

THE SPOKE DISTRICT 6740 NEWSLETTER

Rotary



Message from District Governor Xandy Stewart

Wow! If time truly does fly when you're having fun, then I am evidently having a wonderful time, which I am. It seems it was only days ago that we published the last newsletter. Here we are pushing out a new one.

What a great time it is to belong to Rotary. Our district is growing membership, we are giving to The Rotary Foundation and our community needs, we are engaging prospects for new clubs, and we are being visible as we perform community service. Thank you all for what you do for Rotary.

September has been packed with Rotary activity. Some district members attended training during the Zones 30 & 31 Conference in Huntsville, Alabama during the first week of the month. Several others attended RLI in Lexington on September 14th, with four graduating from the robust, three-level education into all aspects of Rotary. Several clubs held festivals or community outreach activities throughout the district, and grant money became available for worthy projects. I am actually anxious to see what comes next when clubs concentrate efforts in October to raise funds for polio eradication.

I am thrilled to see the many clubs that are choosing to do Rotary differently in order to engage new members within their communities, and also make the club experience more enjoyable. This is great work which aligns with Rotary's Action Plan and expresses the willingness to embrace change.

Finally, earlier in the month we sent invitations through club and district leaders for nominations to be our District Governor in Rotary Year 2027-2028. If you are interested in experiencing Rotary at the next level then please pursue the nomination process through your club leadership or district representatives. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Rotary in a leadership role. You won't regret having lived this experience.

Thank you for all you do.

Rotary On!



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Are You a 5 STAR Club?

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, those with in red are mandatory. While some of the same criteria may show up in more than one category, no criteria can be used twice.

These activities must be able to be documented in the Rotary year July 1, 2024 – May 1, 2025. The recipients for this award will be recognized at the District Conference in Chattanooga in May 2025.

Club Service

- **Show 10% increase in membership by May 1, 2025. This is based upon starting membership numbers as of July 1, 2024.**
- 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%**
- Current President attended PETS
- At least one club member attended RLI
- Club sponsors a Rotaract

Community Service

- Participate in a minimum of 3 Rotary community service projects this year
- Initiate a brand new Rotary community service project
- Partner with another community organization on a project
- Partner with another Rotary club (in or out of district) on a project
- Promote the work your club is doing to the community through social media or other communication channels

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
- Host a Rotary Youth Exchange student (long or short term)
- Send a student to a foreign country as part of RYE



Are You a 5 STAR Club?

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

- Host a young person through Rotary Youth Exchange
- Send a young person to another country through RYE
- Sponsor a student to participate in the Rotary Short Term Exchange program
- Involve young people in a service project
- 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)
- Partner with an Interact club on a service project

*Submit your club’s self-nomination before May 1, 2025!
Send to me at xandy.stewart@gmail.com

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 Xandy





CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is proudly awarded by The Rotary Foundation to

ROTARY DISTRICT 6740

In recognition of being at least 90% compliant with reporting requirements
for Rotary grants in

2023-24

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Rassin", written over a horizontal line.

Barry Rassin
Trustee Chair

D6740's Fall RLI - the Most Successful Yet! Submitted by Judy Worth

On September 14th, 31 Rotarians attended our fall Rotary Leadership Institute, making this our best attended RLI since we started hosting RLI as a single District. Perhaps even more important was the number of club who sent representatives—17! They included the following: Pikeville, Covington, Mt. Sterling, Lexington, Morehead, Florence, Berea, Corbin, Paintsville, Somerset, Somerset-Pulaski, Maysville, London, Ashland, Kenton County, Richmond, and Fleming County. In addition, 12 Rotarians from 3 clubs facilitated the 17 classes that were offered that day.

During the three concurrent sessions, participants in Part I, II, and III tackled important topics like Attracting and Engaging Members, our Foundation, Rotary Opportunities, Running Effective Meetings, and many more.

