

# Rotary Club of Louisville



## Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

Remember that this Thursday is the hard deadline to [REGISTER](#) for the January 30th State of the City Address at the Kentucky Performing Arts Center.

New in this issue:

- 2024 Battle of the Bells
- 2025 Rotary Speech Contest

### Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll for details):

- Serve dinner at Re:Center Ministries: 4th Wednesday of each month
- Mentor Rotary Honors Scholars at WHS and IHS: monthly, see below for dates
- Assist with Rotary Speech Contest: March 5

### Committee Meetings:

- International Service: 1/16 at 10:30 a.m.
- Social Activities: 1/16 at 1:15 p.m.
- Gun Violence Reduction: 1/16 at 1:15 p.m.
- Lifeline: 1/23 at 11:00 a.m.
- Service Projects & Grants: 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.

[Visit our website](#) to read about Rotarians in the Spotlight and member organizations' Events and Opportunities.

### Rotarians in the Spotlight:

- Canopy Good Business Summit
- Christen Boone & Kelly Hutchinson

In service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delene E. Taylor".

Executive Director



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## January 16th Meeting: Corenza Townsend, Norton West Louisville Hospital

The January 16th meeting at noon at the University Club will



feature **Corenza Townsend**, Chief Administrative Officer, Norton West Louisville Hospital.

### **"Reimagining Healthcare for All"**

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is roasted pork tenderloin; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by Monday, January 13th [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](#)

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## **Mayor Greenberg's Annual State of the City Address to Rotary**

Plan to join us on January 30 at The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts for the annual **Mayor's State of the City Address** to Rotary. Lunch will begin at 11:00 am in the lobby; the program will begin at 11:45 am in the Bomhard Theatre.

This event will SELL OUT. Register [HERE](#) by Thursday, January 16; those who RSVP after that date will be added to the waiting list and notified if/when space becomes available.

Our Music & Arts Committee has arranged special performances to kick off the program:



**A Magical Overture of the Arts** will feature Kentucky Opera's Brennan Blankenship and Pianist Eileen Downey who will perform the aria "I Want Magic" from the opera **A Streetcar Named Desire**. Louisville Ballet's Sarah Bradley and Khalil Jackson will perform excerpts from **Le Corsaire Pas de Deux**, accompanied by the Louisville Orchestra's Teddy Abrams on the piano.

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## **January 9th Meeting Recap**

The January 9th meeting at the University Club featured speaker Joanna Haas with The Dot Experience along with remarks by Phoebe Wood. **Ashley Brauer** shared the invocation and **George Brakmeier** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. **Christen Boone** introduced the speakers.

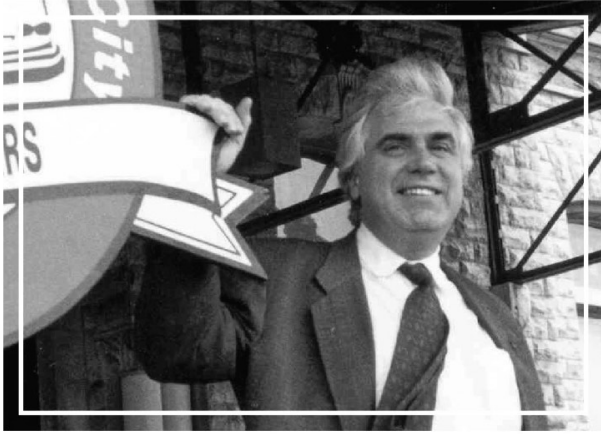


You can view the recording on our [YouTube channel](#). Provide feedback about the meeting [HERE](#).

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## Memorial Reception for Barry Barker: January 25

Please save the date and plan to attend this memorial reception for beloved past president **Barry Barker**.



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

# J. Barry Barker

APRIL 20, 1951 - DECEMBER 2, 2024



## MEMORIAL RECEPTION

Saturday, January 25

3:30–6:00 pm

Whitehall Mansion

3110 Lexington Rd, Louisville, KY 40206

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## 2024 Battle of the Bells

Thanks to all who joined us for our annual "**Battle of the Bells**" competition with the Kiwanis Club. They raised \$17,500 to our \$4,200, so we came up a bit short, but it might not have been a fair contest since they had volunteers at multiple locations for full days. It was a lot of fun though, and in the end, all for a great cause!









Thank you to **George Brakmeier** and **Louis Seeger** who faithfully recruited members (click Read More to see who all volunteered) to participate and worked multiple shifts. If you weren't able to this year, go ahead and start thinking about which Saturday you can work this December and recruit some friends and family to join you for a very rewarding 90-minute shift!

