

## Note from President Kevin

As my term as President of the Rotary Club of Louisville draws to a close, I am filled with immense gratitude for the incredible year we have shared. Together, we welcomed amazing speakers who inspired and challenged us, engaged in impactful service projects and participated in a variety of enriching activities. The relationships we have built and the camaraderie we have fostered are the true highlights of this year. It has been an honor to serve alongside such dedicated and passionate members, and I look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of our club. Thank you for making this year truly remarkable.



Last week, Dr. Omar Ayyash, president and CEO of World Trade Center Kentucky, shared the difference between economic growth and economic development.

Click [HERE](#) for the full recap.

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## This Week's Meeting: Leadership Transition & Recognitions Meeting

This week's meeting at the University Club is our annual leadership transition and recognitions 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, 30, 40, 50 year) anniversary pins presentation
- "Big Check" presentation
- Rotarian of the Year Award presentation
- Recognition of outgoing club and fund Board/Officers
- President Kevin Lynch's remarks
- "Passing of the Gavel" from President Kevin to Incoming President Lori Hudson Flanery
- Introduction of new Rotary International President's theme



The RSVP deadline has passed; please email [admin@louisvillerotary.org](mailto:admin@louisvillerotary.org) if you would like to attend.

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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## July 11 Meeting: Heather French Henry



The July 11 meeting at the University Club will feature **Heather French Henry, Strategic Outreach Director, [Global Game Changers](#)**.

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

RSVP by NOON on Monday, July 8 [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 below for the speaker bio.

[Read More](#)

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## Rotary On Break July 1 - 5

By Delene E Taylor

Tracy and I will both be on vacation and offline **the week of July 1**. I will be in Spokane visiting my daughter, returning July 9.

As the 14th largest club in the world, we proudly support 35 committees and subcommittees, along with an affiliated 501(c)(3) grant-making foundation. Many dedicated members actively contribute to the essential work of our organization. I often receive numerous calls and messages each week, which I then redirect to the appropriate individuals. To enhance our efficiency and effectiveness, please keep [THIS LIST](#) handy to guide you on who to contact with your questions or requests.

**We could use more help!** If you have expertise in writing/editing and would like to learn more about opportunities with our communications team, please email [director@louisvillerotary.org](mailto:director@louisvillerotary.org).

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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 is a free lunch at our July 11 meeting.

Congrats to Ginger Wallace on winning last week's prize, donated by Walt Kunau, a **\$100 raffle ticket to the West End School Ultimate Bourbon Raffle!**

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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## Re:Center Ministries Dinner: June 26 - TONIGHT

By Larry T. Sloan

Our next meal service is tonight at 5:30 p.m. We could use a couple more volunteers!

Please email [larry.sloan@yahoo.com](mailto:larry.sloan@yahoo.com) or [davids@ndhc.org](mailto:davids@ndhc.org) if you would like to join us or to learn more.



## Rotary Past Presidents Dinner

By Delene E Taylor



*Pictured (standing, left to right): William Knopf 2008-09, Henry Heuser, Jr. 2010-11, Kevin Lynch 2023-24, Julie Schmidt 2020-21, Luke Schmidt 2019-20, Alice Bridges 2016-17, Paul Gold 1997-98, James Smith III 2007-08, Lelan Woodmansee 2001-02, John Bush 2009-10 (seated, left to right): Michael Kull 2005-06, Barry Barker 2018-19, Dr. Charles Oberst 1989-90, Greg Braun 2015-16, Kevin Wardell 2014-15*

Our annual Past Presidents' Dinner was held June 18 at the Filson Historical Society. (Thank you, Dick Clay and Julie James, for hosting us at your remarkable venue!) Fifteen of our 'best darn presidents ever' attended the event. We captured short interviews with each Past President, reflecting on their time at the helm of our Rotary Club. Stay tuned for more photos and a compilation video with some great stories and memories of our 112-year-old club.



## Dr. Linda Bartrom-Moore Receives Lifetime Service Award

By Karen Morrison



**Dr. Linda Bartrom-Moore** is the recipient of the 2023-2024 Lifetime Service Award.

"You cannot know our Lifetime Service Award recipient for long without KNOWING how integral her role as a Rotarian is to her identity. She doesn't just come to weekly meetings. She lives and breathes Rotary every single day. She personifies our motto of Service Above Self.

She posts on social media every Rotary meeting or event she attends and there is even a Rotary photo as her Facebook background. Her social media feed reads something like this:

Proud Rotarian, Proud Grandma, Science Nerd, repeat.

When it comes to our youth, there is no one more committed to ensuring their knowledge

of and involvement in Rotary. She is the driving force behind our Western and Iroquois Interact Clubs. She chairs the Interact Committee and is Vice Chair of the Rotary Honors Scholars Committee. She has been a Rotarian since 2007, and while she is a member of this club since 2020, she remains active with her original club in California as well.

