

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

Veterans and military members: please plan to join us next Thursday (Nov. 7) as we recognize and celebrate your service to our country.

New in this issue:

- Congrats to Polio Plus Gift Basket Winner
- Celebrating United Nations Day
- Joint Thanksgiving Meeting with Kiwanis Club
- October New Member Service Project at SOS

Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll for details):

- Volunteer or donate blood for our Interact Blood Drive at IHS: TODAY 10/31
- Help staff Rotary table at Louisville Sustainability Summit: 11/8
- Serve a meal at Re:Center Ministries: 11/13
- Help host a table for Imagination Library: 11/16
- 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.

Rotarians in the Spotlight:

- Canopy & Junior Achievement
- Nachand Trabue
- Goodwill Industries
- DeVone Holt
- Tawana Bain
- SOS
- Philip Koester
- Steve Rungwerth
- Leslie Smart

Member organizations' upcoming Events & Opportunities:

- Simmons College Homecoming Week: 11/4-9
- Canopy Good Business Summit: 11/20
- Waterfront Botanical Gardens Aglimmer: 11/29-12/30

In service,

Delene E Taylor

Executive Director

This 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.

The RSVP deadline has passed; please email admin@louisvillerotary.org

if you would like to attend.

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.

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

Next Week's Meeting: Angela Billings, Author, Command the Crisis



The November 7th meeting at the University Club will feature **Angela Billings**, Author, ***Command the Crisis***.

Angela will present her signature talk, "***Under Attack***", where she will walk us through crises she's experienced and provide her compelling take on how businesses can and should step into your crises.

We will have a special program to honor our veterans, so please plan to join us.

RSVP by NOON on Monday, November 4th [HERE](#).

The menu is spaghetti and meatballs; 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 24th Meeting Recap

The October 24th meeting at the University Club highlighted World Polio Day and featured Dr. Daniel Blatt. **Steve Jester** provided the invocation and **Chris Manzo** led the pledge and 4-way test. The Rotary Foundation Chair **Amy Luttrell** shared an update on the importance of supporting the Polio Plus fund in our final stretch to eradicate polio once and for all. **Adam Fields** introduced Dr. Blatt.



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

Welcome New Member

At last week's meeting, we inducted and welcomed new member **Graham Parker**, Chief Executive of the Louisville Orchestra. Click Read More to see his introduction.



[Read More](#)

Congrats to our Polio Plus Gift Basket Winner Craig Mooney!

By Amy Luttrell



Thank you to everyone that contributed to our Polio Plus fund for World Polio Day. Donations totaled over \$3,000 and are still coming in.

Craig Mooney was the lucky winner of the gift basket donated by **Susan Zepeda**.

You can still donate [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](#)

Celebrating United Nations Day

Our club, along with the United Nations Association of the USA, Kentucky Division, UofL, Kentucky Waterways Alliance, Rotary District 6710 and more, recognized United Nations Day, October 24, with a special event focused on PFAS Awareness.

Larry Sloan spoke on behalf of the Club and was presented with an award for his work on PFAS Awareness. Also representing the Club at the event were **Alex Novak**, **Max Bridges**, **Vinay Polepalli** and **Delene Taylor**.

Click Read More below for highlights of the program. If you are interested in joining our Environmental committee, contact Chair **Alex Novak** at anovak@iglou.com.



2024 UN Day PFAS Awareness Program
 October 28, 2024 (Monday)

WELCOME: Moderator, Teena Halbig, President United Nations Association of the USA Kentucky Division, www.unusa.org
 LWV of Louisville, Co-President Sandra Renner
 Invocation - Aaisha Hamid
 UN plus UNA-USA & Rotary - Rob Weber, Vice Pres. UNA-USA KY
 PROCLAMATIONS: 2 gubernatorial: UN Day & PFAS Awareness
 2 Mayoral-Sumedha Rao: UN Day & PFAS

SPONSORS: Rotary Club of Louisville - Larry Sloan
 Rotary 6710 District Governor Elect - Dorsey Ridley on zoom
 UofL Center for Integrative Environmental Health Sciences - Dr. States
 UofL Center for Healthy Air, Water, & Soil - Dr. Ted Smith

Co-Sponsors:
 UNA-USA Louisville Chapter President Dr. Tricia Gray & UNA at UofL
 Floyd's Fork Environmental Association - President Sheron Lear
 Kentucky Waterways Alliance - Executive Director Michael Washburn
 Greater Louisville Sierra Club - Terrell Holder, Immediate Past President

SPECIAL GUEST: Rob Bilott, famous attorney and author of *EXPOSURE*, portrayed by actor Mark Ruffalo in the documentary film, *DARK WATERS*.

