

Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

I hit the ground running when we returned from the Large Club Conference in Memphis and have not had a chance to draft a story for Sparks yet, but you can see some highlights on my Facebook page.

New in this issue:

- District Governor Recognizes RCL as Star Club
- Enter To Win This Beautiful Gift Basket
- Winter Accessories Needed

Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll for details):

- Donate winter accessories for our Haj Yasin family
- Volunteer or donate blood for our Interact Blood Drive at IHS: 10/31
- Help host a table for Imagination Library: 10/18, 10,19, 10/24, 10/26 or 11/16
- · Mentor Rotary Honors Scholars at WHS and IHS: monthly, see below for dates
- Pack supplies with new members at SOS: 10/23
- Serve a meal at Re:Center Ministries: 10/23
- Help staff Rotary table at Louisville Sustainability Summit: 11/8

Committee Meetings:

- International Service: 10/17 at 10:30 a.m.
- Lifeline: 10/24 at 11:00 a.m.
- Service Projects & Grants: 10/31 at 1:00 p.m.

<u>Visit our website</u> to read about these Rotarians in the Spotlight and member organizations' Events and Opportunities.

Rotarians in the Spotlight:

- · Chris Nation
- Dr. Swannie Jett
- Maggie Harlow
- Dr. Rick Smith, Sr.
- Karen Morrison
- Barbara Sexton Smith
- Jeff Underhill
- Julie Andersen
- Most Admired CEOs

Member organizations' upcoming **Events & Opportunities**:

- LCCC West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit: 10/18
- MELANnaire Marketplace Fall Fest + Night Market: 10/18
- Whitney/Strong A Night For Life: 10/26



Canopy Good Business Summit: 11/20

In service,

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Executive Director

This Week's Meeting: Eric Gregory, President, Kentucky Distillers' Association



The October 17th meeting at the University Club will feature **Eric Gregory**, President of the Kentucky Distillers' Association.

"Bourbon Builds Kentucky™"

It's the golden age of Kentucky Bourbon and the 25th anniversary of the world famous Kentucky Bourbon Trail®. KDA president Eric Gregory will highlight the successes and challenges of the industry and talk about how Bourbon Builds Kentucky $^{\text{TM}}$.

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

Next Week's Meeting: Dr. Daniel Blatt, Infectious Disease Specialist



October 24th is **World Polio Day**, and our speaker will be **Dr. Daniel Blatt**, Infectious Disease Specialist at Norton Children's.

"Infections to Pandemics: The Intersectionality of Science, Healthcare, and the Social Ecosystem"

Climate change, human travel and geopolitical instability have become increasingly significant factors of health devastation throughout the world. We will discuss how an infection spreads, how we stop it, and what types of impacts our decisions have on the world's economy, education and health.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, October 21st HERE.

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

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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October 10th Meeting Recap

The October 10th meeting at the University Club featured Nick Campisano, Founder & CEO of Zyyo. We were also honored to have our District Governor Dale Leatherman with us for his official Club visit, as well as District Governor-Elect Dorsey Ridley. **Kirt Jacobs** provided the invocation and **Joyce Seymour** led the pledge and 4-way test. Assistant District Governor **Rick Harned** introduced DG Dale.



You can view the recording on our <u>YouTube channel</u> (apologies for the distorted sound - there was apparently an issue with the setup by the AV tech). You can view the slides <u>HERE</u>. Provide feedback about the meeting <u>HERE</u>.

District Governor Recognizes RCL as STAR CLUB

At last week's meeting, District Governor Dale Leatherman presented President Lori with a star in recognition of our STAR CLUB status, which means that our contributions to The Rotary Foundation have averaged \$100 or more per member. This is a requirement in order to be eligible to receive District Matching Grants for our service projects such as Habitat for Humanity and the West End School. Thank you to everyone who donated this past Rotary year!



Enter To Win This Beautiful Gift Basket!

By Amy Luttrell



Next Thursday, October 24 is **World Polio Da**y. We have made tremendous progress since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched. But even just one case still represents one child's life forever changed by polio. That's why Rotary members must remain tenacious and keep our promise: We won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.

To donate, click <u>HERE</u>. Donations will count toward Paul Harris Fellow points.

We will have a drawing at next week's meeting for this amazing gift basket donated by **Susan Zepeda**. All you have to do to be included is make a donation before 10:00 a.m. next Thursday, 10/24.



