

Rotary

Club of Louisville



January 13, 2022 Meeting - Robin & Stella Mountain - Ntaba Coffee Haus / Ntaba African Safaris



Robin & Stella Mountain are native South Africans and certified by South African Tourism as guides who personally lead/accompany the majority of Ntaba African Safaris scheduled tours to Africa. Robin has trekked through the jungles of Uganda & Rwanda with the gorillas & chimpanzees and summited Mount Kilimanjaro three times. He has traveled throughout Africa, speaks the local languages, has a degree in Animal Science, and has extensive knowledge of the African Cultures, wild animals, bird life, and coffee. Robin and Stella have visited many coffee plantations in countries like Ethiopia and Tanzania, and after seeing the farms, meeting the people who picked the coffee, and experiencing the best coffee from the soil to the cup, knew they wanted to find a way to get the coffee to America. Hence, Ntaba Coffee Haus was born in Louisville, Kentucky, offering organic, fair trade, fresh roasted coffee sourced from the best farms in Africa. It is a center for communication and engagement/collaboration and features goods for sale from local businesses/artists.

If you are interested in attending the in person meeting, please email rotary@rotary45.org to see if there are still tickets available.

If you wish to participate via Zoom, you can register in advance here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrcOmupz8tE9NQn0yfKZSHjtfR7zwTzMDZ>

A Note from Executive Director Delene Taylor

There are many of you that I have not had the opportunity to meet personally yet, and many more that I do not know well. I would like to rectify that. I will be "hanging out" online via Zoom from noon-1:00pm the next few Fridays, and invite you to pop in as you can and say hello, share information about yourself, your committee, or the history of the Club, or ask questions. I may not have the answers handy, but I will find them!

To join me on Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5601741547?pwd=UDI1RDROeVlaQng3Z00zYndqc0RhUT09>

Meeting ID: 560 174 1547

Passcode: 232778

If you need to schedule a one-on-one meeting, you can do so



here:

<https://calendly.com/rotary45>

I have set my meeting availability only for Fridays for now while I am still working to get my arms around the many responsibilities and tasks that fall under my umbrella. If you need to schedule a different time, please email some available dates/times to rotary@rotary45.org. I am NOT an early bird, so late morning or afternoon (or even evening) works best for me.

Note that I am primarily working from home. I pick up mail at least once a week and try to check the office voice mail several times a day, but you are also welcome to call/text my cell phone directly: 502-295-9290.

I look forward to engaging more with my new Rotary family, and thank you for your support as I embrace this new role!

Be sure to scroll down to see all the great meetings and events coming up and mark your calendars!

P.S. Also thank you to everyone who has extended grace to me during the past couple of weeks as our family has dealt with multiple losses, unexpected travel, and transitions.
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Rotarians in the News

Congrats to Rotarian Mark Kull for his recognition in Forbes!

Two locals land on inaugural Forbes list of financial security professionals

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By Shea Van Hoy - Editor-in-chief, Louisville Business First
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Two Louisville advisers have landed on Forbes' inaugural list of the 250 top financial security professionals in the U.S.

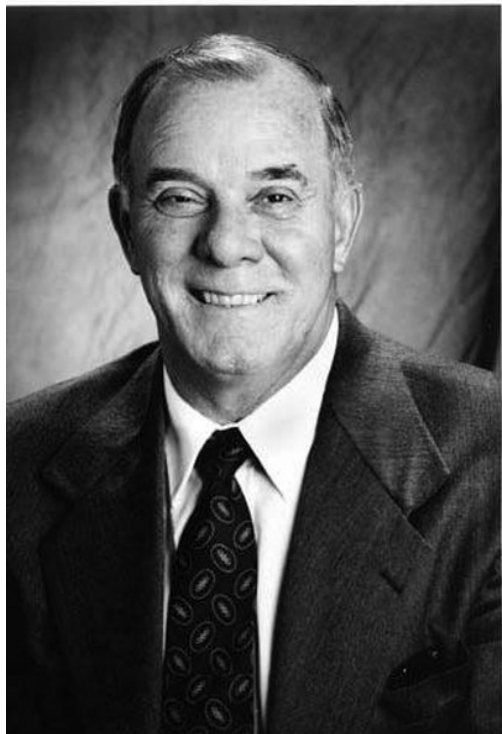
Both work for Northwestern Mutual.

