

# Rotary



## Club of Crossville Noon



### Speakers

**March 13, 2025**

Lydia Wimsatt  
TN Businesses Against  
Trafficking

**March 20, 2025**

Jan Sellers  
Mental Health Awareness

**March 27, 2025**

Dana Gamby  
Scouting

**April 03, 2025**

Pam Burris  
Kids on the Rise

**April 10, 2025**

Jeff Townsend  
Rotary Foundation

### Events

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### Birthdays

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### Wedding Anniversaries

Oscar A. Perron  
April 7th

Charlotte A Goodwin  
April 8th

### Club Officers



Brooke T. Shaffer  
President



Sarah L. Hazelton  
President - Elect

Debbie Albin  
President - Nominee  
Vice President

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Crossville  
Meets at The Crossville Depot Community Room

Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

## BACK TO THE DEPOT FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

The club will go back to the Depot for Thursday's meeting. It has met at the Palace Theater the last two weeks because of damage to downtown buildings caused by recent storms. The club thanks the Palace for accommodating us.

## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The Cumberland County Rotary Foundation has approved \$6,000 for scholarships this year, according to scholarship Chair Larry Doster. That means each of the three clubs in the county will get \$2,000 for additional scholarships, he said. Scholarship applications are coming in at a rapid pace, with the deadline to submit applications April 1, he said.

## UKRAINE SITUATION HAS PREVIOUS SPEAKER IN LIMBO

Below is an update Holly Hanson received from the woman who came to speak to our club about her experience in the war in Ukraine.

*The past few weeks have been such a rollercoaster. My husband got discharged from the army, meaning he could easily come here, which was the greatest news we all had been waiting for for so long...Only now he can't, because the program we were hoping would bring him here got suspended. My status also expires in a month. I have applied for an extension, however, they are currently not processing any applications from the Ukrainians who were paroled under Biden's administration. They found some fraud in a similar program for Latin America which prompted them to put all the programs on hold until the investigation is complete.*

*There have been talks about revoking legal status for the Ukrainians, putting them on a fast track to deportation. However, a decision has not been made on that yet. All I can do at the moment is just monitor any updates on immigration policies and programs. I hope everything works out somehow and they make a decision in our favor.*

*My biggest hope is to get a work visa through my employer. I know they're considering it, but once again, no decision has been made yet.*

*The hardest part of it all is just the uncertainty and lack of control over your life. I don't know what to expect - hence I don't know what to do. If nothing is going to work out, we might have to consider some other countries. Our last resort will be going back to Ukraine and just making the escape plan in case things go bad - but that's not the life I want to live.*

*I'm keeping my hopes high though!  
In the end, everything is going to be okay. And if it's not okay - then it's not the end ??*

*Sincerely,  
Julie Trykhan*



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## ROYAL FAMILY KIDS GIVES FOSTER KIDS TASTE OF CAMP

Some kids in foster care never get to go swimming. Some do not know when their birthdays are.

But, for one week in the summer, if they are selected, they'll get a week to experience summer camp and all its activities -- including one big birthday celebration at which all kids get a gift. Joe and Sandi Simon told the club last week about Royal Family Kids, an international program that gives kids in foster care a taste of what it's like to be a "normal" kid.

RFK is an international organization that is just starting up in Crossville, they said. It is a Christian organization, sponsored locally by Redemption Church.

Kids have to apply, as do prospective counselors and other staff, they said.

Nationally, more than a half-million kids are in foster care, including about 8,000 in Tennessee and 750 in Cumberland County. This year, 24 kids will get to go to camp June 29 to July 4. To keep the kids safe from intruders, the camp's location was not revealed.

All costs will be covered, so the organization needs donations and volunteers. If you would like more information, check the links below:

Our needs list link is:

[Royal Family Kids Camp Supplies | Amazon Gift List amazon.com](#)

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Our physical needs list is:

[drive.google.com](#)

And to financially donate go to:

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