

# Rotary Club of Louisville



## Note from President Kevin

I hope you had a nice Memorial Day weekend and stayed safe during the storms. We know many are still without power, and we hope you and your family are doing well.

Last week's speaker was Lt. Colonel Whitney Allen, Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. Craig Scherman also presented 10 Ted Buerck scholarships.

Click [HERE](#) to see the full meeting recap.



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



This week's meeting at the University Club featured **Purna Veer, President and Founder of V-Soft Consulting.**

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

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

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## June 6 Meeting: Carolyn Tandy, SVP of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Humana



Next week's meeting at the University Club will feature **Carolyn Tandy, Senior Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Humana Inc.**

***"Authentically Caring for a Culture of Belonging"***

The menu is roasted turkey breast with stuffing and gravy and broccoli casserole. Other options include a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free meal, available upon advanced request.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, June 3 [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.

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

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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, again 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 **Tom Stone** who won last week's bourbon raffle ticket donated by Walt!

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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## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Dr. Swannie Jett

Congratulations to Rotarian **Dr. Swannie Jett** on winning a [Telly Award in the Silver category](#) for his [CEO Live Talks](#) show! Dr. Jett serves as executive producer and host of the show. More than 12,000 entries from 6 continents and all 50 states were submitted to The Telly Awards, which honor excellence in video and television across all screens.



**Rotarian in the Spotlight: Dave Christopher**

Congrats to Rotarian **Dave Christopher** and **AMPED Louisville** on the recent 10-year anniversary celebration and groundbreaking ceremony for the new Russell Station Technology Center! Learn more [here](#).





**Rotarian in the Spotlight: Nachand Trabue**

Rotarian **Nachand Trabue** made news recently announcing the [4th Annual MELANnaire Marketplace Juneteenth Celebration - Ancestors Dream](#) event. It's set for Saturday June 15 from 3 - 10 p.m. at Fourth Street Live!

