

This Week's Meeting: Dr. Omar Ayyash, President & CEO, World Trade Center Kentucky



Thia week's meeting at the University Club will feature **Dr. Omar Ayyash**, **President and CEO of World Trade Center Kentucky**.

"*Connecting the World: How Global Trade and Globalization Drive Progress*"

In today's interconnected world, global trade and globalization play a vital role in driving economic growth, fostering innovation, and promoting cultural exchange. This presentation will explore the benefits of a globalized marketplace, discuss the challenges it presents, and highlight the opportunities it creates for a more prosperous and interconnected future.

The menu will be chicken pot pie; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

RSVP TODAY 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 Read More to view Speaker Bio: Read More

June 27th Meeting: Leadership Transition & Recognitions Meeting

The June 27th meeting at the University Club will be our annual leadership transition meeting, as July 1 marks the start of a new Rotary year and changes in leadership. We will have a full agenda, including:

- New Member Induction
- Paul Harris Fellow/Major Donor Recognition
- Milestone (25 & 50 year) Anniversary Pins Presentation
- "Big Check" Presentation
- Rotarian of the Year Award Announcement
- Recognize Outgoing Club and Fund Board/Officers
- President Kevin's Remarks
- "Passing of the Gavel" From Kevin to Lor!
- Introduction of New President's Theme

The menu will be roast beef with rice; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, June 24th HERE.

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Dues Increase for Emerging Leader / Young Professional Category

By Delene Taylor

Following our last leadership retreat which focused on membership strategy, and with recommendations from the Ad Hoc Membership Strategy Committee, the Rotary Club Board voted to:

- 1. Establish a three-person review board to evaluate all new member applications and make a recommendation to the Board as to approval, deferral, or referral to another area club;
- 2. Limit the number of members in the Emerging Leader special membership category;
- 3. Limit the time a member can receive the discounted Emerging Leader rate to a maximum of 3 years;
- 4. Reduce the age cap for Emerging Leaders from 42 to 40.

I will reach out directly to those who have reached the age cap or time limit - your dues will convert to the regular active membership rate of \$75 per month.

Those who are continuing under this special discounted category will also notice a change on your dues invoice beginning next month; the Board approved an Emerging Leader dues increase from \$35 to \$45 per month effective July 1.

This special category was created several years ago to provide opportunities for and to encourage rising leaders to engage with our Club. It does not apply to all members 40 or under - only to those who might not otherwise meet our criteria for membership.

The one-time entrance fee for those invited and approved to join under the Emerging Leader category will remain \$100.

Rotary On Break July 1-5

By Delene Taylor

I work hard to ensure that Sparks goes out timely each week, but it can be a real juggling act, especially as we approach the transition of one Rotary year to another. Ashley Brauer has been pitching in (in addition to the MANY volunteer hours she already contributes to our club and its programs, which earned her *Rotarian of the Year*!) but her business is scaling up quickly and has limited her availability. Tracy is part-time, and her focus is primarily on coordinating our meetings and some events. Unfortunately, we just weren't able to complete the newsletter last week. The good news: this week's issue is early.

We could use more help! If you have expertise in writing/editing and would like to learn more about opportunities with our public image team, please reach out to me.

NOTE: Tracy and I will both be on vacation / offline **the week of July 4th**. I will be in Spokane visiting my daughter, returning July 9th.

This is the 14th largest club in the world, with 35 committees/subcommittees, and an affiliated 501(c)3 grantmaking foundation. There are many members who do the "work" of our organizations. I receive many calls and messages each week that I simply redirect. So that we can all be more efficient and effective, please keep **THIS LIST** handy for guidance on who to reach out to with questions or requests.

June 13th Meeting Recap: Rebecca Fleischaker, Louisville Downtown Partnership

Last week's meeting featured Rebecca Fleischaker, Executive Director of Louisville Downtown Partnership. Rebecca spoke about the economic health and current state of downtown as well as details about the new strategic initiatives.