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Winter Accessories Needed

By Mary Ellen Harned

The weather is turning colder and we want the Haj Yasin family of 8 from Syria that we are cosponsoring to be prepared. Kentucky Refugee Ministries will provide winter coats, and we would like to provide them with hats (just for the boys), scarves, gloves and heavy socks. You can also donate cash or Walmart gift cards. We will collect these items at the October meetings. Any surplus beyond this family's needs will be shared with other refugees.

Please click Read More below for more of their story and photos. Read More

Speaker Lineup

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

10/31 Soozie Eastman, President, 502 Film

11/7 Angela Billings, The Virago Circle

11/14 DeVone Holt, Muhammad Ali Center

11/21 Jon Carloftis, Jon Carloftis Fine Gardens

11/26 Rotary / Kiwanis combined meeting on Tuesday w/speaker John Boel

Click Read More to see future weeks: Read More

Be Part of The Magic of Rotary!

By Lori Hudson Flanery

I hope everyone has been tracking their points for our MAGIC ALL AROUND campaign! If you missed the details, click **HERE**.



MAGIC ALL AROUND

21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA
Register today at **convention.rotary.org**#Rotary25

The first monthly prize drawing will be at our meeting on Nov. 14 and will be a <u>Kentuckianaopoly game</u> (need not be present to win). Remember, the GRAND PRIZE will be a trip to Calgary, Canada for the <u>Rotary International Convention</u> in June 2025 - the theme of which is MAGIC ALL AROUND!

If you have any questions, Delene or I will be happy to help.

I hope EVERY member will be part of the MAGIC!

Rotary Happy Hour at Hop Atomica

By Jeff Underhill

We had a great turnout for our Rotary Happy Hour at <u>Hop Atomica</u>. Stay tuned for news of our next social event!



October is Community and Economic Development month. We are proud to support the 8th Annual West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit on October 18th at LCCC from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The day will include a keynote presentation by Corenza Townsend, Chief Administrator Officer of Norton West Louisville Hospital as well as two power-packed panels and breakout sessions to facilitate community dialogue. This event is FREE and open to the public. Lunch will be provided.

Following the health equity summit, LCCC will present the 4th Annual Sam Watkins Jr. "Light the Way" Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards featuring a business networking mixer from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. and honoring six local businesses who are lighting the way in Louisville.

RSVP **HERE** and see highlights from last year's event **HERE**.

8th Annual West Louisville **Economic Mobility Summit**

October 18, 2024 · 10am - 3pm

Old Walnut Street Family Strengthening Center. 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard. Louisville. KY 40203

PANEL I: BREAKING HEALTH EOUITY BARRIERS

- · Dr. Lecresha Sewell, CEO & Co-Founder, Melanated Healthcare
- · Dr. Angelina Strickland, CEO, HaveHope Counseling
- Kenya Wade, CEO, Cycle Breakers Breaking Chains, Inc.
- · Bobbi Bledsoe, CEO, Greater Louisville Project
- · Dr. Abby Lankhorst, OB/GYN, Norton Healthcare
- · Connie S. Mendel, Chief Health Strategist, Louisville Metro Government

PANEL II: POLICY & EQUITY: ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC BARRIERS **IN KENTUCKY**

- · Dr. Gabe Jones, Assistant Professor, University of Louisville Department of Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences
- · Nicole Yates, AVP Growth & Community Engagement, Molina Healthcare
- Dr. Swannie Jett, CEO, Park DuValle Community Health Center
- · Janice Baldon-Gutter, Program Outreach Coordinator, **Southeast ADA Center**
- · Dr. Tim Findley, Sr., Assistant Professor, Spalding University

REGISTER TODAY!



bit.ly/24WestLouEconSummit

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to us at (502) 583-8821 or by email at mburch@lcccnews.org





















Keynote Speaker: Corenza Townsend Chief Administrative Officer, Norton West Louisville Hospital

Purpose:

Raise awareness **Facilitate discussion Engage community Identify** actionable steps and recommendations

Join us for:

A powerful keynote presentation Two panel discussions **Breakout sessions AND MUCH MORE!**



Dr. Brandy Kelly-Pryor PhD, Chief Executive Officer, **BKP Strategies**



Sharron Johnson Lender Relations Specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration

Please Support Our INTERACT Blood Drive: October 31

By Linda Bartrom-Moore



Our Club is proud to sponsor the Interact Clubs at Iroquois and Western HS, and to guide these young scholars in Service Above Self.

This is our 3rd year hosting blood drives, and we got off to a great start this week at the first one! Our Interact Club members both gave blood and manned the check-in table.

We reached our quota while creating a way to serve that can become a lifelong habit in a world where the need for blood is crucial.

