

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

Today is International Women's Day and I want to give a special shout out to all the women who have selflessly given their time, talent and resources to expand the impact of our club both here in our community and abroad!

DATE CHANGE: Please note that we will be meeting on MONDAY, March 31st instead of our regular Thursday meeting that week; our speaker will be **Governor Andy Beshear** (at the University Club). Watch for the link to register next week.

We have more tickets available for our Day at the Downs on April 30th. You can purchase [HERE](#).

New in this issue:

- Women in Rotary
- Rotary Unsung Heroes Luncheon at Savor at River House
- Congrats to Rensha Allen

Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll to stories below):

- Donate blood or volunteer at Interact (March 12) and Rotaract (March 19) blood drives
- Help "Raise the Roof" with Habitat for Humanity: March 14

Committee Meetings:

- International Service Committee: March 20, 10:30 a.m. (at Savor at River House)
- Lifeline: March 20, 11:00 a.m. (at Savor at River House)
- Gun Violence Reduction: March 27, 1:00 p.m.

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

Rotarians in the Spotlight:

- Rick Harned
- Helen Cohen
- Amalia Gamez Guerra
- Dr. Swannie Jett

Events and Opportunities:

- NDHC *I Rise Gala*: March 8
- GLI Capitol Connection: March 19
- SOS *Health & Hope Breakfast*: March 20
- 2025 State of Downtown: March 27
- Leadership Louisville Center 2025 LeadingBetter Summit: April 9



In service,

Deleene E Taylor

Executive Director

Celebrating Women in Rotary

Today is [International Women's Day](#) - a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. Thank you to our past presidents **Merrily Orsini**, **Alice Bridges**, **Julie Schmidt** and **Jean West**, our current President **Lori Hudson Flanery**, and our President Nominee **Barbara Sexton Smith**!



March 13th Meeting: Chief Paul Humphrey, LMPD

The March 13th meeting at noon at the University Club will feature **Chief Paul Humphrey**, Louisville Metro Police Department.

"Building a Safer Louisville: LMPD's Crime Plan and the Path Forward"

Louisville Metro Police Chief Humphrey will share insights into LMPD's new Crime Plan, detailing key strategies to reduce crime and enhance public safety. He will also discuss recent departmental improvements and future initiatives aimed at strengthening community trust, increasing officer accountability, and improving overall policing efforts.

The buffet opens at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. The menu is bourbon BBQ meatloaf with garlic mashed potatoes and green beans; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-



free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by Monday, March 10th [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](#)

March 20th: Rotary Unsung Heroes Luncheon at Savor at River House

UNsung 
HEROES

Speaker Maggie Harlow

Thursday, March 20, 11:30 am
Savor at River House
3015 River Road

Rotary 
Club of Louisville

 **THE MAGIC**
OF ROTARY



Join us on Thursday, March 20th for our annual Rotary Unsung Heroes Luncheon **at Savor at River House**, 3015 River Rd. Rotarian **Maggie Harlow**, CEO of Signarama Downtown and Executive Director of the Jack Harlow Foundation, will speak about "*The Unsung Hero's Mission*."

At this special celebration event, area Rotary Clubs recognize one student from each of the 48 high schools in Jefferson County. Students are nominated by leaders from each school and represent the best of the best when it comes to leadership, academics, extracurricular activities and Service Above Self.

Lunch is \$25 and will be salad greens with grilled chicken; a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by Monday, March 17th [HERE](#).

There is a \$5 meeting fee for those who choose not to purchase a meal - this will include a dessert and beverage, along with an inspiring program and great fellowship. You can pay \$5 cash, check or scan the QR code at check-in to pay with a credit card.

March 6th Meeting Recap

The March 6th meeting at the University Club featured speaker **Dr. Eli Capilouto**, University of Kentucky President. **Kevin Lynch** shared the invocation and **Bridgette Wingate** led the pledge and 4-Way Test. President Nominee **Barbara Sexton Smith** introduced three new members, and President **Lori Hudson Flanery** introduced Dr. Capilouto.



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

Welcome New Members

At this week's meeting, Club President Nominee **Barbara Sexton Smith** inducted new members **Donnie Adkins**, **Gabrielle Jones** and **Daniel Lawson**. They were pinned and introduced by sponsors **Kent Weyland** and **Craig Mooney**.



Click Read More to read the introductions: [Read More](#)

Congrats to Rensha Allen



Congrats to **Rensha Allen**, whose name was drawn for the final MAGIC engagement incentive campaign prize. She was the lucky winner of a 6-year-old 750ml bottle of [Russell's Reserve Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey](#).

Meet Jessica Boyd, Habitat for Humanity Homeowner

By Alisa Gray

Join us this Friday, March 14, to "Raise the Roof" on the next home with Habitat for Humanity and meet homeowner Jessica Boyd (click Read



More below). There will be a ground blessing at 11:00 am with President Lori saying a few words on behalf of our Club.