You can view the meeting recording <u>HERE</u> and download the slides <u>HERE</u>. If you'd like to see an AI summary of the recording using ChatGPT, click Read More below.

For those who wanted to stay in the loop about the many programs and events Rebecca discussed...

Become a Friend of Downtown

Click <u>HERE</u> to sign up for any or all of these:

Director's Take bi-weekly Blog Monthly Newsletter Weekly Events Blast Traffic Alerts, as needed

Thanks to incoming President-Elect **Ken Selvaggi** who stepped in to lead the meeting while President Kevin was away, and to all who adapted to tighter than usual quarters in the dining room as we shifted to accommodate a 3-day academic conference at UofL.

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Rotary Leadership Fellows

By Ashley Brauer

Our Rotary Leadership Fellows are each responsible for planning a meeting. This month, Amalia's meeting was at the La Casita Center.

Join us at this Thursday's lunch meeting as we celebrate the graduation of two of our Fellows from this threeyear program, **Bethany Witten** and **Sarah Hugenberg**. Weâ€[™]II also welcome our new cohort of Fellows. The program, a partnership between the Rotary Club of Louisville, the University of Louisville College of Business, and the Baylor Landrum Family Legacy, provides leadership development and aims to keep the next generation of leaders in Louisville and in our club.



Perfect Day for a Party

We had an amazing afternoon at **Craig Scherman**'s spectacular Anchorage home for our annual summer member social event! Gorgeous weather and great food, drinks, music and conversation. A huge thank you to Craig for hosting again, and to Danielle Mann who brought her all natural <u>Rivergreen Cocktails</u> - made right here in Louisville - to share with us. You won't want to miss this next year! Meanwhile, enjoy these photos.





Repair Affair Service Project

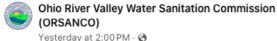
By David Snyder



Thanks to those who came out to assist homeowners Julius and Doris Moore in sealing/staining a long wheel chair ramp that was built in <u>this video</u> by one of the volunteer teams last June. For many years, our club has supplied scores of volunteers to the <u>Repair Affair</u> program offered by New Directions Housing Corp. This program helps disabled and/or elderly homeowners with simple tasks such as yard clean-up, minor repairs, exterior painting and the like. If you would like to learn more or receive info about the next service date, please let me know.

Rotary Ohio River Sweep Update

By Alex Novak



Yesterday at 2:00 PM · 🚱

miles of shoreline were cleaned!

@rotaryinternational clubs in Covington, Louisville, Maysville, & Pittsburgh joined forces with the #OhioRiverSweep on Saturday June 1st to clean the shorelines of the Ohio River. A total of 49 volunteers participated, removing 2,100 pounds of trash and 3 tires. In total, 8

Join the effort of #OhioRiverSweep and plan a cleanup today anywhere within the basin. Register your event online and receive free supplies.

Learn more and register at orsanco.org/river-sweep

#ohioriver #ohioriverbasin #littercleanup #volunteer



Thanks to all who joined the Rotary Club of Louisville's Environmental Committee on June 1 for the annual Ohio <u>River Sweep</u> volunteer clean-up that extends the entire length of the Ohio River. We teamed up with Rotarians from Covington, Maysville and Pittsburgh to remove 2,100 pounds of trash and 3 tires, cleaning 8 miles of shoreline! See photos and read the full press release HERE. Watch the story from WLKY-TV HERE.

Re:Center Ministries Dinner: June 26

By Larry Sloan

Our next meal service is Wednesday, June 26th at 5:30 p.m. Please email larry.sloan@yahoo.com or davids@ndhc.org if you would like to join us or to learn more.



Imagination Library Service Project

By Rick Harned



Louisville Rotary has financially supported Dolly Parton's <u>Imagination Library</u> for several years, reaching more new parents to provide free age-appropriate books to their little ones and encourage them to read to the kids. This year, we have an opportunity to add service by helping the organization host a table at educational events to reach additional families.

Two Rotarians can really help at these upcoming events; you would be with a board member of the organization to help you know what to say!