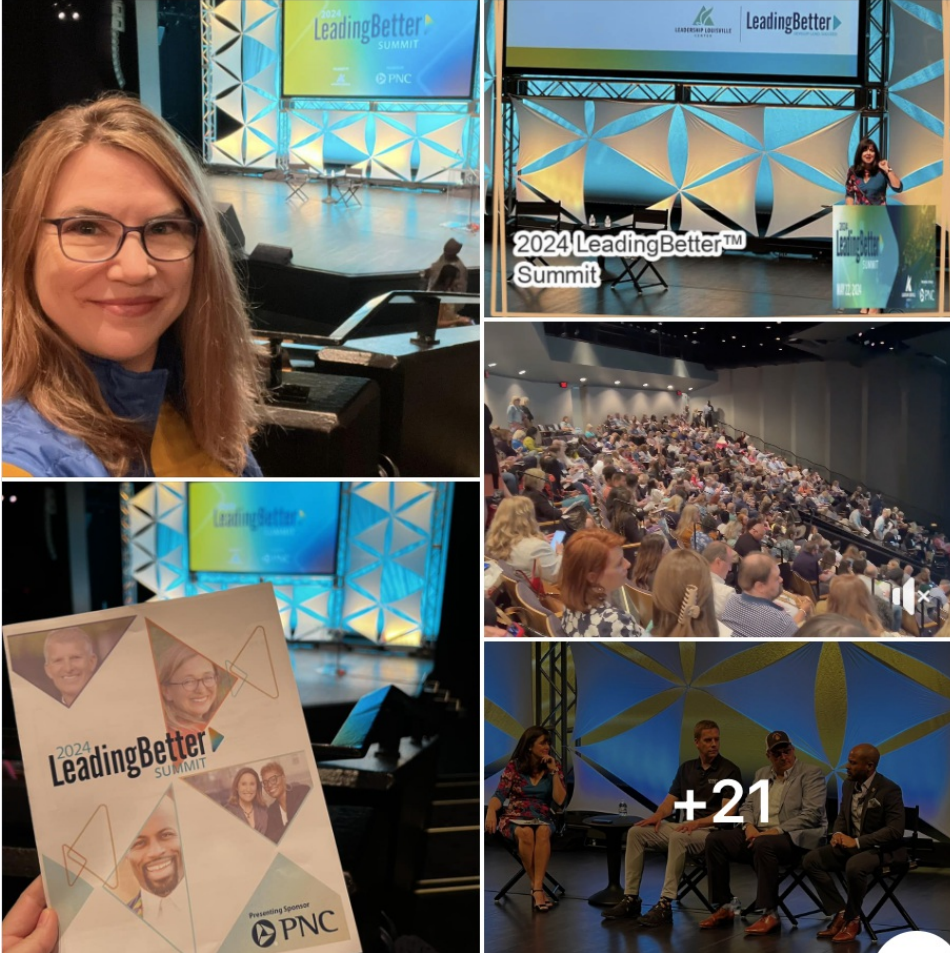


## Rotarians in the Spotlight: LeadingBetter Summit

Congratulations to corporate member **Leadership Louisville Center** on its successful [LeadingBetter Summit](#)! Many Rotarians were in the audience as top voices from across the country shared their wisdom.

 **Delene Taylor** is <sup>14</sup> attending **Leading Better Summit** with **Cynthia Spalding Knappek** and **6 others**.  
5 days ago · 🌐

This annual event sets the bar for programming and execution! Congrats to the **Leadership Louisville Center** team on another excellent summit! [#LBSummit24](#) [#LeadingBetter](#) [#LeadershipLouisville](#) [#LLCAmbassador](#)



## Rotarians in the Spotlight: Best Places to Work

Congrats to these [2024 Best Places to Work in Greater Louisville](#) represented in our club:



- Gilda's Club
- The Glenview Trust Company
- Greater Louisville Inc.
- Independence Bank
- Louisville Public Media
- Miranda Construction

## Rotarian in the Spotlight: Kim Halbauer

**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. Register [HERE](#).



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

## 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 cofounded 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](#).



**Whitney Austin**  
Executive Director, Cofounder  
WhitneyStrong Organization



## Volunteers Needed for Ohio River Sweep: 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 be sorting and packing supplies to be redistributed to those in need. SOS meets critical health care needs in medically impoverished communities in 106 countries around the world 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 - 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!

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.



Photos of prior year events: [Click Here.](#)

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## Rotary Group Trip to Italy This November

By Kent Oyler



Join your fellow Rotarians on a group trip November 1-9 for only \$3,899 per person (double occupancy) which includes hotels, meals, day trips and airfare from Louisville! You can download the brochure and registration form [HERE](#).

Contact me at [kent@oyler.net](mailto:kent@oyler.net) or 502-550-5102 for more information.

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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 but 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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## Events & Opportunities: JFCS

By Courtney Evans

**A Safer Louisville**  
Community Solutions for Violence Prevention

In conjunction with National Gun Violence Awareness Month

Thank You To Our Sponsor  
Cari E. Kleinman for the Children Fund  
Congregation Adath Jeshurun

**June 4th**  
6 p.m.  
at JFCS  
Louis & Leo Roth Family Center  
2821 Klempner Way

**Our Panelists**

Katherina Oswald, LPCC  
Assistant Director of Programs  
Jewish Family & Career Services

Trent Fleckley  
Director of Equitable Community  
Mero United Way

Rachel Rosenblatt  
Director of Grants  
@NewlyStrong

Rosemarie Smith  
Youth Voice Reform Council  
Louisville Jewish Community Center  
Youth Advocates

Free & Open to Community  
RSVP Requested

Scan the QR Code to RSVP

Jewish Family & Career Services | 2821 Klempner Way, Louisville, KY 40205 | 502.452.6341 | www.jfcsloouisville.org

**What:** Community Chat Series: A Safer Louisville  
**Organization:** JFCS  
**Date/Time:** June 4, 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** JFCS, 2821 Klempner Way

**Description:** Open-forum panel discussion on violence prevention and innovative community solutions

**More information:** <https://jfcsloouisville.org/event/jfcs-community-chat-a-safer-louisville-community-solutions-for-violence-prevention/>

**Member to contact:** Courtney Evans,  
cevas@jfcsloouisville.org

## Events & Opportunities: NEW Showcase

By Marisa Midkiff Neal

13th Anniversary NEW Showcase of Entrepreneurial Women

NEW  
NETWORK OF ENTREPRENEURIAL WOMEN

June 12, 2024, 6:00-8:30 pm at the Ali Center, presented by: amplify LOUISVILLE

**What:** NEW Showcase of Entrepreneurial Women  
**Organization:** Network of Entrepreneurial Women  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday, June 12, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Muhammad Ali Center

**Description:** Join NEW as we showcase the amazing entrepreneurial women of our community with an evening of fabulous networking, entertainment, food, drinks, door prizes and more! The 2024 **Cliff Elgin** Award will be presented to Lauren Broadus, WLKY's Jennifer Baileys will emcee, and we will spotlight some young entrepreneurs as well.

