

THE SPOKE DISTRICT 6740 NEWSLETTER

Rotary



Progress in the Fight Against Polio is Proof Vaccines Work

From 12 cases of wild poliovirus every 15 minutes in 1988 to 12 cases total in 2023, mass immunization campaigns led by Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners have reduced the incidence of polio by 99.9% worldwide over the past 35 years.

Through the science of immunization, over 20 million children have been prevented from becoming paralyzed by polio. That’s why as we approach World Immunization Week at the end of April, as a Rotary member, I am pleased to recognize this progress as proof that vaccines work.

However, polio anywhere is a threat everywhere, and I ask everyone to help us finish the job and end polio for good to ensure that this paralyzing disease does not return to polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk.

From encouraging vaccine acceptance, to sharing factual vaccination information, to calling on elected officials to fund polio eradication efforts, there are so many ways in which we can each support immunization as the foundation of a polio-free world. Let’s all do our part to prevent polio outbreaks in our own communities and continue the march toward ending polio for good.

We have an opportunity to make history by ending only the second human disease after smallpox, and the time for action is now – visit endpolio.org to learn more about how you can get involved.



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Did You Know?

Mental Health Moment

Have you taken any time lately to think about your relationship with yourself? Now is the time to leave behind some bad behaviors and focus on “getting right” with yourself. I found a few healthy self-talk tips in the February issue of Tops magazine.

1) Stop comparing yourself to others.

Some people are motivated to achieve through others’ success. For the rest of us, it feels like an ever-moving goalpost in an impossible to win competition.

Social media and LinkedIn make it virtually impossible to shut out messages that we’re not doing enough. Theodore Roosevelt once said, “Comparison is the thief of joy.”

When you catch yourself measuring yourself by the yardstick of others, take some time to reflect on your own successes and goals. If it helps, write a list of things you’re proud of and keep it handy for these moments.

2) Stop ruminating.

Each of us has our regrets. But ruminating on the “coulda, woulda, shoulda” of life can make anyone miserable. We all make mistakes and miss opportunities.

But staying stuck in the self-blame prevents you from accepting the reality of your life or having hope for the future.

When you start thinking about what might’ve been “if only,” stop that train of thought in its tracks. Shift your focus to forgiving yourself for past choices and embracing making the best of the present moment – while using what you’ve learned to make better choices going forward.

3) Stop being mean to yourself.

Almost all of us is guilty of talking about ourselves in ways we would never talk about a friend. There is nothing wrong with having goals for self-improvement, but harsh, negative self-talk is absolutely out of bounds.

Accept every part of yourself as part of the wonderful, amazing, dynamic, talented whole. That doesn’t mean loving and celebrating each facet of yourself; rather, it means being able to see “negatives” in a neutral way – and without talking trash about yourself.



5 Star Club Criteria

Are You a

5 Star Club?

(Criteria Revised March 23, 2024)

To receive recognition as one of our district's prestigious **5-Star Clubs**, your club must meet a set of standards which go above and beyond what is expected from clubs in our district. This honor announces to Rotarians throughout the district that your club has met the highest standards in Rotary.

To be recognized on this level, a club must meet a total of **15** out of the following criteria in the Five Avenues of Service. While **each of the Five Avenues of Service must be represented in that total of 15, at least two of the 15 criteria must be from Club Service.**

These activities must be able to be documented in the Rotary year July 1, 2023 – May 1, 2024. The recipients for this award will be recognized at the District Conference May 18, 2024.

Club Service

- Show 10% increase in membership by May 1, 2024. This is based upon starting membership numbers as of July 1, 2023.
- Show increase in the number of Paul Harris Fellows
- Show increase in the number of Paul Harris Society members
- Show increase in the number of women in the club
- Maintain or create a FB page
- Maintain or create a club newsletter
- Be an "Every Rotarian, Every Year" club
- Show an increase (from last Rotary year) in TRF Annual Fund giving of 10%
- Show an increase (from last Rotary year) in PolioPlus giving of 10%

Community Service

- Participate in a minimum of 3 community service projects in this Rotary year
- Initiate a brand new community service project
- Partner with another community organization on a project