KEYNOTE: Elijah Yetter-Bowman, CEO & Founder Ethereal Films, "GenX: The Saga of Forever Chemicals" Produced by Mark Ruffalo, wife, Sammy Bauer

BREAK

Dr. Clara Sears, UofL Assistant Professor of Medicine "PFAS Impacts on Maternal and Child Health"

Dr. Frederick Ekuban, UofL Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Pharmacology & Toxicology "Impact of PFAS and Lifestyle Influences on Health Outcomes"

CLOSING: Call to Action - Teena Halbig can be reached at TeenaHal@uol.com or 502 267-6883 and recommends calling (202) 225-3121 for Congressional Senate and House elected officials and contacting state and local officials. Talk to friends, etc. You must use your consumer power, too!

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 For Sustainable Development



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Joint Thanksgiving Meeting with Kiwanis Club: November 26

We are partnering again this year with the Kiwanis Club to share a Thanksgiving meal and fellowship on Tuesday, November 26th at Audubon Country Club. We will NOT be meeting on Thursday that week.

The speaker will be John Boel and we will also be kicking off our annual Salvation Army "**Battle of the Bells**" competition.

Plan to arrive at 11:30am for a traditional Thanksgiving feast. The cost is \$35 and we have been given a cutoff of NOON on Monday, November 18th to submit the final headcount. You can RSVP [HERE](#). Unfortunately, for this meeting, there is no option to attend without purchasing lunch.

October New Member Service Project at SOS

By Jay Mallory

Thanks to all who came out for our October new member service partnership with SOS. We had the great pleasure of meeting Dr. Seth Wanye, Founder & Medical Director of Friends Eye Care Center in Tamale, Ghana, serving the Northern & Volta regions. Dr. Wanye & **Denise Sears** began their partnership 10 years ago and the lives they've made a difference in are in the thousands!



[Read More](#)

Be Part of The Magic of Rotary!

By Lori Hudson Flanery



MAGIC ALL AROUND

21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

Register today at convention.rotary.org

#Rotary25

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!

Please Support Our INTERACT Blood Drive: TODAY!

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 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.

TODAY is our blood drive at Iroquois HS. 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](#)

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.

Re:Center Ministries Meal Service: November 13

By Larry Sloan



Thanks to Delene and Laurie Bottiger (and friend) for serving this month.

Our next [Re:Center Ministries](#) meal service will be **Wednesday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m. at 757 S Brook St.**

This will be an opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving with our friends going through the rehab program at Re:Center. The Holiday Season is a tough time for many, including those with addictions. Joining these men for an early Thanksgiving meal makes me grateful for all the gifts of God's grace.

Our Club provides the main meal prepared by Kingsley Catering. We need volunteers to bring drinks, salad, rolls, and desserts, which are usually fruit pies from Kroger. But ABOVE ALL, we just need a few more Rotarians to participate in serving the meal and sitting down with the men to break bread.

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

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) and 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

[Read More](#)

Imagination Library Volunteer Opportunity: November 16

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:

- **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 Annual Meeting & Holiday Party: Dec 4



Our **Rotary Annual Meeting & Holiday Party** 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!

11/14 DeVone Holt, Muhammad Ali Center

11/21 Jon Carloftis, Jon Carloftis Fine Gardens

11/26 Rotary / Kiwanis combined meeting at Audubon Country Club on Tuesday w/speaker John Boel

12/4 Rotary Holiday Party & Annual Meeting at Hurstbourne Country Club on Wednesday evening

12/12 Lance Burton, Master Magician

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

Events

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

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

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

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

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

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: Conrad Daniels

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

Speaker: Conrad Daniels, President, HJI Supply Chain Solutions

Birthdays



Das Rooprai
October 31st



Joseph Yearby Jr.
November 2nd



Molly Smith
November 3rd



Thom S. Crimans
November 3rd

Ann Wells
November 7th

Gill Holland
November 7th

Ken Selvaggi
November 8th

Patty Belden
November 8th



Peter B. Lanham III
November 8th



Sarah Hugenberg
November 8th



Daniel Aziz
November 8th



Cynthia Knapek
November 9th



Kenneth Richard
Grossman
November 9th



Ty J Handy
November 10th



Michael J. Kull
November 10th



Cynthia Caudill
November 12th



Kirt Jacobs
November 13th



John M. Bush
November 13th



Tod Sedgwick
November 13th



David Snyder
November 14th



David M. Burkholder
November 14th



Frederic T. Harned
November 14th



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