**Free ticket:** <https://networkofentrepreneurialwomenky.com/products/free-ticket>

**Member to contact:** Marisa Neal, marisa@mmnconsulting.com

## Events & Opportunities: LCCC

By Kevin Fields

**2024 DR. RALPH DE CHABERT TRUSTEES OF INCLUSIVE EQUITY (I.E.) AWARDS GALA**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024 - 5PM TO 9PM**

**OUR 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JUNETEENTH AWARDS EVENT**

HONORING SIX INDIVIDUALS/COMPANIES FOR THEIR ADVANCEMENT OF INCLUSION AND EQUITY IN OUR COMMUNITY

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Dr. Shana Stoddard, Associate Professor of Chemistry & Founding Director of the STEM Cohort Mentoring Program, Rhodes College

**A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MATTIE JONES, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST.**

Purchase tickets: <https://bit.ly/IEAwards24>

old Walnut Street Family Strengthening Center  
1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY 40203  
502.563.8611 [www.lcccnews.org](http://www.lcccnews.org)

**What:** The 7th Annual Juneteenth Celebration Gala  
**Organization:** Louisville Central Community Centers  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 5 - 9 p.m.  
**Location:** The Atrium at Old Walnut Street, 1300 W Muhammad Ali Blvd

**Description:** The Dr. Ralph de Chabert Trustees of Inclusive Equity Awards is an elegant Juneteenth celebration of the advancement of equity, diversity and inclusion in Louisville. Net proceeds will advance LCCC's vision of eco-creating development of vibrant neighborhood conditions within which children, adults and businesses can thrive.

Rotarian **Dave Christopher, Sr**, President/Founder of AMPED, will receive an award.

**More information:** <https://www.lcccnews.org/inclusive-equity-awards-gala/>

**Member to contact:** Kevin Fields, [kfields@lcccnews.org](mailto:kfields@lcccnews.org)

## Events & Opportunities: West End School

By Walt Kunau



**What:** Ultimate Bourbon Raffle  
**Organization:** West End School  
**Date/Time:** Drawing Thursday, June 20, 11:00 a.m. (need not 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)

## Events & Opportunities: Junior Achievement

By Jennifer Helgeson

**BOURBON AND BUBBLES Win 5 Bottles of the Rare Buffalo Trace Antique Collection RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

**Additional Prizes:**  
- One General Admission Bourbon and Beyond Fundraiser  
- Sponsored by Bourbon and Beyond Foundation  
- Four Day Passes Kentucky Bourbon Festival Tickets - Sponsored by Kentucky Bourbon Festival  
- Four Angel Envy Signature Tour Tickets - Sponsored by Angel Envy

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**What:** Bourbon and Bubbles Raffle  
**Organization:** Junior Achievement  
**Date/Time:** Friday, June 21, 11:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Live drawing on Facebook

**Description:** Chance to win FIVE bottles of rare, Buffalo Trace Antique Collection valued at \$8,000. All raffle ticket purchases directly benefit Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana (JAKY) whose mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. With interactive programs tailored to elementary, middle, and high school students, Junior Achievement introduces young

people throughout our community to the realities and possibilities of the working world and personal finance.

**More information:** <https://one.bidpal.net/bourbonandbubblesja>

**Member to contact:** Jennifer Helgeson, [jhelgeson@jaky.org](mailto:jhelgeson@jaky.org)

*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.*



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](#)

June 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Omar Ayyash](#)  
**Comment:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208  
**Speaker:** Omar Ayyash, World Trade Center Kentucky

June 27th, 10:30-11:30 AM  
[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

June 27th, 1:00-2:00 PM  
[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

May 30th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Purna Veer](#)  
**Comment:** At Ky Opera Center 708 Magazine St, Louisville, KY 40203

**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

June 26th, 5:30-6:30 PM  
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

June 27th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[Louisville Weekly Club Meeting Featuring Leadership Transition](#)

## Birthdays



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



Jenifer Frommeyer  
June 11th



Robert M. Fink  
June 11th



Samuel L. Clemmens  
June 13th

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