5 Star Club

International Service

- Participate in a Global Grant
- Participate in a Heart to Heart project in Mexico
- Purchase at least one Shelter Box
- Hold a World Polio Day activity/event/program
- Sponsor a club member to the Rotary International Convention
- Support a Rotary Peace Fellow

Vocational Service

- Present a special program at a club meeting during Vocational Service Month (January) on that theme
- Honor a non-Rotarian businessperson in your community for their service
- Create a “Take a Student to Work” day
- Invite a member to do a “Classification Talk” to promote vocational awareness in your club
- Organize a tour of a member’s workplace to recognize the value of a vocation
- Invite members of Rotaract or Interact to a special vocational meeting
- Post the Four-Way Test on a prominent billboard in your community
- Sponsor a Four Way Test Essay contest in a local school
- Sponsor a Career Day for students at a local school
- Honor a “Community Business Partner of the Year”
- Sponsored a networking event to attract new members

Youth Service

- Send a young person to a foreign country through RYE (Outbound student)
- Host a Rotary Youth Exchange student (Inbound student)
- Coordinate a Rotary Short Term Exchange for a student in your community
- Involve young people in a service project
- Sponsor a Rotaract club
- Sponsor an Interact club
- Sponsor a student essay contest on “Service Above Self” or the 4-Way Test
- Award a young person a college scholarship
- Sponsor a Career Day for students
- Send a student to RYLA
- Sponsor an Empowering Youth program (boys or girls)

*Submit your club’s self-nomination before May 1, 2024! Send to me at jclarkrotary6740@gmail.com

I realize that becoming a 5-Star Club is not easy – it was not intended to be! This honor will recognize the most progressive, active club or clubs in our district.

Questions? Give me a buzz!

DG Jeanne



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

Registration Open!

Rotary District 6740 Conference

“A Year of Service - A Year of Hope”

Saturday May 18, 2024

Hilton Double Tree Richmond Road Lexington, KY

- 3:00 – 4:00 p Business Meeting
- 4:00 – 5:30 p Reception honoring members of less than 2 years and more than 25!
- Blue Groove Jazz Band
- The Magic of Roger Wayne Despard
- Silent Auction
- 6:30 p Chef-curated Italian Buffet Dinner
- Keynote Speaker Dale Smith Thomas – world renowned motivational speaker and best-selling [author](#)
- Recognitions and Awards
- Dr. Gregory Turay – internationally acclaimed tenor
- 9:30 p Closing

Friends. . . . Fun. . . . Fellowship

"A Year of Service - A Year of Hope" District Conference



2023-2024

"A Year of Service - A Year of Hope"

District 6740 Conference Registration Form

Rotarian's Name _____

Rotary Club of _____ Rotary Title _____

Name on Badge _____ Spouse/Guest's Name _____

Your Name if you are registering as a Friend of Rotary _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Mobile _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION April 30

The registration fee of \$75 per adult includes the reception and dinner on Saturday night.

Number of participants ____ x \$75 = \$ _____

Enclosed is a check totaling \$ _____

Dietary requests: _____

- Make check payable to District 6740 Conference and mail to:
John Hutchings, District Treasurer 99 Edgemont Rd. Maysville, KY 41056
- A block of rooms is being held at the Hilton Double Tree on Richmond Rd. at \$149 for a double. For reservations, call 859-268-0060 and mention Rotary District 6740 Conference.

Club Growth Data

District 6740
Club Growth Data
Updated at end of Feb. 2024

Increased Membership

Georgetown +26%
Louisa +13%
Somerset +13%
Ashland +12%
Falmouth +11 %
West Liberty +11%
Whitesburg +10%
Maysville +9%
Hazard +8%
Richmond +8%
Stanford +8%
Winchester +8%
Morehead +7%
Corbin +6%
Florence +6%
Cynthiana +5%
Russell +4%
Fleming Co. +3%

No Gain/Loss
7 clubs

Lost Membership
9 clubs

EACH ONE BRING ONE



Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 20 (Sat) RYLA
Life Adventure Center, Versailles, KY

April 27 (Sat) Corbin-London International Dinner
Corbin Arena 7p

May 9 (Thur) Pikeville RC Taste of the World
Appalachian Wireless Arena 6p

May 18 (Sat) District 6740 Conference
Hilton Double Tree, Richmond Rd., Lexington
(See dacdb or district newsletter for details and registration)

June 1 (Sat) The Rotary Foundation Annual Event
Satellite locations



Message from PDG Seema Sachdeva

Hello fellow Rotary members! I wanted to give an update on the Global Grant for preventing gender based violence in Uganda that was supported by D6740 in 2023.

