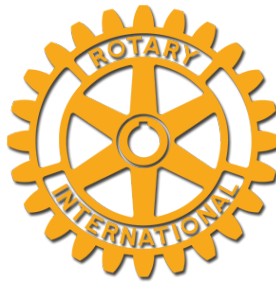


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January 27, 2022 Meeting - Dr. Uric Dufrene - Louisville Metro Economic Update & Outlook



How will the Louisville economy fare over 2022? Will payroll gains accelerate, or can we expect an overall slowdown? The presentation will examine the economic outlook for Louisville Metro, including headwinds and tailwinds facing the economy. What is the state of the consumer in 2022, and key Louisville industries like manufacturing, leisure and hospitality and transportation and warehousing. Early in the pandemic, Professor Dufrene was calling for a V-shape recovery followed by moderate growth. Professor Dufrene will present a view of the national economy, along with key indicators for Louisville Metro, and an update to the early projection of the V-shape recovery.

[Dr. Uric Dufrene](#) holds the Sanders Chair in Business at IU Southeast. As the Sanders Chair in Business, he gives the annual outlook for Southern Indiana and Greater Louisville at the annual Economic Outlook Breakfast and Mid-Year Outlook programs. Professor Dufrene also speaks to various community groups and organizations across Southern Indiana and provides ongoing updates through economic update columns. He obtained his BS and MBA from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana and his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. Professor Dufrene began his career as an Assistant Professor of Finance in the School of Business, served as Dean of the School of Business, and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. He teaches corporate finance in the School of Business at IU Southeast and has been following the regional economy for almost 20 years.

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

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZEpf-CvpzMuGNDBb7gir-2JSg7XCAhnK2tl>

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. Last Thursday, **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](#).

Please join us this Thursday as Past-President **Luke Schmidt** will present a ground-breaking new strategy - to be led by our Rotary Club of Louisville. Don't miss this opportunity 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!

Register for the Zoom meeting (the CIC Update will follow our featured speaker Dr. Uric Dufrene):
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpf-CvpzMuGNDBb7gir-2JSg7XCAhnK2tl>

Meeting Recap - January 20, 2022



We had the opportunity on Thursday to hear from the founder of a company that is rolling out a proprietary network of radio-occultation satellite and ground-based sensors that will help mitigate the risks and losses of increasingly volatile weather. Climavision combines cloud computing and AI with raw observational data to fundamentally change weather forecasting. Chris Goode's presentation was interesting and informative - learn more at www.climavision.com.

You can view the recording of the meeting [HERE](#) and the slides [HERE](#).

Some of you may recall that Jody Miles, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of Earth's Classroom, was with us last fall to share her ***Climate Science Update: The Health of Our Home*** presentation, and due to technical issues we were not able to properly show her slides. Many were interested in the topic, so she is offering a special opportunity to our members to attend a live presentation via Zoom for free, on **Saturday, February 5th from 9:30-11:00am**. Because of her specialized Climate Science Training by NOAA/NASA, Jody is allowed to present continually updated data slides from NASA and NOAA on Earth's latest climate science. Please send your name and e-mail to bjecroom@fidnet.com with Subject **Climate by ZOOM** by Tuesday, February 1st to receive the meeting code and password. You will receive the meeting address by 9am on the 5th. [Read More](#)

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.

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.

If you are interested in attending the in person meeting, you can RSVP/pay here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCL020322>

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdCsqzwjE9KRHi4UYkkawUm70BB-85DD>

[Read More](#)

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

Greg Fischer was elected Louisville ♦s 50th mayor in 2010 -- and was sworn in for a third four-year term on January 5, 2019.

Governing Magazine named Mayor Fischer Public Official of the Year in 2013. A 2016 Politico survey named him as the most innovative mayor in America, and in 2017, Politico named Mayor Fischer among its list of the nation ♦s most interesting mayors. America ♦s mayors elected him to serve as president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in July 2020.

Mayor Fischer is a national award-winning entrepreneur who started and invested in dozens of businesses, including SerVend International and Iceberg Ventures, a private investment firm. He also co-founded bCatalyst, the first business accelerator in Louisville.



Mayor Fischer is a graduate of Trinity High School and Vanderbilt University. He is married to Dr. Alexandra Gerassimides, the daughter of Greek immigrants who were uprooted during the Greek Civil War. The couple have four adult children and one granddaughter.

