

# Rotary Club of Louisville



## Note from President Kevin

Hope you had a nice week! The PGA Championship was like having a second Derby Week this year. We had another very good meeting last week with Tourism Secretary Lindy Casebier.

[Click here for the full summary.](#)



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## Next Week's Meeting: Lt. Col. Whitney Allen, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs



This week's meeting at the University Club will feature **Lt. Col. Whitney Allen, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.**

We will also be presenting Ted Buerck scholarships to deserving students.

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 cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card. Contact [Tracy Peck](#) with meeting questions.

Click [HERE](#) to read the speaker bio.

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## Next Week's Meeting: Purna Veer, President and Founder of V-Soft Consulting



The May 30 meeting at the University Club will feature **Purna Veer, President and Founder of V-Soft Consulting.**

***"Harnessing the Power of Generative AI: Opportunities, Challenges, and Responsible Adaptation"***

Explore the transformative potential of Generative AI in revolutionizing business operations. Delve into the vast opportunities it offers, the challenges it presents, and the strategies for adapting to this cutting-edge technology in a responsible and ethical manner. Purna will share insights into leveraging AI for competitive advantage while navigating the complexities of implementation and ensuring ethical use.

Menu options: chicken stir-fry; salad with grilled chicken; or, a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advanced request.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, May 27 [HERE](#).

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 cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card.

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## Chance to Win



Are you reading Sparks each week? From time to time, we will offer a door prize incentive. Those who find and report the "clue" in the weekly newsletter will be entered into a drawing for that week's prize.

The "clue" will be a misspelled word or a special character inserted into a word. Have you found the intentional mistake in this newsletter? Report it [HERE](#) by Friday.

This week's prize, donated by Walt Kunau, is a **\$100 raffle ticket to the West End School Ultimate Bourbon Raffle!** You can read more about it if you scroll down.

Congrats to Julie James who won the tickets to the JFCS MOSAIC Awards contributed by Courtney Evans!

If you/your organization would like to donate a door prize to be used for this purpose, email the info to [director@louisvillerotary.org](mailto:director@louisvillerotary.org).

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## Service Projects & Grants due May 30

By Steve Eggers

Committee leaders: all information related to request(s) for service projects and/or grants for the 2024-2025 Rotary year must be submitted no later than May 30. Proof of completion of the 9-minute [mandatory training](#) must also be provided to me by that time ([seggers@knbarch.com](mailto:seggers@knbarch.com)).

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Applications for 2024-2025 Service Projects & Grants must be submitted electronically. Completion of the training session is mandatory for Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs in order to apply. You may also designate a committee member to complete the training. Click [HERE](#) for the overall Service Projects & Grants review and approval schedule.

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## Rotary University: Next Session Tuesday, June 11

By Jay Mallory

Thank you to all who participated in our first three Rotary University sessions. If you are a long-time member and would just like a refresher, feel free to watch the recordings, as well.

Session #1 *What is Rotary?* available [HERE](#) passcode to access: @5ZatVk0  
To earn credit for Session #1, complete survey with code words [HERE](#).

Session #2 *Service Above Self* available [HERE](#) passcode to access: 0tj&G+^\*  
To earn credit for Session #2, complete survey with code words [HERE](#).

Session #3 *Rotary Honors Scholars* available [HERE](#) passcode to access: 5@+\*?tWX  
To earn credit for Session #3, complete survey with code words [HERE](#).

**Please mark your calendars for the next sessions, all at NOON via Zoom.** Completion of Rotary University is required for new members, so prioritize these sessions!

June 11 - register [HERE](#).  
July 9 - register [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, reach out to me, or Jay Mallory, Co-Chair of the Membership Development & Engagement Committee, [jmallory@imagequest.com](mailto:jmallory@imagequest.com).

[Read More](#)

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## Volunteers Needed! Ohio River Sweep on June 1

By Alex E. Novak



**Rotary Club of Louisville**  
**Litter Clean-Up Event**  
**Date: June 1st**  
**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**WHERE** EVA BANDMAN PARK  
1701 RIVER ROAD | LOUISVILLE, KY 40206

**DETAILS** DRESS FOR THE WEATHER.  
WEAR SUNSCREEN AND BRING A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE.

**REGISTER** EMAIL ALEX NOVAK  
ANOVAK@IGLOU.COM  
FOR EVENT DETAILS AND REGISTRATION

**SPONSORS** F·O·R·E  

Join the Rotary Club of Louisville's Environmental Committee on June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon for a Litter Clean-up Event at Eva Bandman Park.

It's part of the annual [Ohio River Sweep](#) volunteer clean-up that extends the entire length of the Ohio River. Volunteers from six states remove litter at multiple locations along the river and many of its tributaries. The volunteer work makes a positive impact along the entire Ohio River Basin.

Read the full press release, written by our own **Ashley Brauer**, owner of Max Strategic Communications, [HERE](#).

Contact: **Alex Novak**, [anovak@iglou.com](mailto:anovak@iglou.com) for details and to register.

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## New Member Service Project at SOS: June 5

By Jay Mallory

Join us on Wednesday, June 5 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at [SOS](#) for our new member service project. All are welcome - this is an excellent opportunity to serve alongside and get acquainted with some of our newer members.

We will sort and pack supplies to be redistributed to those in need. SOS meets critical health care needs in medically impoverished communities in 106 countries by collecting and distributing surplus medical supplies and equipment. Partnering with hospitals, clinics, and manufacturers to recover and redistribute what would otherwise go into local landfills, SOS promotes environmental stewardship.

Please RSVP [HERE](#).