Saturday, July 13, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Main Public Library

Sunday, August 4, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, St Stephens Church

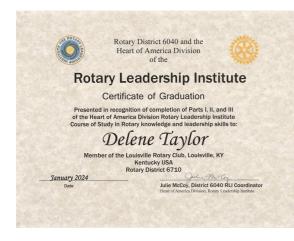
Saturday, September 14, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Kentucky Science Center

Louisville, please email rickharned@gmail.com.

If you can spare a couple of hours to enhance literacy in

Rotary Leadership Institute

By Delene Taylor



I am excited to share this recent accomplishment and to encourage other members to consider attending, particularly if you are in leadership or would like to be. Our District Coordinator AI Brunelle will be announcing this year's RLI schedule soon. There is also an option to attend events hosted by other districts - in my case, I participated in sessions offered virtually by the <u>Heart of America Zones 30-31</u>.

The three comprehensive modules cover a wide array of topics essential for personal and professional development in the realm of Rotary and are designed to equip Rotarians with the knowledge, skills, and insights necessary to lead effectively within our organization and beyond. You gain numerous benefits that will enrich your Rotary experience

and amplify your impact.

Rotary University: Next Session Tuesday, July 9

By Jay Mallory

Thank you to all who participated in our first four 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 <u>HERE</u> passcode to access: @5ZatVk0 To earn credit for Session #1, complete survey with code words <u>HERE</u>.

Session #2 *Service Above Self* available <u>HERE</u> passcode to access: 0tj&G+^* To earn credit for Session #2, complete survey with code words <u>HERE</u>.

Session #3 *Rotary Honors Scholars* available <u>HERE</u> passcode to access: 5@+*?tWX To earn credit for Session #3, complete survey with code words <u>HERE</u>.

Session #4 Committees available <u>HERE</u> passcode to access: mVSyGr8^ To earn credit for Session #4, complete survey with code words <u>HERE</u>.

Please mark your calendars for the next and final session of the series, at NOON via Zoom.

Completion of Rotary University is required for new members.

July 9 - register HERE.

If you have any questions, reach out to Delene or Jay Mallory, jmallory@imagequest.com. Read More

Rotary Leadership Seminars



Our Rotary Zone offers Leadership Seminars that are open to any member, but are specifically those in leadership roles within the club or district.

The closest one will be in Florence, Kentucky at the Hilton Garden Inn on July 13th from 9:00am - 4:00pm. The \$50 registration fee includes lunch.

Click <u>HERE</u> to register. <u>Read More</u>

Chance to Win



donated by Walt!

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 Wednesday 6/19.

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 Barry Sears who won last week's bourbon raffle ticket

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

Rotarians in the Spotlight: Cliff Elgin

Rotarian **Cliff Elgin** was in the spotlight at the recent NEW Showcase of Entrepreneurial Women. The <u>Network</u> of <u>Entrepreneurial Women</u> was launched by Cliff in 2011 and he is affectionately referred to as the group's honorary "wo-MAN"! The *Elgin A ward* was created in his honor and is presented each year to a local woman who has demonstrated significant entrepreneurial leadership and community service. Past winners include Rotarians **Maggie Harlow** and **Nachand Trabue**. **Marisa Neal** and **Delene Taylor** serve on the Board of NEW. Other members who stopped to shop with vendors include Kenya Wade, Kevin Fields, Melissa Cobb, and Ashley Brauer.



More photos **<u>HERE</u>** and <u>**HERE**</u>.

Rotarians in the Spotlight: Morgan Hancock & Leslie Smart

Two Rotarians were part of the <u>Let's Dance Louisville</u> program at the Marriott Downtown on Saturday which raised money for <u>Feed My Neighbor</u>: **Morgan Hancock** as a competitor and **Leslie Smart** as a judge and former winner. Rotarians Ray Strothman and Sarah Davasher Wisdom danced in prior year competitions, as did President-Elect Lori Flanery's husband Kevin.



Rotarian in the Spotlight: Tawana Bain

Rotarian **Tawana Bain** is featured in this month's <u>Voice Tribune</u> magazine and shares her insights on entrepreneurship.