The grant was sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Columbia South (D6080) and Rotary Club of Kasangati Uganda (D9213) in partnership with Magenta Girls Initiative (MGI) and Mengo Youth development Link to empower at-risk women through training and education to work outside of commercial and coercive sex to support themselves and their children in a safe and sustainable way. The target group is 70 at-risk identified women and their 130 children in Mengo-Kisenyi Slum in Kampala City, Uganda. Jennifer Montgomery and Gorett Komurembe are Rotary Peace Scholars and co-founders of MGI with expertise in promoting gender equality and women empowerment who are involved in implementing this grant. The project was valued at \$159,709. We are proud that our District provided \$10,000 of DDF along with a personal gift of \$2000 from Rakesh and myself.

According to the report from Jennifer Montgomery, the project was launched on November 21, 2023 in Kampala along with the host Rotary club and a community partner. It was a great event and well attended. The vocational skills training for the 70 women began in December. The work had started on setting up the Gender Based Violence crisis center and planning curriculum for the community awareness training that will be held in the project location in March and August of this year. Further updates will be shared in the next few months.

Congratulations to the entire team for the great work on this tremendous project. I want to extend my sincere gratitude for your generous support of The Rotary Foundation.





Kabanda (right) upon arrival at the function

ROTARY PARTNERS WITH CBOS TO **SKILL** FORMER SEX WORKERS

By Gabriel Adusa

Hope, determination, resolve and commitment filled the air as a rehabilitation process for several former sex workers was launched at Nakivubo Blue Primary School in Kampala on Tuesday.

The beneficiaries danced in excitement on receiving the news that Kasangati Rotary Club working with the Columbia South Rotary was launching a skilling and mentorship initiative that will see over 80 women previously engaged in sex trade evolve to safe and non-dehumanising economic activities.

Mengo Youth Development League (MYDEL), an umbrella of women, single mothers and vulnerable children and Magenta Girls Initiative, are the local organisations that will identify the vulnerable women to benefit from the initiative.

The president of the Rotary Club of Kasangati, Fredrick Katandwe, said Magenta Girls Initiative and MYDEL will be the people overseeing the project.

The chairperson of Magenta Girls Initiative, Veronica Namataka, said five years ago, she was poor and had no hope of a good life. However, when the initiative identified her and put her in training, she managed to change her life and she no longer calls herself a ghetto woman.

She singled out the director of Magenta Girls Initiative, Jennifer Montgomery, whom the women call 'Mum' alias Namakula as an honour for her selfless contribution and to fully assimilate her into their local community.

"When I heard the message

SUPPORT

The Minister of Kampala Capital City and Metropolitan Affairs, Minsa Kabanda, asked the women to watch their health by avoiding risky behaviour.

She appreciated the initiative and promised to provide the necessary support.

"I appreciate Mengo Youth Development League (MYDEL), for filling the gap which would have been government's responsibility and I promise to work closely with them for the success of the project. We need to link the programme with the education ministry," Kabanda said.

She also urged MYDEL to include HIV/AIDS programmes in their training, given the risky nature of the trade they were involved in and promised to inform the President of the predicament of the women so they can be given more support.

that I was going to begin a tailoring course, I cried out of joy. Jennifer paid my fees, bought materials and gave me transport. She later bought me a sewing machine and I can now attend to customers from home. I can save and take care of my children," Namataka said.

She said there are over 300 women from Katanga, Katwe and Makindye suburbs who

wish to get enrolled on the initiative, but that they are hindered by insufficient funds.

She called upon the Government to support the initiative so that more women are enrolled.

