

Rotary Club of Louisville



Letter from President Lori Hudson Flanery

Fellow Rotarians,

When Iâ€™m asked why I decided to become a Rotarian, especially at the age of 52, I look back to when I was asked to join. I didnâ€™t have any experience with Rotary and, until 2017, it made no sense for me to join our club as my career was based in Frankfort for state government.

I was invited to a couple of the Thursday lunch meetings, not knowing what to expect. What I found was a vibrant, friendly group of people who care about our community and who are deeply invested in its success. Rotarians are interested in connecting with and learning from each other. Rotarians are leaders, whether in business, academic, nonprofit or civic activities. The basic tie between all of us is our commitment to "Service Above Self." Itâ€™s a simple phrase, but it is the heart of all we do as Rotarians, including volunteering, donating funds and goods and taking the time to regularly meet and nurture the fellowship we so enjoy.



So, the answer to the question as to why I chose to be a Rotarian is YOU!

Thank you for inviting me to be a member of this club. Iâ€™m proud to be a Rotarian and to serve as your 113th club president for the 2024-2025 year. The Year of Magic. Iâ€™m sure it will fly by and am equally certain weâ€™ll look back and marvel at all weâ€™ve accomplished in serving our community and each other.

Thanks for all you do, Rotarians!

All my best,

Lori

This Week's Meeting: Barbara Lynne Jamison



The July 18th meeting at the **Kentucky Opera Center for Cultural Health**, 708 Magazine Street will feature **Barbara Lynne Jamison**, General Director and CEO.

"When Arts Thrive"

Louisville is proud of its arts offerings, but how does the entire landscape of the arts feed into each other? Why are they important to us? Barbara Lynne Jamison, General Director+CEO of Kentucky Opera and Chair of the Arts & Culture Alliance of Louisville, shares insights into how the performing arts INDUSTRIES make our community a vibrant one.

The menu will be a fajita / taco bar (beef, chicken, shrimp) catered by WLHI homeowner and entrepreneur Chauntez Williams; a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

We still have a few meals available - RSVP [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](#)

Seeking Vocal Performers for Thursday's Meeting

We have a special song scheduled for Thursday's meeting and would love to have a few more singers join in the fun. If you would like to bolster your vocal resume, you will honestly be able to say you performed at the Kentucky Opera Center!

For details and lyrics, contact Music & Arts Committee Chair **Bob Slider** at rslider@centralbank.com or 502-558-4247.

Next Week's Meeting: Al Snow, Ohio Valley Wrestling



The July 25th meeting at the University Club will feature **Al Snow, Ohio Valley Wrestling**.

The menu is Texas Chili with cornbread; 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 22 [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.

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Welcoming a New Refugee Family

By Mary Ellen Harned

Our Rotary Club will welcome a new family to the United States this month! We will co-sponsor a Syrian family of 8 who have been living in Lebanon while waiting to be resettled. The HAJ ALI family, headed by the mother, includes two young adult children and five school-age children.

Our team has assembled most of the furnishings weâ€™ll need, but it will be necessary to buy consumables and groceries just prior to their arrival. If you would like to help, please contribute Walmart or Kroger GIFT CARDS and we will make the necessary purchases. After arrival, the family can use the remaining gift cards to shop for themselves.

PLEASE BRING GIFT CARDS TO THE JULY 17 MEETING, IF POSSIBLE. Weâ€™ll continue to collect in the weeks following.

If you are willing to donate a Smart TV, microwave, twin sheet sets, or towels, please contact Team Leader **Mary Ellen Harned** who can arrange pickup: harneds@twc.com

Would you like to join our co-sponsorship team? Please contact Mary Ellen who can explain background check and training steps.



Rotarian of the Year Award Presented to Karen Morrison

By Delene Taylor



I was delighted to be able to present the 2023-2024 **Rotarian of the Year** award to **Karen Morrison!**

In reviewing the criteria for this award (click [Read More](#) below) in preparation for an Awards & Recognitions Committee meeting, Karen came to mind immediately. The problem: she chairs the committee, and I knew she would never agree to be the recipient. With some sneaky behind-the-scenes maneuvering and collaboration, we planned a surprise presentation to Karen (who thought she would be presenting the award to another Rotarian) at the June 27th meeting. With a last minute venue change for her daughter's wedding TWO DAYS LATER to Gilda's Club, Karen wasn't sure she could even make it to the meeting, so I had to reveal the plan. What resulted was a wonderful opportunity for Karen's family and team to join us for the award presentation.

This would be much too long were I to list all of the ways Karen earned this award, but here are some of the highlights:

[Read More](#)

Major Donor Recognition: Ernie Camentz

Congratulations to **Ernie Camentz** on achieving Major Donor status! Ernie is 93 years old and lives in Florida now, but maintains his membership in our club and continues to donate every year to The Rotary Foundation. He was not able to join us in person, but [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the virtual presentation of his award.



Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions



On June 27th, President **Kevin Lynch** recognized these new Paul Harris Fellow achievements:

- **Claire Arnold**, PHF
- **Henry Kuehn**, PHF +1
- **Cheryl Kersey**, PHF +2
- **Mitch Rue**, PHF +2
- **Jerry Martin**, PHF +5
- **Thom Crimans**, PHF +6
- **Alex Novak**, PHF +7

On July 11th, President **Lori Hudson Flanery** recognized another:

- **Chris Buerck**, PHF +2



Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given in appreciation to any Rotarian who contributes \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund or Polio Plus Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries

Congratulations to these members who were recognized for having achieved significant membership

milestones with the Club. We will be recognizing others in the coming weeks.



25 – 30 years

- **Barry Barker** - Jan 1996
- **Charles Mattingly** - Nov 1996
- **Rick Harned** - Feb 1999



30 – 40 years

- **Joyce Seymour** - May 1988
- **Kelly Burke** - April 1994
- **John Bush** - Sept 1993
- **Gordon Costley** - Aug 1991
- **John Gregory** - Dec 1986
- **George Brakmeier** - July 1986



40 – 50 years

- **Buddy Stewart** - joined our club Feb 1996, prior years with another club
- **Tom Nugent** - Dec 1981
- **Mike Kull** - Dec 1982
- **Jack Guthrie** - Oct 1975
- **Dade Luckett** - Feb 1984



50+ years

- **Ernie Camentz** (not pictured) – May 1973
- **Craig Scherman** – May 1974

Welcome New Members

We welcomed new member **Bridgette Johnson** at our June 27th meeting. Bridgette is Chief Operating Officer of New Directions Housing Corporation. She leads an award-winning team providing housing and resources to nearly 1,000 Louisville families who are some of our community’s most under-resourced. Bridgette earned her B.S. in Business Management from Indiana Wesleyan University and her M.B.A. from the University of Louisville. Bridgette is a graduate of Focus Louisville, Leadership Louisville, Bingham Fellows, and the NeighborWorks Achieving Excellence program at the Harvard Kennedy School.



At our July 11th meeting, we welcomed two new members:

Heather Cash joined the Community Foundation of Louisville in January 2016 and is now the Senior Vice President of Development and Philanthropic Service. Before joining the Community Foundation, Heather completed a Judicial clerkship with Justice Lisabeth Hughes on the Kentucky Supreme Court and practiced civil defense litigation at the law firm of Thompson Miller and Simpson, PLC, in Louisville. Heather is a graduate of Centre College and Vanderbilt Divinity School. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Louisville’s Brandeis School of Law in 2007. Heather volunteers at the Legal Aid Society and is also a certified yoga teacher. She is married to Tommy Gleason, and they have three children ages 5, 3, and 1.

John Cunningham is a fifth generation Kentuckian and a lifelong Louisvillian. A product of Waggener High School and the University of Louisville, he has built a successful private wealth management practice. Beginning in 1982 with Merrill Lynch, then a partner with J.C. Bradford & Company and for the last twenty-four years with UBS. He has served on several local boards including the Kentucky Opera Association, Kentucky Derby Festival, St. Matthews Little League and the Louisville Boat Club and currently serves on the Investment Committee at Assumption High School. John and his wife Sallie have been married for thirty-nine years and have two adult children.



Thank You To Officers & Directors

Having engaged and enthusiastic members serving on the Rotary Club and Fund boards has a significant impact on the effectiveness of our operations and is critical to our success.

Thank you to these outgoing officers / directors:

OUTGOING DIRECTORS



JAY MALLORY



DAN HARTLAGE



DENISE SEARS



JOHN BUSH





**WALT
KUNAU**



**KIM
HALBAUER**



**GREG
BRAUN**



**JOHN JENNINGS
(FUND BOARD)**

Thank you to these incoming officers / directors:

INCOMING DIRECTORS



**KEN
SELVAGGI**



**ALICE
BRIDGES**



**LOUIS
STRAUB**



**MAGGIE
HARLOW**



**MICHELLE
BLACK WHITE
(FUND BOARD)**



**GARY
DRYDEN**



**ALISA
GRAY**



**RICK
SMITH, SR**



**CHRISTEN
BOONE**

And finally thank you to those who are continuing their term this year:

CONTINUING DIRECTORS



**KEVIN
FIELDS**



**CRAIG
MOONEY**



**LOUIS
SEEGER**



**CLAIRE
ARNOLD**



**KEVIN
MCCARRON**

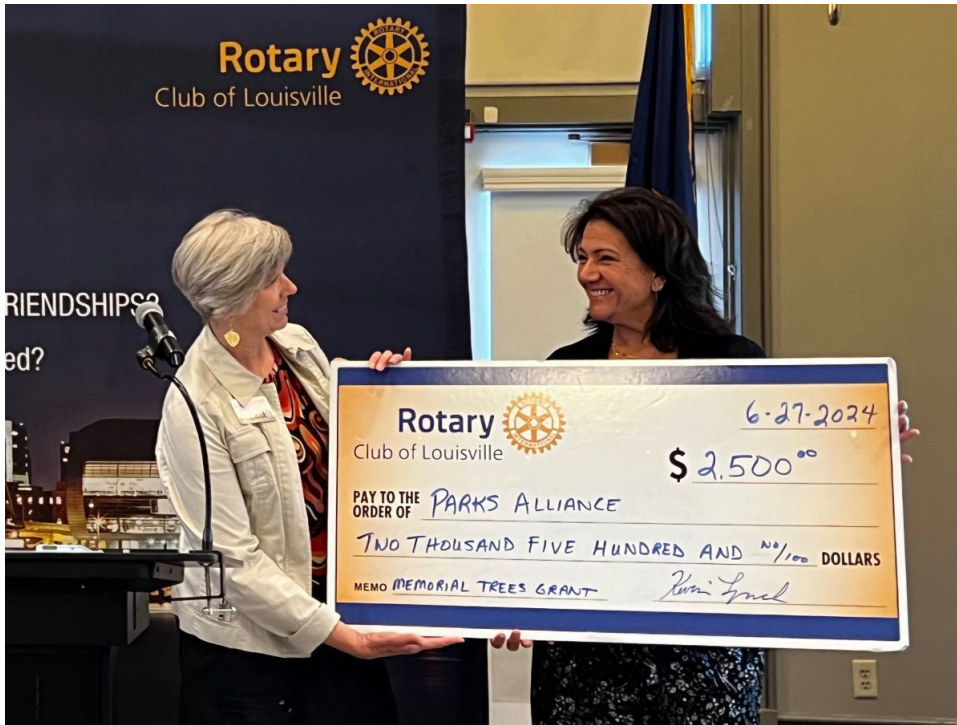


**KEVIN
LYNCH**



**ANNE MONELL
(FUND BOARD)**

IN MEMORIAM Grant to Parks Alliance



Alice Bridges presented a \$2,500 grant to Sandra Dodge, Parks Alliance of Louisville Board Chair, for the planting of trees in honor of those in our Rotary family who left us in the past year.

- **James Robert Hill**, joined June 1980, deceased Sept 2023
- **Robert Maddox**, joined October 1971, deceased Sept 2023
- **William Bellis Sr.**, past Club president and past District Governor, joined November 1981, deceased Oct 2023
- **Graham Rapp**, joined September 1975, deceased Nov 2023
- **Benjamin Richmond**, joined August 1988, deceased Jan 2024
- **Bosworth Todd Jr.**, past Club President and Lifetime Service Award honoree, joined June 1968, deceased Jan 2024
- **Clyde Warner Jr.**, joined December 1973, deceased Feb 2024

Rotarian in the Spotlight: DeVone Holt



It's been a big month for Rotarian **DeVone Holt**. Not only was he named CEO of the Muhammad Ali Center ([read more here](#)), he is having a street named in his honor!

The official unveiling of "DeVone Holt Way" is Thursday, July 18 at noon at the corner of 28th Street and Broadway in West Louisville. He's inviting you to join in the celebration!

Congratulations, DeVone!

Join a Rotary Fellowship

REASONS TO JOIN A ROTARY FELLOWSHIP

- 1** CONNECT WITH LIKE-MINDED ROTARY MEMBERS AND MAKE FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD
- 2** IMPLEMENT SERVICE PROJECTS
- 3** RECRUIT YOUR NON-MEMBER FRIENDS TO ROTARY
- 4** DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Learn more:
on.rotary.org/fellowships

Rotary 

Looking for ways to get more involved in Rotary? Consider joining a Rotary Fellowship.

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

Several members of our club are members of the International Travel & Hosting Fellowship.

There are dozens of other options including pickleball, whisk(e)y, and golf.

Click [HERE](#) or Read More below to learn more about Rotary Fellowships. [Read More](#)

Join a Rotary Action Group

Rotary Action Groups are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water. The concept was introduced to Rotary International as a way to harness the expertise and dedication of Rotarians to address complex global challenges. The topics are wide-ranging and a great way to utilize your knowledge for the greater good.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Rotary Action Groups.

