

# Rotary Club of Louisville



## Note from Delene

Rotary Family,

There is a lot of new content in this issue! Here are some highlights:

This week: **Dr. Paula Grisanti, National Stem Cell Foundation**  
Next week: **Tiffany Benjamin, Humana Foundation**

I've added meeting recap posts for our last couple of meetings below...not like those provided by Past President Kevin Lynch, mind you, just a simple record of the meeting with some photos. I've also created separate posts for recognitions and new member inductions - everybody gets their chance in the spotlight at Rotary! Please take a minute to congratulate or welcome your fellow Rotarians. And don't forget to scroll all the way down to see whose birthday is coming up.



[RSVP here](#) for our Aug. 13 new member service project at SOS

[RSVP here](#) for the Aug. 20 Rotary Business Synergy networking event at Kentucky Humane Society

[RSVP here](#) for the Sep. 22 Rotary Day at the Volleyball Court

Be sure to read President Lori's recap of the recent DC Fly-In trip.

Service Above Self Opportunities:

Serve a meal on 8/28 at Re:Center Ministries

Help host table for Imagination Library on 9/14 at Kentucky Science Center

Donate gift cards for our KRM family

In service,

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

Executive Director

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## This Week's Meeting: Dr. Paula Grisanti, National Stem Cell Foundation



This week's meeting at the University Club will feature **Dr. Paula Grisanti**, CEO of National Stem Cell Foundation.

### ***"Space Research, STEM Education, and Co-pays"***

From first-in-kind research on the International Space Station to the prestigious National STEM Scholar Program and providing access to clinical trials for rare diseases, the National Stem Cell Foundation is changing lives and futures.

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

Click Read More to view Speaker Bio: [Read More](#)

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## Next Week's Meeting: Tiffany Benjamin, Humana Foundation



The August 15th meeting at the University Club will feature Tiffany Benjamin, CEO of the Humana Foundation.

The menu is shrimp and grits with grilled asparagus; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, August 12th [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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## Speaker Lineup

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

8/15 Tiffany Benjamin, Humana Foundation  
8/22 Pat Mulloy, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development  
8/29 Dr. Kim Schatzel, UofL President  
9/5 Josh Heird, UofL Athletic Director

Click Read More to see future weeks: [Read More](#)

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## New Member Service Project at SOS: August 13

By Jay Mallory

Join us on Tuesday, August 13, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at [SOS](#) for our new member service project. All are welcome - this is an excellent opportunity to serve alongside and get acquainted with some of our newer members. We will sort and pack supplies to be redistributed to those in need. RSVP [HERE](#). [Read More](#)

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## Business Synergy Networking Event: August 20

By Jay Mallory



Rotarian **Alisa Gray** is hosting our next free Business Synergy event on August 20 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Humane Society East Campus, 1000 Lyndon Ln. This informal networking event will include bites, beverages and furry friends!

RSVP [HERE](#) and invite a friend or two.

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## Rotary Day at the Volleyball Court: September 22

By Jeff Underhill



Join us on Sunday, September 22nd at 12:30 p.m. at the KFC Yum! Center to watch two top NCAA teams that again have a shot as National Champions: the UofL women's volleyball team and the Nebraska Huskers. Limited group seating...first come first served!

Register [HERE](#).

## Rotarians Attend DC Fly-In

By Lori Hudson Flanery



President **Lori Flanery** and President-Elect **Ken Selvaggi** represented the Club in Washington, D.C. last week, joining dozens of local leaders for GLI's annual "DCFLYIN." Past President **Julie Schmidt** also attended. Kudos to Rotarian **Sarah Davasher** and her team at GLI for orchestrating this opportunity for our local leaders.

Click Read More to read Lori's recap and highlights of the trip: [Read More](#)

## Update on our Refugee Family

By Mary Ellen Harned

The Haj Yasin family is getting settled in their new house in a new city in a new country! Our co-sponsorship team has been visiting to answer their many questions and to try to respond to identified needs: a donated TV, hangers, Tylenol, Kleenex, Legos, games, and - thanks to Beargrass Christian Church - bicycles for the 9- and 6-year-old boys! The children are anxious to start school but must wait to be evaluated and assigned by JCPS, sometimes a matter of weeks. The adults will soon begin ESL classes at Kentucky Refugee Ministries in preparation for seeking employment. When any of us visit, we must sit down and have a cup of coffee, following their tradition of warm hospitality to all guests.

**CURRENT NEEDS:** folding lawn chairs (to enjoy their nice backyard), garden shears/tools AND gift cards of any amount. We will continue to collect Kroger or Walmart cards OR CASH at the next 2 meetings. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Harned or Larry Sloan.

