

# Rotary Club of Louisville



## Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

We still have a few meals available for tomorrow's meeting; email Tracy at [admin@louisvillerotary.org](mailto:admin@louisvillerotary.org) if you can join us. And the odds are pretty good right now to win the gift basket donated by Susan Zepeda - scroll down for the link to donate BEFORE 10:00am tomorrow to be in the drawing.

New in this issue:

- Rotary in the Spotlight
- IN MEMORIAM: Dr. James "Jim" Appleberry

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

- Donate winter accessories for our Haj Yasin family
- Help host a table for Imagination Library: 10/24, 10/26 or 11/16
- Volunteer or donate blood for our Interact Blood Drive at IHS: 10/31
- Help staff Rotary table at Louisville Sustainability Summit: 11/8
- Serve a meal at Re:Center Ministries: 11/13
- Mentor Rotary Honors Scholars at WHS and IHS: monthly, see below for dates

**Committee Meetings:**

- Service Projects & Grants: 10/31 at 1:00 p.m.
- DEI: 11/7 at 10:30 a.m.
- Lifeline: 11/21 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

- MELANnaire Marketplace Grand Opening 10/25
- Kentucky Refugee Ministries **Global Gourmet**: 10/25
- Whitney/Strong **A Night For Life**: 10/26
- Simmons College Homecoming Week: 11/4-9
- Canopy Good Business Summit: 11/20

In service,

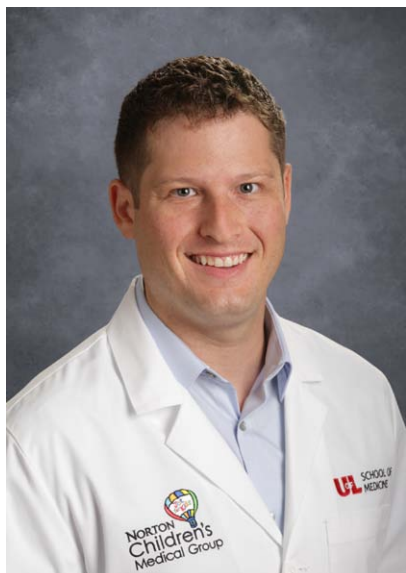
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delene E. Taylor".

Executive Director

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## This 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.

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

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## Next Week's Meeting: Soozie Eastman, President, 502 Film



Our October 31st meeting at the University Club Louisville will feature **Soozie Eastman**, President, 502 Film.

### ***"Spotlight on Growth: The Rise of Louisville and Kentucky's Film Industry"***

Join Soozie Eastman, Filmmaker and President of 502 Film, as she delves into the exciting evolution of the film industry in Louisville and across Kentucky. Soozie will share insights into the region's expanding role in the global film scene, explore the economic impact of film production in the area, and highlight opportunities for local talent, businesses, and communities. Discover how strategic partnerships, local policies, and a supportive creative ecosystem are propelling Kentucky into the cinematic spotlight.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, October 28th [HERE](#).

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.

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 17th Meeting Recap

The October 17th meeting at the University Club featured Eric Gregory with the Kentucky Distillers' Association. **Adam Fields** provided the invocation and **Dr. Melissa Chastain** led the pledge and 4-

way test. **Chris Nation** introduced Eric, who came with his pockets full of "rewards."



President-Elect **Ken Selvaggi** also presented a "Big Check" to Maria Gurren with the Imagination Library of Louisville, who we have partnered with for several years, helping more than 20,000 children receive books monthly. In addition to a \$5,000 grant, we provide volunteers to help new families enroll, at events around town where Imagination Library has a table or booth.

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

## IN MEMORIAM: Dr. James "Jim" Bruce Appleberry

Long-time Rotarian **Dr. James "Jim" Bruce Appleberry** died peacefully at Nazareth Home on Monday, October 21, at age 86 from complications of pancreatic cancer.

He served as Vice President of the Pittsburg, KS Club, and was a member of the Marquette, MI Club prior to transferring to our Club in August 2000. He was a Paul Harris Fellow.

His service will be at Second Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 26th with an open house reception to follow in the party room at 5800 Coach Gate Wynde in St. Matthews.

Read more about this amazing servant leader [HERE](#).





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## Last Chance To Win This Beautiful Gift Basket!

By Amy Luttrell



Remember, tomorrow at 10:00am is the last chance to donate to qualify for our drawing at the meeting for this gift basket donated by **Susan Zepeda**.

Tomorrow is **World Polio Day**. We have made tremendous progress since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched, but we won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.

To donate, click [HERE](#). Donations will count toward Paul Harris Fellow points and will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

[Read More](#)

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## Rotary in the Spotlight: West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit & Awards

Congratulations to **Kevin Fields** and the Louisville Central Community Centers team, including Rotarian **Kenya Wade**, who once again did an excellent job hosting the **8th Annual West Louisville Economic Mobility Summit** and **4th Annual Sam Watkins, Jr. "Light the Way" Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards** program on Friday, October 18th, which our Club helped support.