As embedded as she is in the fabric of Rotary, her good works, her Service Above Self extends beyond her many Rotary-related efforts. She is on the Board of 21st Century Scholars. She has developed K - 8 curriculum for the West End School. She is an advisor for the American Chemical Society (ACS) Chem Clubs. She is an academic reviewer for Science and Children NSTA Journal and a guest author for Prospect Magazine and North Oldham County Magazine. She is a Daughters of the American Revolution volunteer for Wreaths Across America. And finally, she is a Catechist for St. Bernadette Catholic Church.

Linda is also just fun! Full of energy and joy and positivity, not to mention lots of facts about how chemistry works. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +2 with a long list of titles and recognitions, and she can now add one more to that list: 2023-24 Lifetime Service Award Winner!"

Congratulations, Linda!

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## 21st Century Learning Sites Recognition



Dr. Yvette Livers presented plaques designed and made by the students in the 21st Century Learning program to our Club in gratitude for our support, as well as individually to **Dr. Linda Bartrom-Moore, Rick Harned, and Walt Kunau.**

## Rotary Leadership Fellows Program

By Ashley Brauer



We recently celebrated the Rotary Leadership Fellows program by recognizing two graduating Fellows and welcoming four new ones. The program, established in partnership with the Baylor Landrum Family and University of Louisville College of Business, aims to develop future leaders, keep them in Louisville and engage them in our club. Over a three-year period, Fellows are paired with mentors, host meetings, participate in Club activities, and receive a \$5,000 cash award.

We proudly introduced our new Fellows: **Danielle Lavender**, Assistant Director of Fitness and Wellness Programs at UofL; **Matthew Molter**, Director of

Operations Planning at Michter's Distillery; **Maggie Roth**, Fulfillment Systems Specialist at GE Appliances; and **Woo Smith**, Principal at Terracon Consultants. Each brings a unique set of interests and expertise to the program.

Continuing fellows include **Tonya Augustine**, **Amelia Gamez Guerra**, **Antigone Mehani-Asghari**, **Eric Gurevich**, and **Kelley Spillson**.

**Sarah Hugenberg** (VP & Relationship Strategist, PNC Bank) and **Bethany Witten** (Owner & Chief Solutions Specialist, Hat Rack Business Solutions) provided their reflections on their time as Fellows. Both will join the club as full members.

This program is pivotal in shaping the future leaders of our Club and the community, and we appreciate everyone who contributes to its success.

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## Rotary University: Next Session Tuesday, July 9

By Jay Mallory

**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 - **Session #5 Rotary Beyond Our Club**; register [HERE](#).

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 [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](#).

**Session #4 Committees** available [HERE](#) passcode to access: mVSyGr8^  
To earn credit for Session #4, complete survey with code words [HERE](#).

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

[Read More](#)

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## Rotary Leadership Seminar: July 13 in Florence, KY



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

The closest one is in Florence, Kentucky at the Hilton Garden Inn on July 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The \$50 registration fee includes lunch. Click [HERE](#) for more info or to register.

[Read More](#)

## Imagination Library Service Project

By Frederic T. Harned



The Rotary Club of Louisville has financially supported Dolly Parton's [Imagination Library](#) 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.

**WE NEED YOU!** Two Rotarians are needed to help at the following upcoming events; you would be with a board member of the org@nization to help you know what to say!

**Saturday, July 13:** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Louisville Free Public Library Main Branch (301 York Street, Louisville, KY, US, 40203)

**Sunday, August 4:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., St Stephens Church (1018 S 15th St, Louisville, KY 40210)

**Saturday, September 14:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.,

Kentucky Science Center (727 W Main St, Louisville, KY 40202)

If you can spare a couple of hours to enhance literacy in Louisville, please email [rickharned@gmail.com](mailto:rickharned@gmail.com).

## Dues Increase for Emerging Leader / Young Professional Category

By Delene E 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; and
4. Reduce the age cap for Emerging Leaders from 42 to 40.

I am reaching 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 age 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.



### Rotarian in the Spotlight: Dr. Jacqueline Jones



Rotarian **Jacqueline Elaine Jones** received her Doctorate of Business Administration from Capella University.

She would like to invite fellow Rotarians to join her in celebrating her success over brunch on Sunday, July 24.

RSVP: <https://drjonesbrunch.rsvpify.com>

### Rotarian in the Spotlight: Dave Christopher

Congratulations to Rotarian **Dave Christopher**, president and founder of AMPED, who was honored with a Dr. Ralph de Chabert Trustees of Inclusive Equity Award from Louisville Central Community Centers (LCCC). The [7th annual event](#) honored six individuals or groups who are making exceptional impact operating in areas of diversity, equity and inclusion. See the video [HERE](#).