ABOUT THE TRAINING

The co-ordinator of the initiative, Pascal Lutaaya, said they will provide a wide range of skills to the women who have been drawn from Kisenyi 1, Kisenyi 2 and Mengo parish.

He said in preparation to roll out the project, they have trained trainers to help in the implementation process.

"We have trained active citizen teachers at the vocational institute so that they can mentor others in the community. We shall also train the women in hairdressing, tailoring, baking, business and conflict resolution skills for six months. After the training, we shall give them capital to set up their businesses to better their livelihoods," Lutaaya said.

The director of Magenta Girls Initiative, Jennifer Montgomery, said when she visited Kisenyi, she listened to the painful stories of the women and was touched, prompting the idea and birth of Magenta Girls Initiative with the view of returning hope to the vulnerable and abused women.

"When I heard about the gender-based violence; that the women and children did not have protection, I asked how we can help. Women came to me to seek a life away from prostitution and violence, then we formed the Magenta Girls Initiative to improve their lives. I am happy to be here working with MYDEL to improve the lives of women and children," Montgomery said.

A ShelterBox Team has returned from Egypt

Here is a critical update on what's happening with the ShelterBox response in Gaza.

"Our teams have now returned from Egypt, where they have been working closely with partners, including Rotary, to plan how we'll get aid into Gaza. We expect our aid to reach Rafah in a few weeks, bringing items like blankets, mattresses, and hygiene kits to help keep people safe and warm.

These are vital items for people with few belongings left and no shelter.

The need for ShelterBox aid is extremely high. Another team has just returned from Jordan, where they have been exploring what a second phase of our response in Gaza may look like. We're liaising with potential partners, including Rotary in Jordan, and local organisations with an existing presence in Gaza.

Please note, we are now able to restrict donations for Gaza. Your Club or District's support will provide lifesaving aid for people affected by the crisis in Gaza. In the event that money raised exceeds our funding requirements for this appeal, your gift will help ShelterBox provide emergency shelter to people affected by disaster around the world."

NOW IS THE TIME TO SUPPORT SHELTERBOX AND ITS MISSION TO AID THOSE IMPACTED BY DISASTER AROUND THE WORLD!!!



ShelterBox

Rotary



Rotary Discusses President Elect Training Seminar

The Ledger Independent

Hayley Adkins

The Maysville Rotary Club welcomed members John Hutchings, Kavin Cartmell, and Alexander Stewart to the podium to speak about the recent President Elect Training Seminar that took place in Chattanooga, Tenn.

According to Hutchings, the program is designed to provide essential and current information to incoming club presidents who will be serving in the Rotary year 2024-2025 to prepare them to have an effective and successful year.

Motivational speakers and past presidents attend as guests and give president-elects some welcome advice and tips for their Rotary clubs.

Six districts come together from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama and meet in Chattanooga which is central to all Rotary districts.

Stewart served two previous terms as club president and was able to serve at the training session in a committee made up of Rotary district governors, such as himself.

Each state has four district governors, past or present, as representatives on this committee.

The committee gets together to discuss different training techniques and programs and figure out what has worked in the past and what can be done to make progress in the future.

One such product of these meetings was the invention of the smart card. The smart card is a laminated card that was created by using the input of others.

“This smart card will allow Kavin and all of her classmates from this Mid-south PETS area to have something in front of them as a reminder on how do you make the club experience the best that it can be? And how do you stay focused on rotary themes and action plans without having to go to a hyperlink and look it up?” he said.

Almost 400 presidents-elect received a smart card to use for their 2024-2025 presidencies.

Stewart also produced his booklet titled The Magic of Rotary. The book was given to Cartmell and the rest of her classmates to help them keep track of where they are in their year and keep a running record of what they did during their year.



Zandy Stewart shows off his Magic of Rotary handbook to the club while Kavin Cartmell looks on.

Rotary Discusses President Elect Training Seminar

By Hayley Adkins
The Ledger Independent Reporter

“You’re going to want to look back easily and say what did we do? What were our accomplishments?” stated Stewart regarding his book.

“Any good organization has goals and objectives, I put down the four that I want for this district,” said Stewart.