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Rotarians in the Spotlight: Women's Summit



Rotarians **Kristen Byrd, Kim Halbauer**, and **Cynthia Knapek** will be speaking at the Kentucky Chamber <u>4th Annual Women's Summit</u> on June 26 in Lexington.

Rotarians in the Spotlight: Goodwill Industries

Rotarian **Amy Luttrell** was in the spotlight with an <u>announcement</u> that Goodwill Industries will invest \$30 million to expand its regional footprint, with 5 new locations in the works around the state.



Rotarians in the Spotlight: Most Admired Woman Awards

Rotarian **Tawana Bain** and <u>many other women</u> were in the spotlight at the recent Todayâ€[™]s Woman Most Admired Woman event. Rotarian **Di Tran**â€[™]s wife Vy Truong was the winner in the Entrepreneurship category, Rotarian **Erica Fields**â€[™] wife Patience was a finalist in the Style category, and Rotarian **Morgan Hancock** was a finalist in the Arts category.



Rotarian in the Spotlight: Larry Sloan



Congratulations to Rotarian **Larry Sloan** who was interviewed recently for a <u>Louisville Public Media article</u> about TARC services and reductions.

Events & Opportunities: LCCC

By Kevin Fields

What: The 7th Annual Juneteenth Celebration Gala
Organization: Louisville Central Community Centers (LCCC)
Date/Time: Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 5:00 - 9:00 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 LCCCâ€[™]s vision of "co-creating development of vibrant neighborhood conditions within which children, adults and businesses can thrive.â€

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



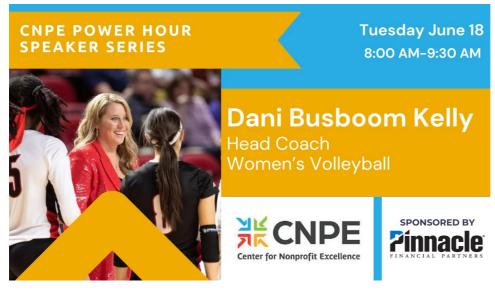
More information: <u>https://www.lcccnews.org/inclusive-equity-awards-gala/</u> Member to contact: Kevin Fields, kfields@lcccnews.org

Events & Opportunities: CNPE

By Das Rooprai

What: Nonprofit Power Hour Speaker Series Organization: Center for Nonprofit Excellence Date/Time: Tuesday, June 18, 8:00-9:30 a.m. Location: University Club

Description: Join us June 18 for CNPE's next <u>Power Hour featuring Dani Busboom Kelly</u>, the award-winning Head Coach of U of L Women's Volleyball. Since 2017 Coach Busboom Kelly has built an incredible track record of success at U of L. With nine Coach of the Year awards from the ACC, AVCA and Volleyball Magazine, Coach Busboom Kelly has proven she knows a few things when it comes to coaching winning teams. Join us for a dynamic start to your day as Dani shares practical insights and tips for leading high-performing teams with winning mindsets.



More information/register: <u>https://engage.cnpe.org/component/events/event/403</u> Member to contact: Das Rooprai, drooprai@cnpe.org

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 <u>HERE</u> Member to contact: Walt Kunau, wkunau@bellsouth.net

Events & Opportunities: Junior Achievement

By Jennifer Helgeson

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: <u>https://one.bidpal.net/bourbonandbubblesja</u> Member to contact: Jennifer Helgeson, jhelgeson@jaky.org

Events & Opportunities: ROARchestra

By Dan Maloney

What: ROARchestra Organization: Louisville Zoo Date/Time: July 6, 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. Location: Louisville Zoo

Description: The Louisville Orchestra and your Louisville Zoo have partnered together again to present a wildly entertaining musical evening. Bring your blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy live music under the stars at the Zooâ€[™]s renovated Oasis stage. The Louisville Orchestra, under the baton of conductor Teddy Abrams, will present a vibrant mix of classical and contemporary pieces.