## Rotarian in the Spotlight: John Clark

Congratulations to **John Clark** on winning gold in the Memoir category at the [Independent Press Awards](#) for this book published by his company [Old Stone Press](#).



## Rotarians in the Spotlight: Ashley Brauer & Mark Hohmann



Rotarians **Ashley Brauer** and **Mark Hohmann** were selected to [Leadership Kentucky's 40th class](#). They'll spend the next seven months gaining insight on the commonwealth, including its challenges and opportunities. Congratulations to both! Read more [HERE](#).



## Events & Opportunities: ROARchestra

By Daniel K Maloney



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

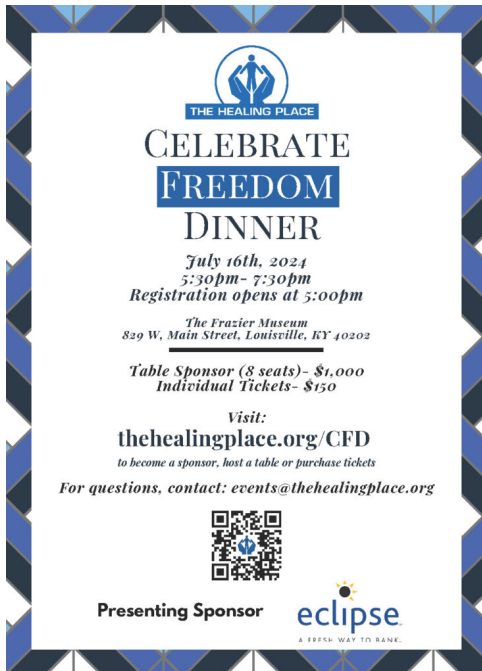
**Description:** The Louisville Orchestra and your Louisville Zoo have partnered together again to present a wildly entertaining musical evening. Bring your blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy live music under the stars at the Zoo's renovated Oasis stage. The Louisville Orchestra, under the baton of conductor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

**More information:** <https://louisvillezoo.org/event/roarchestra/>  
**Member to contact:** Dan Maloney, [dan.maloney@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:dan.maloney@louisvilleky.gov)

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## Events & Opportunities: The Healing Place

By Jay P. Davidson



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

**Description:** Join us on Wednesday, July 26 at the Frazier Museum for an early evening of inspiration and motivation to reach men and women in our communities struggling with drug and alcohol addictions. This year's event speaker is Michael Broady-Waite, author of Great Leaders Live Like Drug Addicts: How to Lead Like Your Life Depends on It.

**More information:** <https://www.thehealingplace.org/seeds/>  
**Member to contact:** Jay Davidson, [Jay.Davidson@thehealingplace.org](mailto:Jay.Davidson@thehealingplace.org)

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## 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:** <https://www.firsthourgrief.org/events/>

**Member to contact:** Diane Clark Curtis,  
[diane@firsthourgrief.org](mailto:diane@firsthourgrief.org)

## Events & Opportunities: Leadership Louisville

By Paul Bolton



**What:** 2024 Leadership Louisville Luncheon

**Organization:** Leadership Louisville Center

**Date/Time:** August 28, 11 a.m. - 1 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 region'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:** <https://join.leadershiplouisville.org/event/2024-leadership-louisville-luncheon/e593193>

**Member to contact:** Paul Bolton, [pbolton@leadershiplouisville.org](mailto:pbolton@leadershiplouisville.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.*

### Events

June 26th, 5:30-6:30 PM

**Re:Center Ministries Dinner**

**Comment:** Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

June 27th, 1:00-2:00 PM

**Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting**

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

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Heather French Henry**

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

**Speaker:** Heather French Henry

July 24th, 5:30-6:30 PM

**Re:Center Ministries Dinner**

June 27th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Leadership Transition & Recognitions**

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

July 4th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**NO MEETING - Holiday**

July 18th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Arts Focus**

**Comment:** Kentucky Opera Center 708 Magazine St Louisville, KY 40203

**Speaker:** Barbara Lynne Jamison / Arts Focus (at Kentucky Opera Center)

July 25th, 10:30-11:30 AM

**Lifeline Committee Meeting**

July 25th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Al Snow**

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

**Speaker:** Al Snow, Ohio Valley Wrestling

July 25th, 1:00-2:00 PM

**Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting**

**Birthdays**



Chester B. Diamond  
June 27th



Douglas H. McCall  
D.M.D.  
June 27th



Jeffrey A. Underhill  
June 28th



Roland R. Blahnik  
June 28th



Philip Koester  
June 29th



Douglas E. Myers  
June 30th



Sam Gwathmey Tyler  
July 2nd



Steven Matly  
July 8th

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