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## August 1st Meeting Recap

The August 1st meeting at the University Club featured **Dave Christopher, Sr.**, founder of AMPED. **Di Tran** provided the invocation and **Gary Dryden** led the pledge and 4-way test.



You can view the recording on our [YouTube channel](#). Provide feedback about the meeting [HERE](#). There was a mixup with the UClub kitchen on the menu calendar; apologies to those impacted.

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## July 25th Meeting Recap

The July 25th meeting at the University Club featured **Al Snow**, Ohio Valley Wrestling. **Corey Miller** provided the invocation, and **Tonya Shive Augustine** led the pledge and 4-way test. **Kirt Jacobs** introduced Al, whose brief talk was followed by a lively Q&A session.



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

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## Service Above Self Award Presented to Thom Crimans

By Karen Morrison



I was delighted to present the first Service Above Self award of this Rotary year at our July 18th meeting to Rotarian **Thom Crimans**, who recently celebrated 20 years as a Rotarian!

He is a PHF +6, a member of the 1912 Society, and actively serves on the following committees:

- \*Community Impact: Gun Violence Reduction subcommittee
- \*DEI
- \*International Service
- \*Lifeline
- \*Membership Development & Engagement
- \*Youth & Education: Rotary Honors Scholars and Ted Buerck Scholarship subcommittees

Click Read More to see my remarks. [Read More](#)

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## Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Last week, President Lori Flanery recognized **Cheryl Kersey** for achieving 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. Multiple PHF recognition is extended at subsequent \$1,000 levels. Recognition consists of a pin, with sapphires or rubies added corresponding to the recipient's recognition level. Contributions to the Annual Fund-SHARE program are also counted toward our Club earning Star Club status.

Learn more or donate [HERE](#).

You can reach out to Foundation Committee leaders Amy Luttrell or Mike Kull to check your status.



## Milestone Anniversary Celebration



Congratulations to these members who were recognized for having achieved significant membership milestones with the Club. It was a very special moment...you kinda had to be there!

25 – 30 years

**David Dick** - Aug 1998

**Tyler Allen** - Oct 1996

30 – 40 years

**Terry Tyler** - Feb 1991

**Jeff Underhill** - April 1986

**Roland Blahnik** - June 1985

We will be continuing to "catch up" on our milestone anniversary recognitions at the following meetings:  
8/22, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21 and 12/19.

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## Welcome New Member



At last week's meeting, we welcomed new member **Jacob McGill**.

Jacob is a Senior Business Advisor at Byrne Insurance Group. He is a lifelong Louisville native and a proud graduate of the University of Louisville with a BA in English and a Master of Arts in Teaching. After a fifteen-year career teaching English within the Archdiocese of Louisville, primarily at Sacred Heart Academy, he switched directions to become an insurance advisor with a focus on life and health insurance. In 2022, Jacob earned the REBC designation, which is the highest designation offered by the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals.

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## Re:Center Ministries Dinner: August 28

By Larry Sloan

Our next meal service will be Wednesday, August 28th at 5:30 p.m. We could use a couple more volunteers! Please email [larry.sloan@yahoo.com](mailto:larry.sloan@yahoo.com) if you would like to join us or to learn more.

[Read More](#)

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## Imagination Library Service Project: September 14

By Rick Harned



Our Club supports 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. We will be helping the organization host a table on Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kentucky Science Center.

Volunteers will be paired with an IL board member to help explain the program. If you can spare a couple of hours to enhance literacy in Louisville, please email [rickharned@gmail.com](mailto:rickharned@gmail.com).



## Rotarians in the Spotlight: Jennifer Helgeson & Chris Manzo

Congrats to Rotarian **Jennifer Helgeson** on the ribbon cutting at [Junior Achievement's BizTown](#) for the new Louisville City FC / Racing Louisville FC sports center storefront! This new addition allows students to pretend to be CEO, ticket sales or merch representatives for a sports brand. They also learn about communication skills, team building and more about the world of sports. JA Board VP and Rotarian **Chris Manzo** was also part of the celebration. Read more [HERE](#).



## Events & Opportunities: First Hour Grief Response

By Karen Kurfees 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. This golf outing is in memory of Ben Koier, the son of co-founder Lisa Schardein, who tragically died at age 19 after his car was hit by a drunk driver.

**More information:** <https://www.firsthourgrief.org/events/>

**Member to contact:** Karen Meyer, [karen@firsthourgrief.org](mailto:karen@firsthourgrief.org)

## Events & Opportunities: Canopy

By Stephanie Kelley



**What:** *Canopy Presents...Talent Talks: Young Voices on Ideal Employers*

**Organization:** Canopy

**Date/Time:** August 22, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Horn Auditorium, UofL College of Business, 110 W Brandeis Ave.