[Mark Kull](#), founder of Capitalis Planning Partners at Northwestern Mutual, is ranked No. 21 on the list and William "Bill" Yancey, a longtime wealth management adviser at Northwestern Mutual, comes in at No. 173.



Mark Kull, Founder, Capitalis Planning Partners at Northwestern Mutual, 2021 Forty Under 40 honoree
CHRISTOPHER FRYER

IN MEMORIAM: Bernie Block



We mourn the loss of Honorary member Bernie Block, who passed away on January 5th at Masonic Home in Louisville. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Jan 11th from 4-6 p.m. at Highlands Funeral Home at 3331 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, KY 40205, immediately followed by a Celebration of Life Ceremony at 6 p.m.

[View obituary](#)

We will share a moment of silence in his memory at our meeting on Thursday.

Volunteers Needed for Rotary/NAACP Project at Valley High School

***We need more volunteers for this important service project - please consider investing your time! Specifically:

We need business coaches on 1/24 and 1/25 - time slots available all day. As a Business Coach, you will provide in-classroom assistance to student teams as they are researching the case challenge and developing their presentations. Business Coaches act as a sounding board, giving teams feedback on their solution ideas, presentation content, and delivery.

We need judges on 2/10 at 7:45 AM. As a Business Judge, you will provide constructive feedback to students as they present their final recommendations to the case challenge and select a top team using a provided rubric.

Please register using this link: <http://vhub.at/3DEvalley9-4>

About the project:

As part of our Community Impact Committee work, Louisville Rotary and the NAACP of Kentucky are challenging 9th grade students at Valley High School to come up with ways that we can connect with the young generation. We want to help them understand the valuable work our organizations do - and you can be part of this exciting effort!

This is part of a new real-world case-based education model pioneered by Junior Achievement which is proving effective in transforming schools. Only two school systems were chosen to roll out the model this year: Los Angeles Public Schools, the largest system in the nation, and JCPS, beginning with Shawnee and Valley High Schools and implementing at Iroquois in two years. Students seem to be really energized by confronting real issues, not just theories!

[Read More](#)

New Session of Rotary University Kicks Off January 11

If you have joined Rotary in 2020-21 and haven't completed these orientation sessions, please mark them on your calendar - we will meet via Zoom at noon on these dates:

January 11 - What is Rotary (Mike Kull / Julie Schmidt) - [Zoom link](#)

February 1 - What is Rotary International (Rick Harned / Susan Zepeda) - [Zoom link](#)

February 25 - Philanthropy Partners: Rotary Promise Scholars (Walt Kunau / Thom Crimans / Craig Mooney) - [Zoom link](#)

March 8 - Committees (Greg Braun / Ken Grossman) - [Zoom link](#)

April 13 - Service Above Self (Steve Eggers / Alice Bridges) - [Zoom link](#)

All members are welcome, as a refresh or just to support the new members attending. Please email rotary@rotary45.org for a meeting invite.

Meeting Recap - January 6, 2022

Snow and wind couldn't stop Rotary Club of Louisville last Thursday! We welcomed 5 new members, celebrated 6 new Paul Harris Fellows, and enjoyed a fantastic lunch prepared by the top-notch River House staff. We gathered together for our first meeting of 2022 at Savor at River House to welcome guest speaker Christopher Kresnak, Supervisory Diversion Investigator / Diversion Program Manager for the DEA Diversion Control Division. Chris's presentation highlighted the ongoing actions his division

takes to prevent, detect, and investigate the diversion of pharmaceutical controlled substances and listed chemicals from legitimate sources while ensuring an adequate and uninterrupted supply for legitimate medical, commercial, and scientific needs. It was sa great glimpse into the work he and his division faces every day. For more information on the work of DEA Diversion Control Division, visit <https://www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov> or contact Alyssa Evans-Tourinho at Alyssa.K.Evans-Tourinho@dea.gov.



Business Synergy Event at INgrid Design - February 16, 5-7pm



Join us from 5-7pm on February 16th for a special networking event at the fabulous new office of Rotarian Ingrid Hernández. Watch for more details soon.