Next up is our blood drive at Iroquois HS on...wait for it... October 31st! So much you can do with that, right??

Thanks for your support, and if you're able, come out to 4615 Taylor Blvd between 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and help with a shift or by giving blood (click HERE to sign up).

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Rotaract News

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

I am excited to report that we have a core Rotaract Board with solid plans for service, including a spring blood drive on March 19th! We will be supporting Rotary Honors Scholars and other community events and look forward to inducting our Board on November 21st at our luncheon meeting.



Imagination Library Volunteer Opportunity

By Rick Harned



Our Youth & Education Committee has already helped the <u>Imagination Library Louisville</u> recruit multiple new families to receive free books! Participants have reported that the task is really easy and fun, as talking with parents of very young children is inspiring.

We have three more dates scheduled, for which two Rotarians are requested to join Imagination Library Director, Maria Gurren, to talk to young parents who may not know they are eligible:

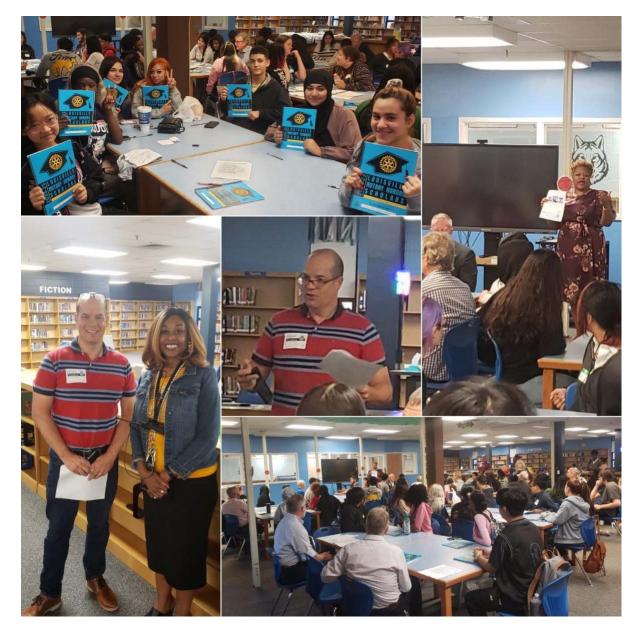
- Friday, 10/18: 4:00 7:00 p.m. at Shelby Park Pumpkin Patch, 600 E Oak St.
- Saturday, 10/19: 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. at Southwest YMCA Fall Festival, 2800 Fordhaven Rd
- Thursday, 10/24: 5:30 7:00 p.m. at McFerran Elementary School, 1900 S 7th St. (Literacy Night)
- Thursday, 10/24: 6:30 8:00 p.m. at Cane Run Elementary School, 3951 Cane Run Road (Literacy Night)
- Saturday, 10/26: 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. at Kentucky Science Center, 727 W Main St.
- Saturday, 11/16, 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. at 3rd Street Neighborhood (Building our Block event with Councilwoman Jennifer Chappell)
- Saturday, 11/16, 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. at Johnson Traditional Middle School, 2509 Wilson Ave.

Many of you saw Dolly Parton celebrating the statewide rollout of Imagination Library recently. If you can spare a couple of hours to enhance literacy in Louisville, please email rickharned@gmail.com.

Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring: October 22 & 23

By Craig Mooney

Join us for our next two Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring sessions at Western High School (10/22) and Iroquois High School (10/23). Thanks to Rotarian Melissa Cobb for capturing these photos last month!



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

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New Member Service Project at SOS: October 23

By Jay Mallory

Our next new member service project at SOS will be Wednesday, October 23rd from 5:30-7:30pm. For those of you that have attended, feel free to come back. For those of you that have not made it, I hope

you are able to, as this is a fantastic opportunity to give back and meet some of your fellow Rotarians. Come ready to have some fun, pack medical supplies, and you might even shed a tear when you learn about how this fantastic organization is changing people's lives.



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Re:Center Ministries Dinner: October 23

By Larry Sloan

Our next meal service will be Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at 757 S Brook St. Please email larry.sloan@yahoo.com if you would like to join us or to learn more.



GenX: The Saga of Forever Chemicals Film Screening & Discussion w/UNA-USA

By Larry Sloan



Join us for an important event presented by our club along with the United Nations Association of the USA, Kentucky Division, UofL, Kentucky Waterways Alliance and more. It will be on Monday, October 28th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Lang House, 115 S. Ewing Avenue. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited; it will also be available via Zoom (click Read More for info).