This is one of our biggest projects every year, which we support with funding and a matching District grant, in addition to volunteer help with painting and nailing the siding to the exterior of the house. We do landscaping and many other jobs that we are trained on the site to do. We know we are helping an individual achieve the American Dream of homeownership. This is an example of Rotary's power to help one individual, one family, at a time.

The home is in Richmond Terrace at 4526 Broadleaf, near the intersection of Cane Run Rd and Shanks Ln. Volunteers can sign up for

the whole day or join for a part of the day and must sign a waiver, wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes. Contact me or Larry Sloan with questions.

If you have never volunteered for Habitat before, it is a great way to get to know other Rotarians in our club and to be rewarded for your volunteerism by knowing you have done some good for others...in other words, "Service Above Self."

More information and registration link [HERE](#).

[Read More](#)

Rotary University Session #1 Recording Available

By Delene Taylor

Thanks to all who joined me for the first Rotary University session. If you were unable to attend, please watch the recording [HERE](#). You will need to note the 3 code words mentioned during the session and enter them in Question 7 of the survey [HERE](#) in order to get credit for attending.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming sessions, all at **NOON via Zoom**. Completion of Rotary University is required for new members, so prioritize these sessions! If you are a long-time member but would like a refresher or to meet some new members, feel free to join us as well.

March 25 - *Committees* - Register [HERE](#).

April 29 - *Youth & Education* - Register [HERE](#).

May 27 - *Service Above Self* - Register [HERE](#).

June 16 (Monday) - *Rotary Beyond the Club* - Register [HERE](#).

July 22 Service Project at SOS

If you have any questions, reach out to me or to Jay Mallory, Chair of the Membership Development & Engagement Committee, jmallory@imagequest.com.

[Read More](#)

Paul Harris Fellow Matching Points Campaign Ends March 23

By Mike Kull

Donate \$125 to \$2,000 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund-SHARE that supports District Matching Grants, Global Grant, and Global Grant Scholars and receive matching PHF points.



Make your personal check payable to "**The Rotary Foundation**" and note **Annual Fund-SHARE** on the memo line. Please mail them to the person and address below to arrive before March 23, 2025.

Sheila Stoke
Rotary District 6710 Matching Program
7906 Westover Drive
Prospect, KY 40059

Contact Annual Fund Chair **Mike Kull** at 502-802-4485 or mjk502@aol.com with questions.

[Read More](#)

Rotary Wine Swap Party: March 14

By Jeff Underhill

Grab a couple of bottles of wine and join us on Friday, March 14th, for our next Rotary Wine Swap Party, hosted by my wife Mo and me at our home at 3185 Lexington Rd. Bring two identical bottles of wine valued around \$20 each - one for sampling and one to "swap". If you are attending as a couple, you can just bring two bottles if you are okay to only do one swap together. The cost is \$15 per person and will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and a lot of fun and fellowship! Dress up or down, as you please. We have a limit of 40 people for this event, so don't wait.

Register [HERE](#).

Wine Swap Party

March 14, 6:00 pm

Home of Jeff & Mo Underhill
3185 Lexington Rd
Louisville, KY 40206

\$15 per person (limit 40)
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
Cocktail/casual attire

Bring 2 identical
bottles of wine per
couple (value ~\$20),
one for sampling and
one for someone to
take home.



*Hosted by the Social
Activities Committee*

Rotary Spring Fling at the Zoo: April 8

By Jeff Underhill

The Rotary Social Activities Committee is planning a special outing at the Louisville Zoo on Tuesday, April 8th, from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Cub House, which adjoins [Snow Leopard Pass](#). Enjoy snacks (pepperoni/salami, cheeses and fruit), wine/beer**, great fellowship with Rotarians, and animal encounters! Golf carts will be available for driving tours through the zoo and to/from your vehicle (park in Outpost Parking Lot). Thanks to sponsor **Robert Chatham**, we are able to offer this at a price per person of \$20 (*if you know anything about catering events at the zoo, then you know this is a GREAT deal!*).

Register [HERE](#).

**One drink ticket per person included; then cash bar:
Wine (\$9): Z. Alexander Red Blend, Decoy Chardonnay
Domestic Beer (\$7): Miller Lite
Craft Beer (\$8): West 6th, Yuengling



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](#)

Interact & Rotaract Blood Drives: March 12, 19

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

Please consider donating for our spring Interact blood drives:

March 12th at Iroquois High School, 4615 Taylor Blvd - click [HERE](#) (use Sponsor Code "IROQUOISLOUKY" if prompted).

March 19th will be our first annual Rotaract blood drive; please plan to stop by campus to donate! You

can sign up [HERE](#) (use Sponsor Code "UofLRotaract" if prompted).

Thank you for supporting our young leaders!

Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring: March 19 & 25

By Craig Mooney

Join us for our final Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring sessions at Iroquois High School (8:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 19) and/or Western High School (8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 25).



Thank you to all who are investing time in the success of these young people! Contact me for more information or to sign up: cmooney@bosseconstruction.com

Re:Center Ministries Meal Service: March 26

By Larry Sloan

Our next [Re:Center Ministries](#) meal service will be Wednesday, March 26th at 5:30 p.m. at 757 S Brook St.



