

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

Whew! I took a break to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday and spend time with my daughter who was in town from Spokane, and WOW - there is a lot of news and hundreds of emails to catch up on!

I was incredibly sad to learn of the passing of Barry Barker, truly one of our best darn presidents ever! What a huge loss for our club and community.

We had a lovely time together this week at our annual meeting and holiday party - thank you to all who celebrated with us and made it such a fun evening, and especially to our Social Activities Committee for planning the event. I'll share highlights and photos next week.

I know December is a super busy time for everyone, so we are extending the deadline to submit your Magic campaign points reports for November until January 10 - you can submit November and December activity together in one report at that time.

We only have TWO more regular meetings this year! I hope everyone can join us to celebrate the magic of the season and Rotary with Master Magician Lance Burton next Thursday, December 12th - it's a great time to invite a guest. Dr. Kevin Cosby will be our speaker on December 19th; watch for the link soon. We will NOT meet on December 26th or January 2nd; regular weekly meetings will resume on January 9th.

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Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll for details):

- Serve a meal at Re:Center Ministries: 12/11
- Sign up to be a bell ringer: 12/14 or 21
- Mentor Rotary Honors Scholars at WHS and IHS: monthly, see below for dates

Committee Meetings:

- Speakers: 12/19 at 10:15 a.m.

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

In service,

Deleene E. Taylor

Executive Director

December 12th Meeting: Lance Burton, Master Magician



The December 12 meeting at the University Club will feature **Lance Burton, Master Magician**.

"The Art of Illusion: Discovering the Magic in Every Moment"

Join Kentucky's own Lance Burton, Master Magician, for an unforgettable experience as he dazzles with his extraordinary illusions and shares stories from his remarkable career. Prepare to witness the wonder of magic that has captivated audiences worldwide.

The menu is salmon and spinach orzo with a lemon cream sauce; a salad with grilled chicken or a vegetarian/vegan and/or gluten-free option is available upon advance request.

Please register by Monday, December 9th [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](#)

IN MEMORIAM: J. Barry Barker

Long-time Rotarian and past president **J. Barry Barker** passed away on December 2nd. He joined the club on January 1, 1996, and served as the 2018-2019 Club President. He was a Paul Harris Fellow +4 and a member of the Paul Harris Society. He received the 2019-2020 Lifetime Service Award.

Barry led the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) as Executive Director for more than 20 years and was a national leader and advocate for public transit, particularly in the areas of accessibility and affordability.

Please take a moment to read more about his incredible legacy and impact [HERE](#).

We will have a moment of silence in memory of Barry at our meeting on Thursday. Memorial services are planned for January 2025.



New 2025-2026 Club and Fund Officers and Directors Elected

By President-Elect Ken Selvaggi

Please join me in welcoming our new 2025-2026 Club and Fund officers and directors:



**P/E BARBARA
SEXTON SMITH**



**JAY MALLORY
SECRETARY**



**SUSAN ZEPEDA
(FUND BOARD)**



**CHRISTEN
BOONE**



**KENT
WEYLAND**



**STEVE
JESTER**



**JEFF
UNDERHILL**

Thank you to all who voted!

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University Club Staff Appreciation

Let's show our appreciation to the staff at the University Club for all they do to help with our room setup and meal service each week!

Please **bring cash** to our next two meetings - there will be envelopes on the tables and at check in for you to contribute to our staff appreciation gift. If you will not be there on Thursday or would prefer to donate online, you can do so [HERE](#). Adjust the quantity in increments of \$1 and please make any online contributions no later than Monday, December 16th so we have time to cash it out.

Nominate a Member for the Rotary Lifetime Service Award

By Karen Morrison

The Rotary **Lifetime Service Award** honors a member who has exhibited a personal dedication to the pursuit of Rotary's values in one or more of Rotary's avenues of service. It recognizes a Rotarian's full body of service both to Rotary and to other organizations in the community, region and beyond. This award is presented annually to a Rotarian who: has been a member for at least 10 years and has demonstrated a lifelong adherence to Rotary's Service Above Self ideals.

Last year's recipient was **Dr. Linda Bartrom-Moore**.

Download the nomination form [HERE](#).

Note: We will begin accepting nominations for the **Rotarian of the Year Award** as we get closer to the end of our Rotary year in June.



November 21st & 26th Meetings Recap

The November 21st meeting at the University Club featured Jon Carloftis, Past President (and one of the best darn presidents ever!) **Kevin Lynch** provided the invocation and **Melissa Cobb** led the pledge and 4-way test. **Vernon Foster** provided the introduction.



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

Thanks to all who joined us for the November 26th Thanksgiving luncheon with the Kiwanis Club. Click [Read More](#) below for the excerpt from Kiwanis Club President Kevin Beckman's recap of the meeting.



[Read More](#)

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

By Amy Luttrell

At our November 21st meeting, Rotary Foundation Committee Chair **Amy Luttrell** recognized **Bob Slider** who achieved Paul Harris Fellow +1 status, and his wife Laura, who is a new Paul Harris Fellow.



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.

Rotaract Club News

By Linda Bartrom-Moore

We inducted new Louisville Rotaract Club members at our November 21st meeting.