There will be a private screening of the documentary film GenX: The Saga of Forever Chemicals, a first-hand account of a community faced with decades of contamination and

how their unification with other communities is systematically fixing the worst pollution crisis in world history. There will be a presentation by film director and producer Elijah Yetter-Bowman, who is also the founder of Ethereal Films as well as an Affiliate Researcher at UNC School of Public Health. Actor Mark Ruffalo is the Executive Producer of the film.

Let me know if you would like to attend: larry.sloan@yahoo.com.

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Louisville Sustainability Summit: November 8

By Larry Sloan

Save the date and plan to join us for the 11th Annual Louisville Sustainability Summit Hungry for Change: Climate. Equity & the Future of Food on Friday, November 8th at Sullivan University.



Rotary Annual Meeting & Holiday Party: Dec 4



Our Rotary Holiday Party & Annual Meeting is set for the evening of Wednesday, December 4th.

We are changing things up a bit this year; the party will be at Hurstbourne Country Club, and we will have one of the highest-rated DJs in Louisville.

This is a can't miss event - be sure to Save the Date!

Events

October 17th, 10:30-11:30 AM

International Service Committee Meeting

October 22nd, 8:30

RHS Mentoring at Western High School

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY

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October 23rd, 5:30-6:30 PM Re:Center Ministries Dinner

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dr. Daniel Blatt

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Blatt, Infectious Disease Physician

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

Louisville Weekly Club Meeting: Soozie Eastman

Speaker: Soozie Eastman

Subject: Soozie Eastman, President, 502 Film

November 7th, 10:30-11:30 AM **DEI Committee Meeting**

November 13th, 8:45-9:45 AM

RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY

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November 14th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: DeVone Holt

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

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

October 23rd, 8:45-9:45 AM

RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY

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October 23rd, 5:30-7:30 PM

New Member Service Project at SOS

Comment: SOS 1500 Arlington Ave Louisville, KY 40206

October 31st, 9:00-2:00 PM INTERACT Blood Drive

Comment: Iroquois High School Gym 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville,

KY 40215

October 31st, 1:00-2:00 PM

Service Projects & Grants Committee Meeting

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 13th, 5:30-6:30 PM

Re:Center Ministries Dinner

November 19th, 8:30-9:30 AM

RHS Mentoring at Western High School

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY

Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: DeVone Holt, Muhammad Ali Center

November 21st, 11:00-11:45 AM <u>Lifeline Committee Meeting</u>

November 26th, 11:30-1:00 PM

Joint Meeting Hosted by Kiwanis Club

Speaker: N/A

December 4th, 6:00-10:00 PM

Rotary Holiday Celebration at Hurstbourne Country Club

December 11th, 5:30-6:30 PM Re:Center Ministries Dinner

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

January 2nd, 11:30-1:00 PM Happy Holidays - NO MEETING

Speaker: N/A

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

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Beth Stubbs

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Beth Stubbs, Rotary International Treasurer

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 30th, 11:30-1:00 PM

Mayor's State of the City Address

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: Condrad Daniels

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Condrad Daniels, President, HJI Supply Chain Solutions

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 28th, 11:30-1:00 PM

Happy Thanksgiving - NO MEETING

Speaker: N/A

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

NO MEETING due to Holiday Party 12/4

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 26th, 11:30-1:00 PM Happy Holidays - NO MEETING

Speaker: N/A

January 9th, 11:30-1:00 PM

RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Beverly Yanez

Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave

Louisville, KY 40208

Speaker: Beverly Yanez, Head Coach, Racing Louisville

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

RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY

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

RHS Mentoring at Western High School

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY

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February 6th, 10:30-11:30 AM **DEI Committee Meeting**

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

RHS Mentoring at Iroquois High School

Comment: Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Blvd Louisville, KY

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February 25th, 8:30

RHS Mentoring at Western High School

Aleksandra Dovedan

Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY

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Birthdays



Maggie Roth October 19th

October 21st

Robert L. Hallenberg

Diane Clark Curtis



Ramona Dallum October 19th



John R. Guthrie



October 22nd



Mark Lieberfreund October 24th



Ashley Brauer October 23rd

October 21st



Julie Scoskie James October 23rd



Matthew Boone Gardiner October 25th

Steven A. Eggers

October 21st

Bradley Leedy October 25th

October 24th

Mary Lang October 26th

Charles R.M. Farnsley October 26th

Barney A. Sutton October 26th





Mary Ellen Harned October 27th



Thomas H. Bohnert October 28th



Das Rooprai October 31st



Club Leaders



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