Register to attend this in person event at the Kentucky International Convention Center:
<https://bit.ly/SOTC021022>

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



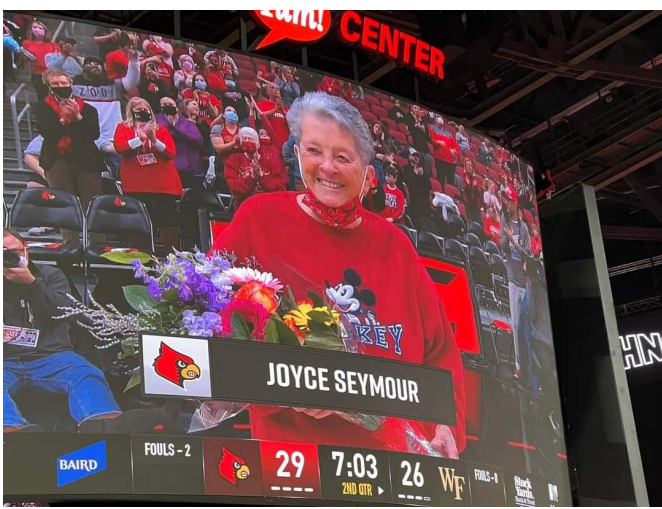
Join us from 5-7pm on February 16th for a special networking event at the fabulous new office of Rotarian Ingrid Hernandez. Watch for more details soon.

1017 Baxter Avenue
Louisville, KY 40204
ingriddesign.com

Rotarians in the Spotlight

Look who was on the big screen at the U of L Women's Basketball game on Sunday! Rotarian **Joyce Seymour** was recognized for all that she has done for girls' basketball in Kentucky. For over 53 years, she played or officiated. In 1973, soon after Title IX passed, Joyce and longtime friend, Bunny Daugherty founded what is now the Republic Bank Girls' Louisville Invitational Tournament. They used their own money to buy basketballs, print programs and pay officials.

Joyce is a UK graduate that lettered in basketball and three other sports. During her UK basketball career, she averaged 19 points and 11 rebounds, and her team was undefeated for all four years. She was UK's MVP three of the four years she



played basketball. During the 1960s and 70s she traveled extensively throughout the state offering clinics for girls, coaches and officials at both the high school and college levels. Joyce's vision of what girls' basketball could become has resulted in over 600 teams and 8,000 girls playing in the Girls' Louisville Invitational Tournament. Congratulations Joyce!

And Rotarian **Riggs Lewis** was selected for the 30th class in Bingham Fellows history, that will be addressing the topic "Downtown Moving Forward: Adapt and Reinvent." See the full roster at <https://bit.ly/BF2022Roster>.



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 for a meeting invite.

Make a Difference with Leadership Louisville Center's Community Acceleration Teams



There's no mistaking that a strong, effective nonprofit sector is vital to the Louisville region. These organizations serve and address critical issues facing our region's most vulnerable populations but large or small, well-established or in their first few years, they all seem to be strapped for time and resources. Since 2004, the Leadership Louisville Center has worked to fill these gaps, adding capacity and offering expertise to over 150 area nonprofits, pro-bono, through our [Community Acceleration Teams](#). There are two different types of teams, which help with:

◆ Strategic consulting on organizational issues (these teams are made up of credentialed, experienced professionals from our [Encore Louisville program](#))

◆ Project-based design and implementation (these are high-performing young professionals from our [Ignite Louisville program](#))

Please consider joining LLC for a [virtual informational meeting January 26th from 9-10 a.m.](#) to learn more about Community Acceleration Teams.

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

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

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?
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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!

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.

Events

January 26th

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

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 Ministries Dinner](#)

February 25th

[Rotary University Session 3: Philanthropy
Ptrs/Promise Scholars](#)

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

January 27th

[RCoL Meeting - Dr. Uric Dufrene - Lou Metro
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 - 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

[RCoL Meeting - Nate Morris, Rubicon Global](#)

Speaker: Nate Morris, Rubicon Global

February 24th

[NO MEETING due to Mardi Gras event](#)

Birthdays

Richard Roth
January 26th



Sandra Dodge
January 27th



Jud Hendrix
January 27th

Andrew Holden
January 28th



Kevin J McCarron
January 28th



Sharon LaRue
February 2nd



Larry T. Sloan
January 28th



Joan L. Frey EdD,
MSN, BS, ANEF
January 30th



Byron Riggs Lewis
January 31st



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