1017 Baxter Avenue
Louisville, KY 40204
ingriddesign.com

Surveys: Spouse/Partner Membership & Meeting Volunteer Opportunities

Spouse/Partner Membership

As President Jean has mentioned, we are planning to launch a new Spouse/Partner membership this month. If interested, please take a minute to respond to this survey:

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

Meeting Volunteer Opportunities

Our goal is to involve as many Rotarians as possible in our weekly meeting programs. If you are willing to participate, please complete this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022Participation>

Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring Program



Be sure to mark your calendar for these future honors scholars mentoring dates:

Iroquois High School 7:40am-9:15am

Wednesday, January 19 Translating Skills/Talents/Interest onto Resume

Wednesday, February 16 Topic: Answering Tough Questions

Wednesday, March 23 Topic: Pulling it All Together

Western Early College Fridays 8:15am-9am

Friday, January 14 Translating Skills/Talents/Interest onto Resume

Friday, March 11 Topic: Answering Tough Questions

Friday, April 8 Topic: Pulling it All Together

Western High School 8:20am-9:15am

Tuesday, January 25 Topic: Translating Skills/Talents/Interest onto Resume

Tuesday, March 1 Topic: Answering Tough Questions

Tuesday March 29 Topic: Pulling it All Together

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Re:Center Ministries Dinner

Join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month as we provide a meal and comradeship to the men at [Re:Center Ministries](#) (733 E. Jefferson Street). Contact Larry Sloan for more information.



*Harry, Sophia, Rudy, David, Graeme
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*Pictured left to
right: Larry,*

Rotary Job Board

Have a job opening at your company? Post it on Rotary's Job Board! A fellow Rotarian might know the perfect person to fill the position.

- The Food Literacy Project is seeking a Director of Development & Communications - click [HERE](#) for more information.
- The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky is seeking a Communications Associate and Policy Associate - click [HERE](#) for more information.
- Maid In Louisville - Front line cleaning techs. Part-time. Flex hours. Weekends or weeknights. Contact Greg Braun greg@maidinlouisville.com

If your company has a job opening to post, send the information to rotary@rotary45.org.
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Events

January 11th

[Rotary University Session 1: What is Rotary?](#)

Speaker: What Is Rotary?

Subject: Led by Mike Kull & Julie Schmidt

January 14th

[Rotary Honors Scholars '21-22 Western Early College January 14](#)

January 20th

[RCoL Meeting - Chris Goode, Climavision](#)

Speaker: Chris Goode, Climavision

January 13th

[RCoL Meeting - Robin & Stella Mountain - Ntaba Coffee Haus](#)

Speaker: Robin & Stella Mountain - Owners, Ntaba Coffee Haus, Ntaba African Safaris

January 19th

[Rotary Honors Scholars '21-22 Iroquois High School January 19](#)

January 26th

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

Subject: Global gamechanger Climavision is alleviating the burden of expensive weather infrastructure with proprietary technology that will help mitigate the risks of increasingly volatile weather.

January 27th

RCoL Meeting - Dr. Uric Dufrene - 2022 Economic Outlook

Speaker: Dr. Uric Dufrene, Sanders Chair in Business at IU Southeast

Subject: Update on national trends and the implications for the local economy, and most recent data available for the Greater Louisville and Southern Indiana economy.

February 3rd

RCoL Meeting - Dan Gediman - The Reckoning

Speaker: Dan Gediman

February 16th

Rotary Honors Scholars '21-22 Iroquois High School Feb 16

February 17th

RCoL Meeting - Nate Morris, Rubicon Global

Speaker: Nate Morris, Rubicon Global

February 24th

NO MEETING due to Mardi Gras event

February 1st

Rotary University Session 2: What Is Rotary International

Speaker: What Is Rotary International

Subject: Led by Rick Harned & Susan Zepeda

February 10th

Mayor Fischer's State of the City Address

Speaker: Mayor Greg Fischer

Subject: Annual State of the City Address

February 16th

Business Synergy event at INgrid Design

Speaker: Ingrid Hernandez

Subject: Join us for a special networking event at the fabulous new office of Rotarian Ingrid Hernandez

February 23rd

Re:Center Dinner - Lifeline Committee

Birthdays



Maynard L.
Stetten M.D.
January 10th



Janice L. Purcell
January 12th



Michael L.
Holwerda
January 12th



Terry G. Waddle
January 14th



Greg Fischer
January 14th

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