Our Louisville Rotaract Club recently held its first INTERNATIONAL meeting with the Rotaract club of Nepal! Rick Harned & I are excited to share that twelve young folks were in attendance, and it was an amazing meeting with a follow-up planned for December 13. International projects are under discussion, and we look forward to establishing an ongoing relationship. Our recent clothing drive resulted in enough items to donate to TWO charities, both Goodwill and a veterans homeless shelter. We are so blessed with these outstanding young adults!

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Support the Western HS Interact Club Food Drive

By Rick Harned

Our very active Interact Club at Western High School is collecting non-perishable foods for their Family Resource Youth Service Center in the community until December 19. Rotarians can help! Please check the accompanying "wish list" for something you can conveniently bring to our December 12 Club meeting at the U of L Alumni Center, and bring it in! All donations will be taken immediately to Western for their drive.



WESTERN HIGHLAND SCHOOL

Winter FOOD PANTRY

WISH LIST

Turkeys * Ham * Bags of Rice * Bags of Beans * Pasta & Noodles * Cereal * Crackers * Granola/Fruit Bars * Single Mac & Cheese Cups * Baking Mix/Bisquick * Syrup/Jelly * Potatoes * Cookies * Fruits * Hot Chocolate

Accepting from November 25th till December 19th

Interact   

Donations can be given to Mrs. Powell or Ms. Holton

Re:Center Ministries Meal Service: December 11

By Larry Sloan

Our next [Re:Center Ministries](#) meal service will be this **Wednesday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m. at 757 S Brook St.**

Thanks to President-Elect **Ken Selvaggi** who served the meal last month along with **Hulyn Farr**, **David Snyder** and **Craig Scherman**!



This is an opportunity to celebrate 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 holiday 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.

It's Time for the 2024 Battle of the Bells

By George Brakmeier

It's time for our annual "*Battle of the Bells*" competition with the Kiwanis Club!

Join us for this service opportunity at the Holiday Manor Kroger on US 42. You can choose one or more of the shifts below - we need 4 volunteers for each shift and guests/children are welcome.

Saturday, December 7, 14, 21

Shifts are from 9:00 to 10:30, 10:30 to noon, noon to 1:30, 1:30 to 3:00

Register in DaCdb:

December 14 - click [HERE](#)

December 21 - click [HERE](#)

If you can't take a shift but want to help us win the challenge, swing by one of these Saturdays, drop some coins or bills, and cheer us on! Or, you can make a donation [HERE](#).

For more information, my cell phone is 502-552-2002.



Rotary Honors Scholars Mentoring: January 22 & 28

By Craig Mooney

Join us for our next two Rotary Honors Scholars mentoring sessions at Iroquois High School (January 22) Western High School (January 28).



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](#)

Speaker Lineup

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

12/19 Dr. Kevin Cosby, Simmons College

12/26 & 1/2 Holiday break

1/9 Beverly Yanez, Head Coach, Racing Louisville

1/16 Beth Stubbs, Rotary International Treasurer

1/23 Dr. Ty Handy, JCTC

1/30 Mayor Greenberg's annual "State of the City" Address to Rotary

2/6 Jake Cannon, Kroger
 2/13 Conrad Daniels, HJI Supply Chain Solutions
 2/20 Jennifer Hancock, Volunteers of America
 2/27 Dawne Gee, WAVE Anchor, A Recipe to End Hunger Co-founder

Events

December 11th, 5:30-6:30 PM
[Re:Center Ministries Dinner](#)

December 14th, 9:00-3:00 PM
[Bell Ringing Benefiting Salvation Army](#)
Comment: Kroger on Holiday Manor (US42)

December 21st, 9:00-3:00 PM
[Bell Ringing Benefiting Salvation Army](#)
Comment: Kroger on Holiday Manor (US42)

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

February 25th, 8:30
[RHS Mentoring at Western High School](#)
Comment: Western High School 2501 Rockford Ln Louisville, KY 40216

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 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, 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 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Jennifer Hancock](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Jennifer Hancock, Volunteers of America

February 27th, 11:30-1:00 PM
[RCoL Weekly Club Meeting: Dawne Gee](#)
Comment: University Club of Louisville 200 E Brandeis Ave Louisville, KY 40208
Speaker: Dawne Gee, WAVE Anchor, A Recipe to End Hunger Co-founder

Birthdays



Scott Neff
December 10th



Willie Billingslea III
December 14th



Thomas K Stone
December 15th



Harry Louis Seeger V
December 18th



Jennifer Hancock
December 18th



Sam Cilone
December 19th



Tawana Bain
December 19th



Aaron Miller
December 19th

Tracy Evette Davis,

Adam Fields

Anuj Rastogi

Morgan McGarvey



JD, CDP
December 21st



December 22nd



December 23rd



December 23rd



David Y. Wood
December 23rd



Nima Kulkarni
December 23rd



T. Vernon Foster
December 23rd



Dorn Crawford
December 25th



Demetrius Wingate
December 27th



Barry D Sears
December 28th



Michael B. Vincenti
December 28th



Lisa DeJaco Crutcher
December 28th



Ronald V Gallo
December 29th



Kimberly Mallory
December 31st



David C. Dick
December 31st



Trudy Wheeler
December 31st

Club Leaders



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President-Elect



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Secretary



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