

# Rotary Club of Louisville SPARKS

## THIS WEEK: How Making is Shaping the Future of Louisville

### Our Guest Speaker

**Larry Portaro**  
Executive Director  
FirstBuild

**Muhammad Ali Center**  
View Pointe Hall  
September 19, 2019  
11:30 Buffet  
12:05 Meeting

#### The Menu:

House Garden Salad  
Chicken Tortilla Soup  
Quesadillas

Fresh Fruit  
Cookies & Brownies  
Iced Water/Iced Tea/Coffee



### BRING A GUEST.

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### Shout Outs

Do you want to share a  shout out  with the club? Share your recognition (in the news or an act of service) of a fellow club member with our Rotary staff - which will be featured at our next club meeting!

**SUBMIT A  
'SHOUT OUT'**

**WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS FOR AUGUST  
2019!**

Click [HERE](#)  to see the leaders that have recently joined our Club!

### About Larry Portaro:

Larry Portaro, Executive Director of FirstBuild, a wholly owned subsidiary of GE Appliances, will share how FirstBuild, Maker Faire Louisville and Louisville Makes LLC are driving education, innovation, technology and manufacturing in Louisville.

FirstBuild is an innovation accelerator that combines a global co-creation community with a state-of-the-art microfactory that invents what's next for the home. FirstBuild, a Haier company, counts among its successful product launches the Opal Nugget Ice Maker, Paragon Cooking System, Open Hearth Oven and the Forge Clear Ice System.

FirstBuild is located on the University of Louisville campus, where it also offers a free community makerspace.

Thousands of people each year visit FirstBuild to showcase their creativity, share their passion projects, and see what FirstBuild is working on next.

Larry holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical



engineering from the University of Louisville and has 27 years of experience at GE Appliances, where he last served as the technology leader for its cooking business.

Larry resides in Louisville, KY, with his wife, three children and a stubborn Great Pyrenees, Finn.

**September 12th Meeting Recap:**

Rich Boling, Vice President for Corporate Advancement at TechShot, Inc., a space company headquartered about 20 minutes west in Greenvillve, Indiana described at our meeting how his company is helping make life better on Earth by going to work in space.

To see the Rotary meeting and Rich's presentation, click [HERE](#).



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**Upcoming Meetings**

- September 19th  
[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)
- September 19th  
[Rotary Club Lunch Meeting](#)
- September 26th  
[Rotary Club Lunch Meeting](#)
- October 10th  
[Rotary Club Lunch Meeting](#)
- October 24th  
[Speakers Committee meeting](#)

- September 19th  
[Membership Development Committee meeting](#)
- September 26th  
[New Member Orientation - Service Above Self](#)
- October 3rd  
[Rotary Club Lunch Meeting at Waterfront Botanical Gardens](#)
- October 17th  
[Rotary Club Lunch Meeting](#)

**Events & Opportunities**

- September 24th  
[Rotary Promise Scholars mentoring](#)
- September 25th  
[Lifeline Committee - Rescue Mission Dinner](#)
- October 16th  
[Rotary Promise Scholars mentoring](#)
- October 16th  
[Business Synergy and Prospective Member Reception](#)

**HEY ROTARIANS...**



**Birthdays**



[Brett Corbin](#)  
September 16th



[Maggie Payette Harlow](#)  
September 16th



[DeVone Holt](#)  
September 17th



[Nancy Jo Trafton](#)  
September 20th



[Inge Hurst](#)  
September 20th



[Felisha Dowdy](#)  
September 21st



[Stephen Tarver](#)  
September 25th



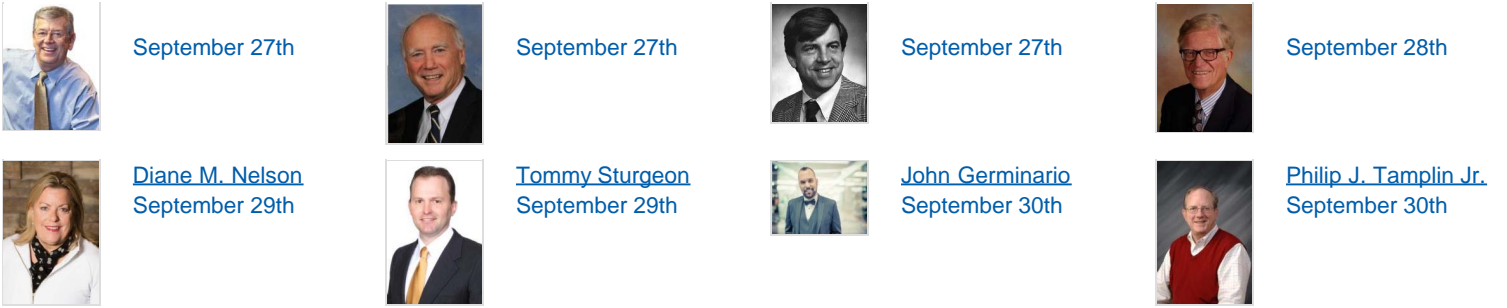
[Steven D Kerrick](#)  
September 27th

[Michael Strickland](#)

[Robert Jennings](#)

[Stephen C. Payne](#)

[Patrick M. Payne](#)



**Club Leaders**



## ROTARY CLUB **Links & Resources**

After logging in to DacDB, click 'My Club' for these resources:

- [Club Committees](#)     
 [Event Registration](#)     
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 [Club Calendar](#)

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