[Read More](#)

## 2025 Rotary Speech Contest: Help Spread the Word

By Karen Morrison

Each year our club hosts a speech contest open to all Louisville area high school students (private, public, independent and home taught). The winner will advance to the sectional competition followed by a regional competition. Finalists from each region in the district will compete at the annual Rotary District 6710 Conference to be held in Hopkinsville, KY on May 16-17, 2025.

This year's Club contest will be held on Wednesday, March 5, at 4:15 pm at Gilda's Club Kentuckiana, 2440 Grinstead Drive. If you would like to help, please contact me!

Click here for more info and to download an entry form:

<https://louisvillerotary.org/speech-contest/>

We need your help to spread the word; please share [this flyer](#) with students and teachers in your circles.



## Annual SPEECH CONTEST

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

4:15 pm

Gilda's Club Kentuckiana: 2440 Grinstead Drive

**The Speech Contest is open to** all high school students in the central and western half of Kentucky.

The Rotary Club of Louisville will host students from Jefferson County for its Club contest on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 pm at Gilda's Club. Other Jefferson County Rotary Clubs will sponsor club contests at different dates, times, and location. Details provided to registered participants.

**Theme:** **The Magic of Rotary**

**Length:** 5-8 minutes

**Delivery:** Notes may be used at the first level, but memorization is preferred, and no notes will be allowed at subsequent levels (use will result in significant deductions).

**Prize Money:** \$300, \$200, and \$100 will be awarded at the Club level for first, second, and third place winners. First place winners at each level will proceed to sectionals, regionals, and finally the district level. Prize money is increased at each level; a total of **\$2,200 is possible** for the student who advances to and wins the Rotary District 6710 contest.

**Deadline for submission form:** March 1, 2025

To be included, **students need only request a student entry form** ([karen@gck.org](mailto:karen@gck.org)) **and complete NO LATER THAN March 1.**

**For more information:**

Contact Rotarian Karen Morrison – [karen@gck.org](mailto:karen@gck.org) with any questions and for additional information to be emailed to you. You may also visit the Youth Services tab at [www.rotarydistrict6710.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6710.org) and click on the **District Speech Contest** to find downloadable speech contest packets with all rules and details.

[Read More](#)

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## Rotary Day at the Downs: April 30

Join us for **Rotary Day at the Downs** for Champions Day on Wednesday, April 30. We have reserved the [Silks Balcony and Loge](#) with an elevated view of the Paddock in a covered open-air setting, and easy access to a dedicated race viewing location in the 3rd floor Clubhouse in Section 320.

Tickets are \$149 per person and include admission, racing program, 4-hour Chef's Table Buffet, coffee, tea and soft drinks, and a 4-hour OPEN BAR. Click [HERE](#) to register.





[Read More](#)

## Re:Center Ministries Meal Service

By Larry Sloan

Our next [Re:Center Ministries](#) meal service will be Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at 757 S Brook St.

Thanks to President-Elect **Ken Selvaggi** who served recently along with **Hulyn Farr**, **David Snyder** and **Craig Scherman**!





This is an opportunity to celebrate with our friends going through the rehab program at Re:Center. Our Club's Lifeline Committee provides the main meal prepared by Kingsley Catering. We need volunteers to bring drinks, salad, rolls, and desserts, which are usually fruit pies from Kroger. But ABOVE ALL, we just need a few more Rotarians to participate in serving the meal and sitting down with the men to break bread.

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

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## Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring: January 22 & 28

By Craig Mooney

Join us for our next two Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring sessions at Iroquois High School (January 22) and/or Western High School (January 28).



Thank you to all who are investing time in the success of these young people! Click Read More below to see upcoming dates; mark your calendar and plan to join us! Contact me for more information or to sign up: [cmooney@bosseconstruction.com](mailto:cmooney@bosseconstruction.com)

[Read More](#)

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# Nominate a Member for the Rotary Lifetime Service Award

By Karen Morrison

The Rotary **Lifetime Service Award** honors a member who has exhibited a personal dedication to the pursuit of Rotary's values in one or more of Rotary's avenues of service. It recognizes a Rotarian's full body of service both to Rotary and to other organizations in the community, region and beyond. This award is presented annually to a Rotarian who: has been a member for at least 10 years and has demonstrated a lifelong adherence to Rotary's Service Above Self ideals.

Last year's recipient was **Dr. Linda Bartrom-Moore**.

Download the nomination form [HERE](#).

Note: We will begin accepting nominations for the **Rotarian of the Year Award** as we get closer to the end of our Rotary year in June.



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## Speaker Lineup

We have an exciting lineup of speakers - please mark your calendars and invite prospective Rotarians!