At the conclusion of the day, Past District Governor Dean Hammond recognized four new RLI graduates with certificates of completion —Novella Froman, Lisa Kersey, Terry Pugh, and Gary McCormick.

Thanks from Planning Committee Members Martha Riddell, Jack McAllister, Dean Hammond, and Judy Worth to all who participated and especially to DG Xandy Stewart and our District Leadership, who agreed to cover the registration fees for all who attended.

The next RLI will be offered in late January/early February 2025. Watch for a SAVE THE DATE IN LATE 2024!



RLI grads Novella Freeman (not pictured), Lisa Kersey, Terry Pugh, Gary McCormick, and past DG Dean Hammond.

D6740's Fall RLI - the Most Successful Yet!



RLI participants in main classroom and breakout sessions

Rotary Club of Lexington Combines an Environmental Project and a “5th Thursday Social” for a Really Good Time Submitted by Peggy Trafton

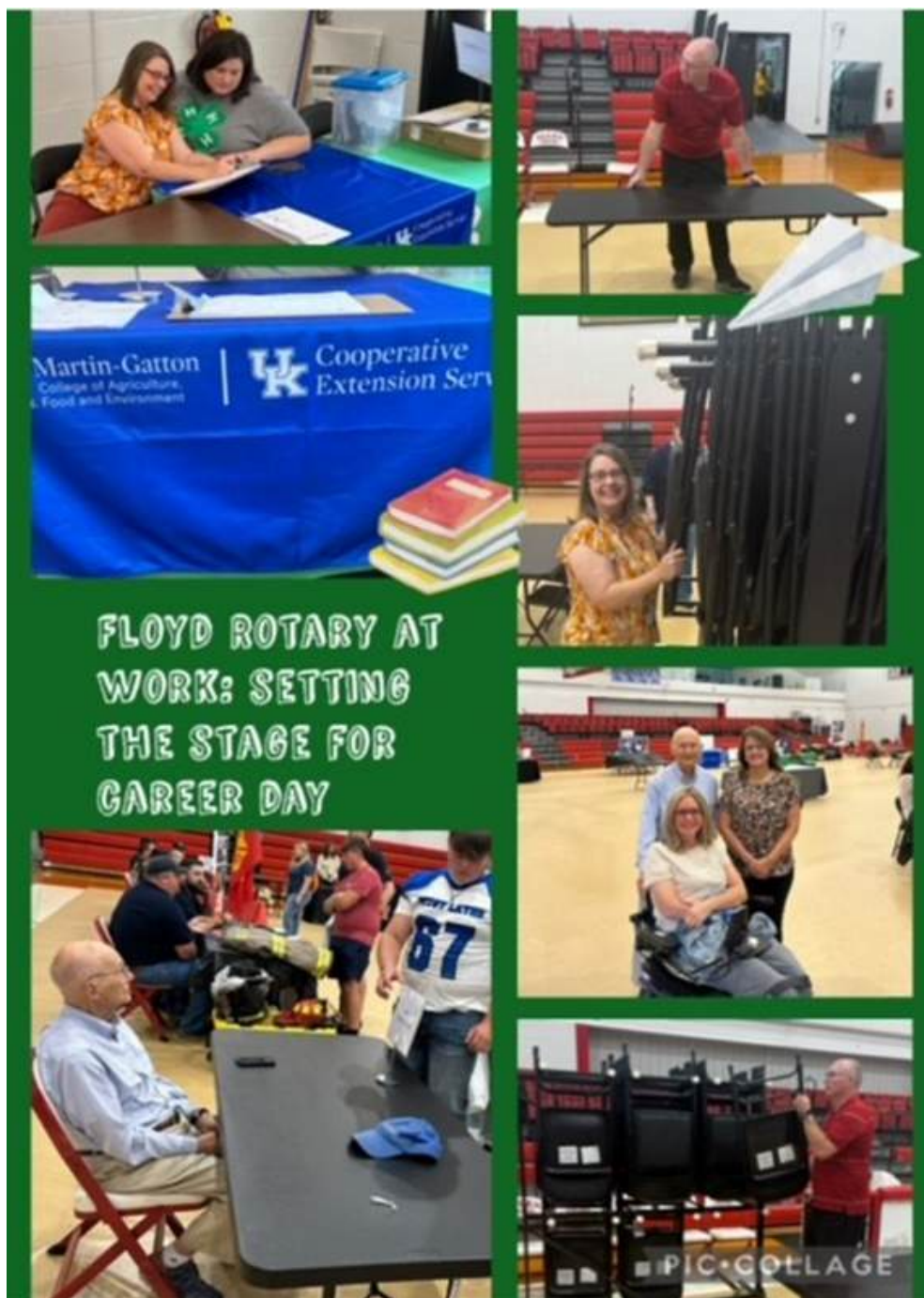
On August 29, approximately 40 members of the Rotary Club of Lexington and 4 neighborhood children attended an “evening walk in the park” at the Rotary Rainwater/Pollinator Garden at Kenawood Park. Attendees enjoyed snacks, libations (adult and other), and fellowship while learning about club members’ efforts to save our pollinators and, in turn, our food supply. The event concluded with a drawing for “doorless” prizes that included gardening starter kits, native plants, and two bottles of honey produced by Rotarian Jake Graves’s own bees.