Promoting peace

[Peace](#)

[Refugees](#)

[Slavery Prevention](#)

Fighting disease

[Addiction Prevention](#)

[Alzheimer's/Dementia](#)

[Blindness Prevention](#)

[Blood and Organ Donation](#)

[Diabetes](#)

[Family Health/AIDS Prevention](#)

[Health Education and Wellness](#)

[Hearing](#)

[Hepatitis Eradication](#)

[Malaria](#)

[Mental Health Initiatives](#)

[Multiple Sclerosis](#)

Providing clean water and sanitation

[Menstrual Health and Hygiene](#)

[Water, Sanitation and Hygiene](#)

Saving mothers and children

[Clubfoot](#)

[Reproductive Maternal and Child Health](#)

Supporting education

[Basic Education and Literacy](#)

Growing local economies

[Community Economic Development](#)

[Disaster Assistance](#)

Protecting the environment

[Endangered Species](#)

[Environmental Sustainability](#)

Action groups that work in more than one area of focus

[Food Plant Solutions](#)

[Read More](#)

Rotary University

By Jay Mallory

Thank you to all who participated in Rotary University. 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](#).

To earn credit for Session #1, complete survey with code words [HERE](#).

Session #2 *Service Above Self* available [HERE](#).

To earn credit for Session #2, complete survey with code words [HERE](#).

Session #3 *Rotary Honors Scholars* available [HERE](#).

To earn credit for Session #3, complete survey with code words [HERE](#).

Session #4 *Committees* available [HERE](#).

To earn credit for Session #4, complete survey with code words [HERE](#).

Session #5 *Rotary Beyond the Club* available [HERE](#).

To earn credit for Session #5, 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. [Read More](#)

Re:Center Ministries Dinner: July 24

By Larry Sloan

Our next meal service is next Wednesday, July 24th at 5:30 p.m. We could use a couple more volunteers!

Please email larry.sloan@yahoo.com if you would like to join us or to learn more.

Imagination Library Service Project

By Rick Harned



A TRULY FUN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

For several years, our Club has supported Dolly Parton's [Imagination Library](#), reaching more new parents to provide free age-appropriate books for their little ones and encouraging them to read to their children. This year, we have added 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!

- Sunday, August 4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., St Stephens Church
- Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kentucky Science Center

If you can spare a couple of hours to enhance literacy in Louisville, please email rickharned@gmail.com.

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: Join us 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

Events & Opportunities: First Hour Grief Response

By Karen Meyer



What: 4th Annual Ben Koier Memorial Golf Outing
Organization: First Hour Grief Response
Date/Time: August 19, 8 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: Karen Meyer, karen@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

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.

July 18th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Barbara Lynne Jamison](#)
Comment: Kentucky Opera Center 708 Magazine St Louisville, KY 40203
Speaker: Barbara Lynne Jamison (at Kentucky Opera Center)
Subject: When Arts Thrive

July 25th, 10:30-11:30 AM
[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

July 25th, 1:00-2:00 PM
[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

August 8th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBD](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: TBD

August 22nd, 10:30-11:30 AM
[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

August 22nd, 1:00-2:00 PM
[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

August 29th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Kim Schatzel](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Dr. Kim Schatzel, UofL President

September 12th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Vivian Blade](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Vivian Blade, author
Subject: Workplace Resiliency

September 25th, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

September 26th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Brian Johnson](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Brian Johnson, Dan O's Seasoning

October 3rd, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Senator Rand Paul](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Senator Rand Paul

July 24th, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

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

August 1st, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBD](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: TBD

August 15th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBD](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: TBD

August 22nd, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Pat Mulloy](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Pat Mulloy, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development

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

September 5th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: TBD](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: TBD

September 19th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Rear Admiral Ingrid Rader](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Rear Admiral Ingrid Rader
Subject: America's Warfighting Navy

September 26th, 10:30-11:30 AM
[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

September 26th, 1:00-2:00 PM
[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

October 10th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: District 6710 Governor Dale Leatherman](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: District 6710 Governor Dale Leatherman

Birthdays



Barry Glen Allen
July 19th



Stephanie Kelley
July 20th



Clifford T. Elgin
July 21st



Gregory E. Ross, EdD
July 21st



Tyler N. Allen
July 23rd



Richard H.C. Clay
July 24th



Andre Kimo Stone
Guess
July 24th



Miles Burkholder II
July 25th



Tony H. Coffey
July 25th



John Lueken
July 26th



G. Raymond
Schuhmann
July 28th



Morgan Hancock
July 28th



Allan M. Parnell
July 30th



Maria A. Smith
July 30th



Cynthia P. Collier
July 30th



Gary Dryden
July 30th



Paul J. Bickel III
July 31st



Alan N. Singleton
July 31st



Anthony L. Newberry
July 31st

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