Rotarians in attendance included **Di Tran** who provided the invocation and President-Elect **Ken**

**Selvaggi** who presented the *Light the Way* Award for Acceleration & Growth to Shaun Spencer with Trimen Solutions, LLC. **Johnetta Roberts** won the award for Leadership. **Donnie Adkins** and **Aaron McGahee**, both past award winners, presented awards as well. **Dr. Swannie Jett** was a speaker and breakout session leader. **Delene Taylor** and **Thom Crimans** manned the Rotary table. A formal report will be issued, and the recordings will be on [YouTube](#).







View more photos [HERE](#).  
[Read More](#)

## Imagination Library Volunteer Opportunity

By Rick Harned



Our Youth & Education Committee has already helped the [Imagination Library Louisville](#) 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 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:

- **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](mailto:rickharned@gmail.com).

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## 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](#).

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

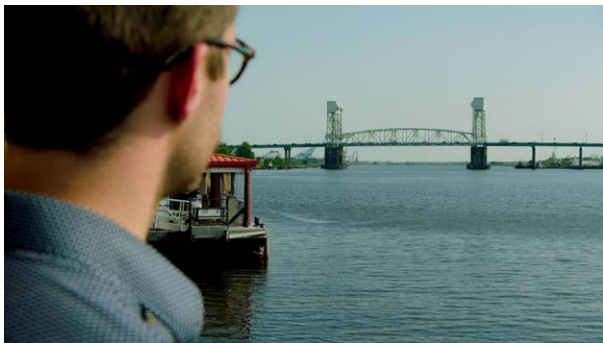
If you have any questions, Delene or I will be happy to help.

I hope EVERY member will be part of the MAGIC!

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## 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](mailto:larry.sloan@yahoo.com).

[Read More](#)

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## 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).

[Read More](#)



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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.

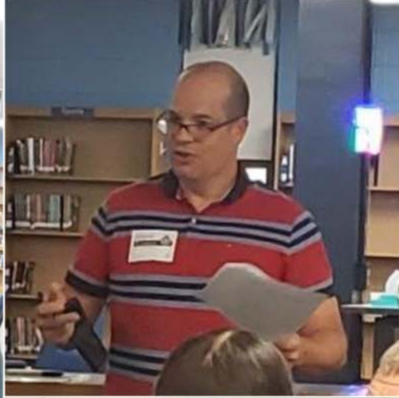
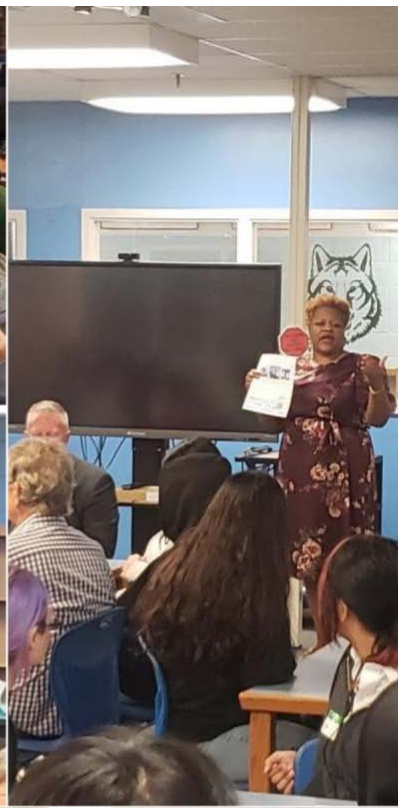
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## Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring: November 13 & 19

By Craig Mooney

Join us for our next two Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring sessions at Iroquois High School (11/13) Western High School (11/19).





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](#)

## 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!

## Speaker Lineup

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

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](#)

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## Events

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  
40215

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, 11:00-11:45 AM

[Lifeline Committee Meeting](#)

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

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  
40216

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

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  
40215

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

[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)

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

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

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 40215

February 25th, 8:30

**RHS Mentoring at Western High School**

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

**Birthdays**



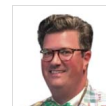
**Diane Clark Curtis**  
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**Mark Lieberfreund**  
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**Julie H. Schmidt**  
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**Matthew Boone Gardiner**  
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**Bradley Leedy**  
October 25th



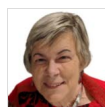
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**Mary Lang**  
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**Charles R.M. Farnsley**  
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**Mary Ellen Harned**  
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**Thomas H. Bohnert**  
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**Das Rooptai**  
October 31st

**Club Leaders**



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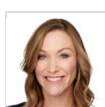
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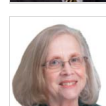
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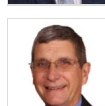
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