

# Rotary

## Club of Louisville



### Note from Delene

There is a LOT happening at our Club! Please don't procrastinate on RSVP'ing for our upcoming events. We have a HARD deadline from the Convention Center on the headcount for the Mayor's State of the City which must be submitted THIS FRIDAY. We also have to make the final payment to Churchill Downs on February 15th for our May 4th Day at the Downs, so tickets must be purchased by then.

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## February 3, 2022 Meeting - Ron Schmidt - Kentucky in the Catbird Seat: This Field Looks Green To Me



Our featured speaker will be Ron Schmidt, presenting "*Kentucky in the Catbird Seat: This Field Looks Green To Me*"

This is a story of eight men who defied Jim Crow ♦ it ♦s a story of leadership and relationships. Four of the men fought at the Battle of the Bulge and upon returning from Europe made a decision that sent ripples through society. Having witnessed evilness in the world, they came home to laws made by men that had weakened their community; laws that forbade kids to play together. These men ♦crossed the color-line♦ by forming the first integrated Little League program in Kentucky ♦ the second in the South. The kids they coached, black and white, followed the lead of their mentors and learned to trust each other and play like a team, despite outside pressures to keep them apart. Their leadership and mentoring caught a community by surprise, just as their league shocked the entire state.

To attend the in person meeting, email [rotary@rotary45.org](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org) to see if there are seats available.

To participate via Zoom, register here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdCsqzWjE9KRHi4UYkkawUm70BB-85DD>

[Read More](#)

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## February 10, 2022 Meeting - Mayor Fischer's Final State of the City Address

**\*\*\*RSVP Deadline - THIS FRIDAY, Feb 4th\*\*\***

Greg Fischer was elected Louisville ♦s 50th mayor in 2010 -- and was sworn in for a third four-year term on January 5, 2019. This will be his final State of the City address.

Register to attend this in person event at the Kentucky International



Convention Center:

<https://bit.ly/SOTC021022> (deadline Feb 4th)

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



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

1048 Bardstown Rd (street parking)  
Louisville, KY 40204  
[ingriddesign.com](http://ingriddesign.com)

RSVP in [DaCdb](#) or email [rotary@rotary45.org](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org)

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## Rotary Mask-arade Mardi Gras Party - February 24

The Rotary Mask-arade is ON! We have the entire Barret Bar & Grill (1012 Barret Avenue - plentiful parking) and there will be Cajun food, NOLA-inspired drinks, King cakes, beads, music, dancing, pool tables, prizes, and more - all for only \$30 per person! RSVP here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCLMaskarade>

# Rotary Mask-arade



Cajun Food  
NOLA-Inspired Drinks  
Pool Tables  
Music & Dancing  
Beads, King Cakes  
Prize for Best Mask!

Thursday, Feb 24, 6-9pm | Barret Bar & Grill | 1012 Barret Avenue

## May 4, 2022 Rotary Day at the Downs

Join us in the private Stakes-Parlor room and balcony with a view of the Finish Line, Winner's Circle, historic Twin Spires, Paddock where horses are saddled, and the Louisville Skyline - on **Wednesday, May 4th**.

Tickets are \$130 per person and include admission, racing program, Chef's Table Buffet, coffee, tea and soft drinks and fun prizes! We will participate in the trophy presentation for Race #2.

Note that the free parking included this year will be at the Kentucky Exposition Center, with continuous shuttles to/from the Paddock Gate at Churchill Downs. Onsite parking passes can be purchased separately at \$15 per car or SUV.

Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Churchill050422> by **Feb 14** (our final payment is due to Churchill Downs on Feb 15).

This is a great opportunity to invite guests to experience Rotary! We are also extending invitations to area Rotary Clubs.





## Meeting Recap - January 27, 2022



Last Thursday we welcomed Dr. Uric Dufrene, Professor at IU Southeast's School of Business. Dr. Dufrene provided his outlook on today's economy, the trends related to manufacturing, employment, household finances, and many other aspects. You can view his slides [HERE](#).

We also received an update from Past-President and Community Impact Committee Chair Luke Schmidt on the ground-breaking initiative for West Louisville. This transformative program for West Louisville Housing - a joint partnership between Rotary Club of Louisville and Park Community Credit Union - prepares for a new revolving fund to provide access to affordable capital for first-time homebuyers in West Louisville.

You can view the recording of the meeting [HERE](#) (Luke's presentation begins at minute 32:00) and Luke's slides [HERE](#).

[Read More](#)

## CIC Update: Transformative West Louisville Housing Initiative

Are you ready to join your fellow Rotarians and change lives by supporting a new, transformational project in West Louisville?

A project which will impact lives for generations to come?

A project that is the first of its kind in the United States?

Members of the Community Impact Committee and its Policies & Justice Subcommittee have spent hundreds of hours developing this innovative concept. A couple of weeks ago, **Denise Sears** set the stage by providing an overview of this critical issue facing West Louisville: access to affordable capital for first time homebuyers. View the recording of the meeting [HERE](#) (the CIC update begins at minute 29:00). View Denise's slide presentation [HERE](#).

Last Thursday, Past-President **Luke Schmidt** introduced a ground-breaking new strategy - to be led by our Rotary Club of Louisville. Watch the recording [HERE](#) (beginning at the 32:00 minute mark) to hear first hand

about our Club's new signature project and how you can personally and positively impact lives in our community for years to come! View Luke's slide presentation [HERE](#).

Download Overview Flyer [HERE](#)

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## 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, February 16 Topic: Answering Tough Questions  
Wednesday, March 23 Topic: Pulling it All Together

### **Western Early College Fridays 8:15am-9am**

Friday, March 11 Topic: Answering Tough Questions  
Friday, April 8 Topic: Pulling it All Together

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

Tuesday, March 1 Topic: Answering Tough Questions  
Tuesday, March 29 Topic: Pulling it All Together

Rotary Honors Scholars Celebration Luncheon May 12

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## Rotary University - Save the Dates

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](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org) for a meeting invite.

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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.





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

## 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.

- New Directions Housing Corporation is seeking a [Deputy Chief Operating Officer](#)
- The Food Literacy Project is seeking a [Director of Development & Communications](#)
- Maid In Louisville - Front line cleaning techs; part-time; flex hours, weekends or weeknights. Contact Greg Braun [greg@maidinlouisville.com](mailto:greg@maidinlouisville.com)

If your company has a job opening to post, send the information to [rotary@rotary45.org](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org).

## Events

February 3rd

[RCoL Meeting - Ron Schmidt - This Field Looks Green To Me](#)

**Speaker:** Ron Schmidt

**Subject:** Kentucky in the Catbird Seat: This Field Looks Green To Me

February 16th

[Rotary Honors Scholars '21-22 Iroquois High School Feb 16](#)

February 17th

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

## RCOL Meeting - Nate Morris, Rubicon Global

**Speaker:** Nate Morris, Rubicon Global

February 24th

**NO MEETING due to Mardi Gras event**

## Re:Center Ministries Dinner

February 25th

**Rotary University Session 3: Philanthropy  
Ptrs/Promise Scholars**

**Speaker:** Led by Walt Kunau, Jr. Thom Crimans, and  
Craig Mooney

## Birthdays



Sharon LaRue  
February 2nd



Barbara Lynne  
Jamison  
February 5th



Henry H. Kuehn  
February 5th



Jon Salomon  
February 8th

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