**Description:** Hear directly from young professionals about their career aspirations, workplace values, and expectations in today's rapidly evolving job market. There will be opportunities to engage with Canopy Member Companies in the College of Business Atrium. Meet with companies committed to reinvesting in their communities and learn how they differentiate themselves from other employers on the job market.

**More information:** Click [HERE](#)

**Member to contact:** Stephanie Kelley, [skelley@canopyky.org](mailto:skelley@canopyky.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 will feature Pat Kelsey, Head Coach of UofL men's basketball team and Mark Pope, Head Coach of UKY 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

August 8th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Paula Grisanti](#)**

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

**Speaker:** Dr. Paula Grisanti, National Stem Cell Foundation

August 15th, 10:30-11:30 AM

**[International Service Committee Meeting](#)**

August 20th, 5:30-7:30 PM

**[Rotary Business Synergy](#)**

**Comment:** Kentucky Humane Society 1000 Lyndon Ln Louisville, KY 40222

August 28th, 5:30-6:30 PM

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

September 5th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Josh Heird](#)**

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

**Speaker:** Josh Heird, UofL Athletic Director

September 17th, 8:30-9:30 AM

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

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

September 22nd, 12:30-2:30 PM

**[Rotary Day at the Volleyball Court](#)**

**Comment:** KFC Yum! Center 1 Arena Plaza Louisville, KY 40202

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 10th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Nick Campisano | DG Dale Leatherman](#)**

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

**Speaker:** Nick Campisano | DG Dale Leatherman

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

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Eric Gregory](#)**

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

**Speaker:** Eric Gregory, Kentucky Distillers' Association

August 13th, 5:30-7:30 PM

**[New Member Service Project at SOS](#)**

**Comment:** SOS 1500 Arlington Ave Louisville, KY 40206

August 15th, 11:30-1:00 PM

**[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Tiffany Benjamin](#)**

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

**Speaker:** Tiffany Benjamin, Humana Foundation

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 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 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 25th, 8:45-9:45 AM

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

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

September 26th, 10:30-11:30 AM

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

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

October 15th, 9:00-2:00 PM

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

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

October 22nd, 8:30

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

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

October 23rd, 8:45-9:45 AM  
[RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School](#)  
**Comment:** Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

October 24th, 10:30-11:30 AM  
[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

October 31st, 1:00-2:00 PM  
[Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting](#)

November 13th, 8:45-9:45 AM  
[RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School](#)  
**Comment:** Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

November 19th, 8:30-9:30 AM  
[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)  
**Comment:** Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

November 26th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[Joint Meeting Hosted by Kiwanis Club](#)  
**Speaker:** N/A

November 28th, 10:30-11:30 AM  
[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

December 4th, 6:00-10:00 PM  
[Rotary Holiday Celebration at Hurstbourne Country Club](#)

December 12th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Lance Burton](#)  
**Comment:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208  
**Speaker:** Lance Burton, Master Magician

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

December 26th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[Happy Holidays - NO MEETING](#)  
**Speaker:** N/A

October 23rd, 5:30-6:30 PM  
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

October 31st, 9:00-2:00 PM  
[INTERACT Blood Drive](#)  
**Comment:** Iroquois High School Gym 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY 40215

November 7th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Angela Billings](#)  
**Comment:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208  
**Speaker:** Angela Billings  
**Subject:** Crisis Communications

November 14th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: DeVone Holt](#)  
**Comment:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208  
**Speaker:** DeVone Holt, Muhammad Ali Center

November 21st, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jon Carloftis](#)  
**Comment:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208  
**Speaker:** Jon Carloftis

November 27th, 5:30-6:30 PM  
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

November 28th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[Happy Thanksgiving - NO MEETING](#)  
**Speaker:** N/A

December 5th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[NO MEETING due to Holiday Party 12/4](#)

December 19th, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Kevin Cosby](#)  
**Comment:** University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208  
**Speaker:** Dr. Kevin Cosby, Simmons College

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

January 2nd, 11:30-1:00 PM  
[Happy Holidays - NO MEETING](#)  
**Speaker:** N/A

## Birthdays



Rena Sharpe  
August 8th



Susan G. Zepeda  
Ph.D.  
August 8th



Ricky George  
August 9th



Heather Cash  
August 9th



Dr. Swannie Jett  
August 9th



David Graves  
August 11th



Jan M. Grayson  
August 11th



Meredith Erickson  
August 12th



Stephen C. Lannert  
August 13th



Armistead F. Stewart  
August 14th

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