 10th, 7:00-8:00 PM

### [Wine Swap Party](#)

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

November 16th, 10:30-11:30 AM

### [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

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 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

**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

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

**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**

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**

**Birthdays**



Ty J Handy  
November 10th

John M. Bush



Michael J. Kull  
November 10th

Tod Sedgwick



Cynthia Caudill  
November 12th

David M.



Kirt Jacobs  
November 13th

Frederic T.



November 13th



November 13th



Burkholder  
November 14th



Harned  
November 14th



David Snyder  
November 14th



Robert B.  
Nesmith  
November 16th



Paul Bolton  
November 16th



Vincent  
Cameron  
November 18th



Glenn Metten  
November 18th



Mackenzie White  
November 19th



Mary Anne  
Thornton  
November 20th



William J.  
Receveur III  
November 22nd



Charles W.  
Brockwell Jr.  
November 24th



Walt L. Kunau  
November 24th



Kent Weyland  
November 25th



Rick W Smith Sr  
November 27th



Jay Mallory  
November 29th

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