More information: <u>https://louisvillezoo.org/event/roarchestra/</u> Member to contact: Dan Maloney, dan.maloney@louisvilleky.gov

Events & Opportunities: The Healing Place

By Jay Davidson

What: Celebrate Freedom Dinner Organization: The Healing Place Date/Time: July 16, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Location: The Frazier Museum Description:

THE HEALING PLACE	
CELEBRATE	
FREEDOM	
DINNER	
July 16th, 2024 5:30pm- 7:30pm Registration opens at 5:00pm	
The Frazier Museum 829 W, Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202	
Table Sponsor (8 seats)- \$1,000 Individual Tickets- \$150	
<i>Visit:</i> thehealingplace.org/CFD	
to become a sponsor, host a table or purchase tickets	
For questions, contact: events@thehealingplace.org	>
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A FRESH WAY TO BANK	

More information: <u>https://www.thehealingplace.org/seeds/</u> Member to contact: Jay Davidson, Jay.Davidson@thehealingplace.org

Events & Opportunities: First Hour Grief Response

By Diane Clark Curtis

What: 4th Annual Ben Koier Memorial Golf Outing Organization: First Hour Grief Response Date/Time: August 19, 8:00 a.m. Location: Polo Fields Golf & Country Club

Description: First Hour Grief Response is there for those who experience a sudden or traumatic loss...able to provide much-needed services because many of you are there for us! This golf outing is in memory of Ben Koier, who tragically died after his car was hit by a drunk driver. Ben was 19. He is the son of one of our founders, Lisa Schardein.



More information: <u>https://www.firsthourgrief.org/events/</u> Member to contact: Diane Clark Curtis, diane@firsthourgrief.org

Events & Opportunities: Leadership Louisville

By Paul Bolton

What: 2024 Leadership Louisville Luncheon Organization: Leadership Louisville Center Date/Time: August 28, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Kentucky International Convention Center

Description: The annual Leadership Louisville Luncheon is a must-attend civic event that gathers over 1,000 of the regionâ€[™]s most influential leaders to build connections and together tackle the major issues of our time. The 2024 Luncheon promises a unique perspective on leadership, featuring two of the state's newest and most prominent faces in sports: Pat Kelsey, Head Coach of the University of Louisville Men's Basketball team and Mark Pope, Head Coach of the University of Kentucky Men's Basketball team.



More information: <u>https://join.leadershiplouisville.org/event/2024-leadership-louisville-luncheon/e593193</u> Member to contact: Paul Bolton, pbolton@leadershiplouisiville.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 <u>HERE</u> to submit.

Events

Speaker: Al Snow, Ohio Valley Wrestling

June 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM June 26th, 5:30-6:30 PM **RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Omar Ayyash Re:Center Ministries Dinner** Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203 40208 Speaker: Omar Ayyash, World Trade Center Kentucky June 27th, 10:30-11:30 AM June 27th, 11:30-1:00 PM Lifeline Committee Meeting **RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Leadership Transition** Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208 July 4th, 11:30-1:00 PM June 27th, 1:00-2:00 PM Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting **NO MEETING - Holiday** July 11th, 11:30-1:00 PM July 18th, 11:30-1:00 PM **RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Arts Focus RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBD** Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY Comment: Kentucky Opera Center 708 Magazine St Louisville, KY 40208 40203 Speaker: Barbara Lynne Jamison / Arts Focus (at Kentucky Opera Center) July 24th, 5:30-6:30 PM July 25th, 10:30-11:30 AM **Re:Center Ministries Dinner** Lifeline Committee Meeting July 25th, 11:30-1:00 PM July 25th, 1:00-2:00 PM **RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Al Snow** Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Birthdays



Michelle Black White June 18th



Heather Nicole Gibson June 22nd

Jeffrey A. Underhill June 28th

Club Leaders



Kevin Lynch President



Claire Arnold Club Director



Jay Mallory



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June 26th

June 28th



June 20th

John Jennings

Chester B. Diamond June 27th

Philip Koester June 29th

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Douglas E. Myers June 30th



