

Rotary Club of Louisville



Note from Delene | In This Issue

Rotary Family,

So why are you getting Sparks on Saturday?? Because the stats show that a lot more of you read (or at least opened) it last Saturday...a whopping 75%! Thanks for including Rotary in your weekend; we're gonna try it again.

We had a packed room for Thursday's "magical" meeting with Lance Burton, and we only have one more meeting this year - please join us next Thursday to hear from Dr. Kevin Cosby.

I'm finalizing my 2024 contributions this month with my annual donations to the Rotary Fund of Louisville and The Rotary Foundation, as well as my pledge to the West Louisville Housing Initiative. If you haven't done so yet, scroll down for the "how to" info.



We are planning two of our Club's signature events: the Mayor's annual *State of the City* address on January 30th at the Kentucky Performing Arts Center and - believe it or not - it's already time to start selling tickets to our annual Day at the Downs on Wednesday, April 30th, as we have to guarantee our space and make a 50% deposit payment to Churchill Downs by January 6th! Save the dates and stay tuned for the links to register.

New in this issue:

- Rotary Annual Meeting & Holiday Party Highlights
- Year End Contribution Information

Service Above Self Opportunities (scroll for details):

- Sign up to be a bell ringer: 12/21
- 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.

Events and Opportunities:

- Waterfront Botanical Gardens
- Leadership Louisville Center

In service,

Delene E. Taylor

Executive Director

December 19th Meeting: Dr. Kevin Cosby, President of Simmons College



The December 19 meeting at the University Club will feature **Dr. Kevin Cosby**, President of Simmons College.

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

Please register by Monday, December 16th [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](#)

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 meeting - 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. Thanks to all who have already donated!

2024 Annual Meeting & Holiday Party Highlights



The survey results are in...the holiday party earned a 4.5 (out of 5) star overall rating by attendees!

President **Lori Hudson Flanery** rang the bell to call our 2024 Annual Meeting to order and she and President-Elect **Ken Selvaggi** announced the outcome of the election, introducing our new 2025-2026 Club and Fund officers and directors.

The [Name That Tune game](#) resulted in a very entertaining [sing and dance-off tiebreaker](#), then our DJ Kenny Sauter with [Masters of Music](#) led us in a couple of games of [Heads or Tails](#). **Jeff and Mo Underhill** made the "Most Festive Attire" contest a lot of fun. To kick off the dancing, former Dancing with the Stars contestant **Ray Strothman** [showed off his dance moves](#) with his wife Carolyn. The dancing continued with the [Electric Slide](#). Click [Read More](#) to see the winners and more photos:
[Read More](#)

Year End Contribution information

By Delene Taylor

Thank you to the many of you that have already made contributions this Rotary year, which began July 1. If you haven't done so yet and would like to get them in for tax purposes before December 31, here is some information that will be helpful.

There are two 501(c)3 foundations - our local **Rotary Fund of Louisville**, and the international **Rotary Foundation** (also referred to as **TRF**).

We ask that every member contribute \$100 each Rotary year to both foundations. Click [Read More](#) for the "how to" ... [Read More](#)

December 12th Meeting Recap

The December 12th meeting at the University Club featured Master Magician Lance Burton. **Bob Slider** provided the invocation and **Sandra Dodge** led the pledge and 4-way test. **Alisa Gray** introduced Lance, who introduced his furry companion Rocky. If you would like a calendar like the one he gave away or to see his full magic show, visit [his website](#).



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

Rotary Grant Supports Literacy at West End School

Rotary Fund Chair **Kevin Lynch** and Rotary Youth & Education Committee Chair **Walt Kunau** presented the "big check" (and a regular-sized one too) to **Dr. Greg Ross** and Adrienne Dubins from the West End School at Thursday's meeting.

You can watch the video and learn more [HERE](#). Click Read More below to see photos of Rotarians reading with 8th grade students. If you would like to volunteer for this inspiring and rewarding opportunity to invest in youth, please contact Walt at wkunau@bellsouth.net.



[Read More](#)

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

By Amy Luttrell

At our November 21st meeting, Rotary Foundation Committee Chair **Amy Luttrell** recognized **Walt Kunau** who achieved Paul Harris Fellow +4 status, and **Charlie Mattingly**, 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](#). Our Club number is 3735 and our District number is 6710. You can reach out to Foundation Committee leaders Amy Luttrell or Mike Kull to check your status.

2024 Battle of the Bells: One Saturday Left!

By George Brakmeier

Join us for our annual "*Battle of the Bells*" competition with the Kiwanis Club at the Holiday Manor Kroger on US 42. We have one Saturday left this year: December 21st. Shifts are from 9:00 to 10:30, 10:30 to noon, noon to 1:30, 1:30 to 3:00; guests/children are welcome.

Register in DaCdb [HERE](#) or contact me. My cell phone is 502-552-2002.

If you can't take a shift but want to help us win the challenge, swing by today or next Saturday, drop some coins or bills, and cheer us on! Or, you can make a donation [HERE](#). Thanks to all who have volunteered so far!



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 19 Club meeting at the U of L Alumni Center, and bring it in! All donations will be taken immediately to Western for their drive!



The poster features a green background with white snowflakes. At the top center is the Western High School logo. Below it, the word "Winter" is written in a white cursive font, followed by "FOOD PANTRY" in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Underneath is the heading "WISH LIST" in white. The list of items includes: 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. Below the list, it says "Accepting from November 25th till December 19th". At the bottom, there is an illustration of a cardboard donation box overflowing with various food items like a watermelon, bread, and a carton of milk. To the left of the box is the "Interact" logo, and to the right is the "FRYSC" logo (Family Resource Youth Service Center). A yellow banner at the very bottom states: "Donations can be given to Mrs. Powell or Ms. Holton".

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.



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!

12/26 & 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

Events

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 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



Willie Billingslea III
December 14th



Thomas K Stone
December 15th



Harry Louis Seeger V
December 18th



Jennifer Hancock
December 18th



Aaron Miller
December 19th



Sam Cilone
December 19th



Tawana Bain
December 19th



Tracy Evette Davis,
JD, CDP
December 21st



Adam Fields
December 22nd



Nima Kulkarni
December 23rd



David Y. Wood
December 23rd



Anuj Rastogi
December 23rd

T. Vernon Foster
December 23rd

Morgan McGarvey
December 23rd

Dorn Crawford
December 25th



Demetrius Wingate
December 27th



Barry D Sears
December 28th



Lisa DeJaco Crutcher
December 28th



Michael B. Vincenti
December 28th



Ronald V Gallo
December 29th



Kimberly Mallory
December 31st



Trudy Wheeler
December 31st



David C. Dick
December 31st



Jeremy Vokurka
January 4th



Rudolph Spencer
January 5th



Charles Lambert
January 5th



Carl Coslow
January 5th



Lori Hudson Flanery
January 6th



Neville Blakemore
January 7th



Courtney Evans
January 9th



Bill Stone
January 9th

Club Leaders



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President



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President-Elect



Kevin Fields Sr
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