[Read More](#)

Speaker Lineup

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

3/27 Leslie Smart, Louisville Ballet
3/31 Governor Andy Beshear **note this is a MONDAY meeting*
4/10 Pending final confirmation
4/17 Deputy Mayor David James & Misty Enright, Louisville Metro Government
4/24 Jimmy Kirchdorfer, ISCO Industries
5/1 NO MEETING (Rotary Day at the Downs 4/30)
5/8 Rotary Honors Scholars Luncheon with Coach Jeff Walz
5/15 Kimberly Bunton, TKT & Associates.

[Read More](#)

Events

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

[INTERACT Blood Drive](#)

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

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 14th, 6:00-8:00 PM

[Rotary 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 20th, 11:00-11:45 PM

[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

Comment: Savor at River House 3015 River Rd Louisville, KY 40207

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

[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

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

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

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

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

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

[Gun Violence Reduction Committee Meeting](#)

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

March 31st, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Governor Andy Beshear](#)

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

Speaker: Governor Andy Beshear

April 8th, 4:00-7:00 PM

[Rotary Spring Fling at the Zoo](#)

Comment: 1100 Trevilian Way Louisville, KY 40213

April 19th, 9:30-12:00 PM

[Louisville Knot Sign Cleanup](#)

Comment: Louisville Knot Sign 9th Street

April 23rd, 5:30-6:30 PM

[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

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

March 12th, 4:15-6:00 PM

[Rotary Speech Contest](#)

Comment: Gilda's Club Kentuckiana 2440 Grinstead Dr Louisville, KY 40204

Speaker: Rotary Speech Contest

March 14th, 8:30-3:00 PM

[Habitat for Humanity "Raise the Roof" Day](#)

Comment: 4526 Broadleaf Dr. Louisville, KY 40216

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, 10:30-11:30 AM

[International Service Committee Meeting](#)

Comment: Savor at River House 3015 River Rd Louisville, KY 40207

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 25th, 12:00-1:00 PM

[Rotary University Session #2](#)

Comment: Via Zoom

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

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Leslie Smart](#)

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

Speaker: Leslie Smart, CEO, Louisville Ballet

March 31st, 10:30-11:30 AM

[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

April 3rd, 11:30-1:00 PM

[NO MEETING - Moved to Monday 3/31](#)

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

April 17th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: David James & Misty Wright](#)

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

Speaker: Deputy Mayor David James & Misty Wright, Louisville Metro

April 22nd, 9:30-2:00 PM

[Rotary Earth Day Litter Cleanup Service Project](#)

April 24th, 11:30-1:00 PM

[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jimmy Kirchdorfer](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

April 29th, 12:00-1:00 PM
[Rotary University Session #3](#)

Comment: Via Zoom

May 1st, 10:30-11:30 AM
[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

May 8th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Rotary Honors Scholars Luncheon](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Coach Jeff Walz

May 22nd, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Renee Shaw, KET](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Renee Shaw, Director of Public Affairs, KET

May 28th, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

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

June 5th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Chris Enright & Robby Packard, PNC](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Chris Enright & Robby Packard, PNC

June 19th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[NO MEETING - Happy Juneteenth](#)

July 3rd, 11:30-1:00 PM
[NO MEETING - Happy Independence Day](#)

Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Jimmy Kirchdorfer, ISCO Industries

April 30th, 11:00-6:30 PM
[Rotary Day at the Downs](#)

May 1st, 11:30-1:00 PM
[NO MEETING due to Day at the Downs](#)

May 15th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Kimberly Bunton, TKT Associates](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Kimberly Bunton, TKT Associates

May 27th, 12:00-1:00 PM
[Rotary University Session #4](#)
Comment: Via Zoom

June 5th, 10:30-11:30 AM
[DEI Committee Meeting](#)

June 12th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Beth Stubbs, Rotary Int'l Treasurer](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Beth Stubbs, Rotary International Treasurer

June 25th, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)
Comment: Re:Center Ministries 757 S Brook St Louisville, KY 40203

July 10th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Cathe Dykstra, Family Scholar House](#)

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Cathe Dykstra, Family Scholar House

Birthdays



Chris Teeley
March 10th



Patricia W. Hart
March 11th



Dave Pankotai
March 14th



Smith B. Bushong III
March 15th



John H. Clark IV
March 16th



Michele R. Oberst
March 16th



Helen K Cohen
March 16th



Johnetta Roberts
March 17th



Brad Smith
March 19th



Corey G. Miller
March 20th



Michael Washburn
March 20th



Charles K. McClure III
March 22nd



Brian Veeneman
March 22nd



Clifford Ashburner
March 22nd



Gerald Martin
March 25th



Woo Smith
March 26th



Ernst Camentz
March 27th



Richard Paul Schiller
March 28th



Kim Halbauer
March 28th



Steven R. Ragan
March 30th

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President - Elect



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