- Grow membership by 10 percent.
- Participation level of \$100 per Rotarian to the Rotary Foundation, every Rotarian, every year.
- Give \$30 per Rotarian to PolioPlus.
- Get our face out in front of the public.

The book also contains a calendar that can be filled which also includes important Rotary events such as Rotary International’s anniversary in February and World Polio Day.

Cartmell was the last to step up to the podium to speak about her personal experience at the PETS convention.

Participants experienced two days of indoctrination and networking.

Thursday members got to go to the Coker Museum and enjoy the company of other Rotarians and share fundraising ideas and such.

Cartmell mentioned each club has a different “flavor,” and that she found herself very proud to come back to the Maysville Rotary Club which has a great mixture of folks.

Cartmell stated some clubs loved getting their hands dirty and working for the community, other clubs were always ready to write checks and yet another club was very particular about who they allowed in their club and joked that the youngest member was 85 years old.

Each club has its unique spin on Rotary which shows through each community.

Cartmell concluded by saying, “Hopefully starting in July we’ll have many opportunities to create our own Rotary magic here in Maysville and to not only help our own community but to think about internationally as well, how we can contribute.”

Ledger Independent Reporter

<https://maysville-online.com/news/210727/rotary-discusses-president-elect-training-seminar>

Supt. Michael Stacy comments on how Beechwood is connecting students to the workplace

By Andy Furman
NKyTribune Reporter

Dr. Stacy has seemed to have found a cure. And he made a “house call” to tell his fellow Rotarians the good news at the Covington Rotary meeting at the Radisson Hotel last week.

Dr. Michael S. Stacy, in his ninth year as superintendent at Beechwood Independent Schools, spoke on the district’s EDGE program to his fellow Rotarians. The EDGE program, he explained, is simply Educational Designed Geared towards Experience.

And he spoke of the evolution of K-12 – and higher education.

“For too long, seat time and compliance have dictated the school experience for our students,” he told the group, through his visual presentation. “In 2024, the foundations of the workforce are different than they were in ’20 – and even 10 years ago.”

Stacy said, “We can place students in experiential learning opportunities with business and industry and still maintain a strong academic environment. There are absolutely no reasons why our college-going kids can’t have the same hands-on activities throughout their day that career students have access to.”



Dr. Michael Stacy (Photo provided)

Beechwood believes in students having rich experiences working with business, university, and community partners to help develop skills that will prepare all students for their future – college and/or career.

In his presentation, Stacy shared how Beechwood implemented a K-12 system and structured to support students developing these future-ready skills. Beechwood, he said, continues to work with over 120 business partners and six university partners on workforce development and talent retention in the region.

“The Beechwood Way,” noted Dr. Stacy is simply this: “We design teaching and learning focused on students; we build resilient learners and leaders who are fearless in the pursuit of excellence; we have a uniquely intimate community developing globally competitive students.”

And he added, that all students will become globally competitive learners and leaders to be successful in their post-secondary lives by developing these core concepts:

- Think Critically and Creatively
- Reflect and Grow
- Sustain Inquiry
- Communicate and Collaborate
- Plan and be Strategic
- Pursue Excellence of Outcomes
- Research and Analyze Data

Supt. Michael Stacy (con't)

By Andy Furman
NKyTribune Reporter

As for Beechwood graduates, Stacy was proud to note that “95 percent of graduates move on to postsecondary education; and 64 percent of seniors are in an internship during the school day.”

And 100 percent of Beechwood students engage in work with business/university/Community partners – and the same number of Beechwood students complete Defenses of Learning.

What skills are needed in 2025?

Dr. Stacy was quick with the answer:

Communication
Collaboration
Critical Thought
Self-Reflection
Strategic Planning
Excellence of outcomes
Data literacy
Leadership

The assembled group was impressed.

Dr. Stacy’s “operation” was successful.

NKY Tribune

<https://nkytribune.com/2024/03/supt-michael-stacy-explains-to-business-group-how-beechwood-is-connecting-students-to-the-workplace/>

Rotary Club of Covington receives Community Partner Award

By Andy Furman
NKyTribune Reporter

They're in good – make that – great company. The Rotary Club of Covington has received The Community Partner Award, presented by Catholic Charities in conjunction with The Parish Kitchen at their recent Appreciation Dinner.