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## Craig Scherman's Fabulous House Party: June 9

Craig Scherman will host his annual party for members and their guests at his beautiful home in Anchorage (1208 Evergreen Rd) on Sunday, June 9, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. \$30 will cover food from Mark's Feed Store, open bar, live music, beautiful views, great conversation and a whole lotta fun!

This is a can't miss event! Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.



Photos of prior year events: [Read More](#)

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## Rotary Group Trip to Italy: November 1 - 9

By Kent Oyler



Join your fellow Rotarians on a group trip to Italy November 1-9. The cost is \$3,899 per person (double occupancy), which includes hotels, meals, day trips and airfare from Louisville!

Download the brochure and registration form [HERE](#).

Contact me at kent@oyler.net or 502-550-5102 for more information.

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### Rotarian in the Spotlight: Whitney Austin

Rotarian **Whitney Austin** will speak at the June 7th Daughters of Greatness breakfast at the Muhammad Ali Center. The series honors women who are changemakers in the arenas of social philanthropy, activism, and pursuits of justice.

Impassioned after surviving the Sept. 6, 2018, mass shooting in Cincinnati, Whitney co-founded Whitney/Strong with her husband. The organization is focused on finding common ground to end gun violence through data-driven, responsible gun-ownership solutions. Learn more and register [HERE](#).



## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Kim Halbauer

Rotarian **Kim Halbauer** will speak at the 1si Pearls of Wisdom event on June 5 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at the Calumet Club in New Albany. Pearls of Wisdom features female speakers sharing their stories of success in business and life. Register [HERE](#).



*Kim Halbauer*  
Regional President  
Fifth Third Bank, N.A. -  
Kentucky  
**June 5, 2024**

## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Maggie Harlow



**Meet Maggie Harlow**  
2024 Vogt Awards  
Selection Committee Chair

Rotarian **Maggie Harlow** is back in the spotlight, this time for Chairing the 2024 Vogt Awards Selection Committee.

Maggie's entrepreneurial background as the CEO of Signarama Downtown, her community involvement, and dedication to the Vogt Awards program make her the perfect choice to lead this year's selection committee as they choose up to six early-stage businesses for the 2024 cohort.

Read more [HERE](#).

## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Denise Sears

Congratulations to Rotarian **Denise Sears** for being awarded the 2024 Trinity Peace Medal. Trinity High School community has awarded the Trinity Peace Medal at its graduation ceremony for over 50 years. The award recognizes a deserving individual or group for efforts that promote peacemaking, justice building and service to others. Read the article [HERE](#).



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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Evon Smith



Rotarian **Evon Smith** drafted an Op-Ed in the Courier Journal entitled, *The West End deserves responsible development with a community focus. OneWest is doing just that.*

In it, she says, "Louisville can be a leader in responsible development by focusing on the success of both commercial development and affordable housing. We can deliver revitalization that the entire city can be proud of."

Read the full Op-Ed [HERE](#).

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## Events & Opportunities: West End School

By Walt Kunau

**What:** Ultimate Bourbon Raffle

**Organization:** West End School

**Date/Time:** Drawing Thursday, June 20, 11:00am (do not need to be present to win)

**Cost:** \$100 per ticket



**More information and to purchase tickets:** click [HERE](#)

**Member to contact:** Walt Kunau, [wkunau@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkunau@bellsouth.net)

*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.*

### Events

May 23rd, 11:30-1:00 PM

**[RCOL Weekly Club Meeting: Lt. Col. Whitney Allen](#)**

**Comment:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave  
Louisville, KY 40208

**Speaker:** Lt. Col. Whitney Allen, Commissioner, KY Dept of  
Veteran Affairs

May 30th, 8:00-5:00 PM

**[Service Project/Grant Applications Deadline](#)**

June 1st, 9:00-12:00 PM

**[Ohio River Sweep](#)**

**Comment:** Eva Bandman Park 1701 River Rd Louisville, KY 40206

June 6th, 10:30-11:30 AM

**[DEI Committee Meeting](#)**

**Comment:** University Club 200 E Brandeis Avenue

June 9th, 4:00-7:30 PM

**[Rotary Summer Social at Craig Scherman's House](#)**

May 23rd, 1:00-2:00 PM

**[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)**

May 30th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**[RCOL Weekly Club Meeting: Purna Veer](#)**

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**Speaker:** Purna Veer, V-Soft Consulting Group

June 5th, 5:30-7:30 PM

**[New Member Service Project at SOS](#)**

June 6th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**[RCOL Weekly Club Meeting: Carolyn Tandy](#)**

**Comment:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave  
Louisville, KY 40208

**Speaker:** Carolyn Tandy, SVP - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion,  
Humana

June 13th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**[RCOL Weekly Club Meeting: Rebecca Fleischaker](#)**

**Comment:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave  
Louisville, KY 40208

**Speaker:** Rebecca Fleischaker, Louisville Downtown Partnership



**Birthdays**



William K. Burke  
May 22nd



Robert W. Rounsavall  
III  
May 23rd



W. Kevin Smith  
May 23rd



Kristofer Twist  
May 25th



Henry V. Heuser Jr.  
May 25th



Carl Kihm  
May 26th



John R Rickert  
May 26th



Clark Orr  
May 26th



Christopher R Nation  
May 27th



R. Wood Northup  
June 1st



Steve Jester  
June 2nd



James M. Wagner  
June 3rd



Cynthia Hutchinson  
June 3rd



Daniel K Maloney  
June 4th



F. Gerald Greenwell  
June 8th



Louis Straub  
June 9th



Delene E Taylor  
June 9th

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