1/23 Dr. Ty Handy, JCTC

1/30 Mayor Greenberg's annual "**State of the City**" Address to Rotary at the Kentucky Performing Arts Center

2/6 Jake Cannon, Kroger

2/13 Conrad Daniels, HJI Supply Chain Solutions

2/20 Jennifer Hancock, Volunteers of America

2/27 Dawne Gee, WAVE Anchor, A Recipe to End Hunger Co-founder

3/6 Pending confirmation

3/13 Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD

3/20 Unsung Heroes Celebration Luncheon at Savor at River House

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## Events

January 16th, 10:30-11:30 AM

[International Service Committee Meeting](#)

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

January 16th, 1:15-2:15 PM

[Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting](#)

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

January 22nd, 8:45-9:45 AM

[RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School](#)

**Comment:** Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

January 23rd, 11:00-11:45 AM

[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

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

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

[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

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

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

[Mayor's State of the City Address \(at KCA\)](#)

January 16th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Corenza Townsend](#)

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

**Speaker:** Corenza Townsend, Norton West Louisville Hospital

January 16th, 1:15-2:15 PM

[Social Activities Committee Meeting](#)

January 22nd, 5:30-6:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

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

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Ty Handy](#)

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

**Speaker:** Dr. Ty Handy, President, JCTC

January 28th, 8:30-9:30 AM

[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

**Comment:** Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

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

[DEI Committee Meeting](#)



**Comment:** The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts 501 W Main St Louisville, KY 40202

**Speaker:** Mayor Craig Greenberg

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

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jake Cannon](#)**

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

**Speaker:** Jake Cannon, President, Kroger - Louisville Division

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

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Conrad Daniels](#)**

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

**Speaker:** Conrad Daniels, President, HJI Supply Chain Solutions

February 25th, 8:30

**[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)**

**Comment:** Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

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

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dawne Gee](#)**

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

**Speaker:** Dawne Gee, WAVE Anchor, A Recipe to End Hunger Co-founder

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

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

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

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

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD](#)**

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

**Speaker:** Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD

March 19th, 8:45-9:45 AM

**[RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School](#)**

**Comment:** Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

March 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Unsung Heroes Luncheon \(at Savor\)](#)**

**Comment:** Savor at River House 3015 River Road

**Speaker:** Rotary Unsung Heroes Celebration

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

**[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)**

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

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

February 12th, 8:45-9:45 AM

**[RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School](#)**

**Comment:** Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

February 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jennifer Hancock](#)**

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

**Speaker:** Jennifer Hancock, Volunteers of America

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

**[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)**

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

March 5th, 9:00-2:00 PM

**[INTERACT Blood Drive](#)**

**Comment:** Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

March 12th, 9:00-2:00 PM

**[INTERACT Blood Drive](#)**

**Comment:** Iroquois High School Gym 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

March 14th, 6:00-8:00 PM

**[Wine Swap Party](#)**

**Comment:** Home of Jeff Underhill 3185 Lexington Rd Louisville, KY 40206

March 19th, 9:00-2:00 PM

**[ROTARACT Blood Drive](#)**

**Comment:** UofL College of Business Drummond Center (Room 344) 110 W Brandeis

March 25th, 8:30-9:30 AM

**[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)**

**Comment:** Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

## Birthdays



Michael L. Holwerda  
January 12th



Janice L. Purcell  
January 12th



Terry G. Waddle  
January 14th



Jess Metzmeier  
January 15th



Barbara Sexton Smith  
January 15th



Steve Rungwerth  
January 15th



Bridgette Johnson  
January 15th



Muhammad Babar  
January 17th



Tonya Shive  
Augustine  
January 18th



Lawrence Williams  
January 20th



E. Phillip Scherer III  
January 21st



Christopher A Manzo  
January 22nd



John K. Whitty  
January 23rd



Sandra Dodge  
January 27th



Amalia Gamez Guerra  
January 27th



William Andrew  
Holden  
January 28th



Carlos Hernandez  
Ocampo  
January 28th



Larry T. Sloan  
January 28th



Kevin J McCarron  
January 28th



Barbara N. Lankford  
January 30th



Byron Riggs Lewis  
January 31st

## Club Leaders



Lori Hudson Flanery  
President



Ken Selvaggi  
President - Elect



Barbara Sexton Smith  
President - Nominee



Kevin Fields Sr.  
Secretary



Craig Mooney  
Treasurer



Claire Arnold  
Club Director



Christen Boone  
Club Director



Alice Bridges  
Club Director



Gary W Dryden Jr.  
Club Director



Alisa O Gray  
Club Director



Kevin J McCarron  
Club Director



Harry Louis Seeger V  
Club Director



Louis Straub  
Club Director



Amy Luttrell  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Susan G. Zepeda  
Ph.D.  
Service Projects Chair



Delene E Taylor  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Webmaster



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Chair



Kevin Lynch  
iPast President

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