“What makes this award so very special,” Brenda Fauber, told the Northern Kentucky Tribune, “Is the fact we are a non-profit. The award typifies what Rotary is all about – Service Above Self.”

Brenda Fauber is the wife of Covington Rotary Club Co-President, Gil Fauber. And she's correct when she says the club is in great company — just take a look. Past Community Partner Award Recipients include:

- 2016 The Butler Foundation
- 2017 BB&T Bank
- 2018 Northern Kentucky Knights of Columbus-Golf Outing
- 2022 RC Durr Foundation, Inc.
- 2023 St. Elizabeth Healthcare

The Community Partner Award – a statute of the Homeless Jesus – is awarded in recognition of an individual, company or organization who shared the values of Catholic Charities and has collaborated closely in partnership with its ministries to make a significant difference in the community.

The Rotary Club of Covington has distributed and made sandwiches and provided food as well as drink for several years since the pandemic to The Parish Kitchen as well as to those in need in the Covington community.

“The statute,” Fauber said, “Reminds all of us of the less fortunate among us.”

There are 60 such Homeless Jesus benches distributed across the United States, according to Fauber.

The mission for The Catholic Charities is quite simple – they serve all people in their Diocese who lack basic human needs, including physical, spiritual, or emotional, regardless of their religious beliefs.

Using a unique holistic approach, they support and empower their clients to achieve self-sufficiency by providing guidance, tools, and life-skills. They also serve their volunteers, supporters, and partner agencies – ministries by providing the means for them to serve and assist their neighbors in need through their programs or referrals.

NKY Tribune

<https://nkytribune.com/2024/03/rotary-club-of-covington-receives-catholic-charities-bronze-homeless-jesus-community-partner-award/>



Catholic Charities' Community Partner award, featuring the 'Homeless Jesus'.
(Photo by Andy Furman/NKyTribune)

Covington Rotary Club Collaborates with Local Cub Scout Pack

The Covington Rotary Club, in cooperation with Cub Scout Pack 367, sponsored by Highland Cemetery, has been collecting bottle and jar lids for many months. Over 1,000 pounds of lids were collected. That's a mess of lids! This project was headed up by President-Elect of the Covington Rotary Shane Noem and fellow Rotarian Tom Jaracz. The whole plan was to encourage a greener environment through recycling. The Cub Scout Pack 367 requested the Covington Rotary Club participate in this endeavor. They, with participation from the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sierra Club, managed to keep nearly a half ton of plastic from the landfills.

The hundreds of pounds of plastic was transported by Covington Rotarians to Green Tree Plastics in Evansville, IN where it was melted down and transformed into four park benches. The Covington Rotary Club financed the nearly \$1,300 recycling project.

Benches will then be placed in Highland Cemetery and other locations chosen by the Covington Rotary Club.

What a beautiful project which incorporated young children, senior citizens, community businesses and Rotary to work in cooperation for the betterment of the community.

Dave Meyer
Co-President, Covington Rotary Club



Rotary Club of Lexington Leadership Appear on Charity Spotlight

Rotary Club of Lexington's President Kim Johnson, Board Member Dylan Harper, and Executive Director Peggy Trafton appeared on a Charity Spotlight segment to discuss Rotary International for The Lee and Hayley Show. The Lee and Hayley show originates out of Lexington, ABC 36, but is in multiple markets around the southeast. Charity Spotlight showcases national and global organizations, such as Rotary, in their segments.

The segment will be a great evergreen piece for our clubs to share with stakeholders, potential new members, donors, etc.

You can watch and download the segment here: youtube.com/watch?v=h1C5ioWjS2A

It will air sometime in March.



Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours Packs Food for Lifeline Christian Mission

On March 20, members of the Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours and family spent part of their evening packing food for the hungry at the Lifeline Christian Mission headquarters in Lexington. The food is sent all over the world and often is distributed in our area. Participating were (front row) Rebecca Simms, Edie Torok, Dale Torok, President Phil Moloney, Margaret Moloney, Mary Jo Moloney, Jeanne Clark and (back row) Teresa Branham, Katherine Wright, John Simson, Chris Stevenson, Kathleen Moloney, Kenneth Clark and Ed Maley.



Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours Pack Food for Lifeline Christian Mission



Rotary Club of Pikeville Hosts RYE Student from Ecuador

The Rotary Club of Pikeville has the privilege of hosting an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student from Ecuador, Maria Victoria "Vicky" Moscoso-Ochoa. Vicky has experienced many American firsts during her time in Kentucky, and most recently this included an opportunity to go skiing.

Vicky had the opportunity to meet the Ohio-Erie (O-E) Multidistrict current Inbound and future Outbound RYE students in December at a RYE Retreat. At the end of January, the group met again for fellowship and a day of skiing at Appalachian Ski Mountain, an event hosted by the Rotary Club of Blowing Rock (North Carolina) and RYE O-E Multidistrict.

For several RYE students this was their first snow and their first ski experience. Vicky shared these thoughts about the weekend: "It was a wonderful experience, I learned to ski, and I met friends I hadn't seen in a long time." Vicky has shared many photos of the beautiful snow falls in eastern Kentucky on social media, but if you ask her how she likes it she will say, "it's cold!"

Shelly Justice-Fouts



Rotary Club of Pikeville Works on Homeless Shelter Project

At the monthly board meeting held on February 21, Past President and longtime Rotarian Pamela Howard made the motion for the Club to gather supplies and create bags for the area homeless for distribution as soon as possible. The Motion passed unanimously!

Rotarians Pamela Howard, Gerrie Damron Clark, Eva Stewart, and Karen Roberts Prater spent Saturday afternoon shopping for supplies to fill 120 drawstring bags !

Wednesday, February 28, prior to the regular weekly club meeting numerous club members and friends arrived early, unloaded vehicles and assimilated bags! Prior to assembly, Rotarian James Sullivan led the group in prayer for those in need.

These bags will be distributed to area homeless by Pikeville Police Department Pikeville Fire Department and the Pike County Sheriff's Office-KY.



Rotary Club of Pikeville Homeless Shelter Project



Louisa Rotary Club Welcomes Guests and New Members

Thursday, February 29th was a wonderful day to be at Rotary. There were several guests including;

Little House on The Prairie cast members, from The Mountain Movers Theatre. Their Show Times are March 1, 2, 2024 at 6:30pm, March 5-9, 12-16 2024 at 7:30pm.

Guest Scott Murphy with Pathways

The speaker for this meeting was Alice Martin, the Account Relationship Manager with Kentucky Farmers Bank. KFB Bank opened in 1931 and refers to itself as "The Better Bank".

Joe Little with ARC was welcomed as the newest club member.



Club President, Thomas Bradley
Alice Martin, Account Relationship Manager-
KFB (top left picture)



Joe Little - ARC and
Patton Hart, past Rotary Club President (top
right picture)



Scott Murphy, Pathways – Guest (right)

Louisa Rotary Club Provides Dictionaries to Local Schools



Back Row L-R – Rotarians: Susie Chambers, Ellen Taylor, Chris Jobe, Sherry Compton and Club President, Thomas Bradley



Rotarians Chris Jobe, Club President, Thomas Bradley, and Sherry Compton presented the Fallsburg Elementary third graders with dictionaries.



Millard Elementary third graders received dictionaries from Louisa Rotary Club. Rotarians present were (L-R) Sherry Compton, Chris Jobe, Susie Chambers, and Club President Thomas Bradley

Russell Rotary Club Welcomes New Member

The Russell County Rotary club welcomed their newest member Nori Lester (center)



Russell Rotary Club Pickleball Tournament

RUSSELL ROTARY CLUB PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

T-Shirts for all
Participants

Pool Play
Followed
by
Bracket Play

**APRIL
12TH-14TH**

Friday, April 12th - Singles Play (TBA)

Saturday, April 13th - Doubles Play (8:00 AM)

Sunday, April 14th - Mixed Doubles Play (9:00 AM)

**MEN'S, WOMEN'S,
& MIXED DOUBLES
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