The idea for the garden originated during COVID lock down, and it has taken three years, approximately 350 plants of 36 native species, and more than 200 volunteer hours to install, water, and weed the garden and get it “ready for company.” Later this year the club will have a sign installed that explains what rainwater and pollinator gardens are and why they are important and recognizes the contributions of our Rotary Club along with Divisions of the Lexington Urban County Government to bring nature back into Kenawood Park.



Floyd County Rotary At Work: Setting The Stage for Career Day Submitted by Kim Grubb

Floyd County Rotary members Tony Grubb, Kim Grubb, Kelli Martin, Heather Ousley, and John Rosenberg recently assisted in setting up for Career Day, which was held at the Floyd County Board of Education gym. This event, a collaboration between 4-H, the Floyd County Extension Office, and Family Resource and Youth Service Centers, provided all 10th grade students in the county with the opportunity to explore various career paths. Through interactive stations and presentations, students gained valuable insights into potential future careers.



EC Learn CEO Advises ‘invest early,’ Connects Businesses with Childcare for Employees

By Andy Furman
NKyTribune reporter

Invest early. Those were the first words uttered by Sandra Woodall to the Covington Rotary Club this week.

And, Woodell is not even a banker – she is the CEO/Executive Director of EC Learn – a local child care resource and referral network.

“We provide comprehensive services by training early childhood professionals, educate families about early childhood development, and partnering with community partners and advocates for children and families to have access to quality, affordable early learning experiences they deserve,” she said.

EC Learn founded four years ago, serves Boone, Bourbon, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Owen, Nicholson, Pendleton, and Scott counties.

In the Salt River Region, EC Learn has employers in Anderson, Franklin, Henry, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, and Woodford counties.

“EC Learn,” Woodall told the Northern Kentucky Tribune, “inspires and equips families, early childhood professionals, and community leaders to prioritize early childhood experiences for all Kentucky children. “We believe a quality early childhood experience lays the foundation for success in school and life.” But what exactly does EC Learn accomplish?

“We train early childhood staff to be professional brain builders through continuing education and certification,” Woodall said, “and provide families with the information and tools to find quality, affordable child care.”

EC Learn also partners with business to support their employees in finding quality child care options.

Our daily early learning experiences,” she said, “lead to success in life. Quality early childhood experiences provide the foundation for success not only in school, but in life.”

Access to affordable, quality child care is essential for employee retention and a thriving workforce, she added.

In fact, Woodall was asked how the COVID epidemic changed child care in the workplace.

“About 100,000 women in Kentucky left the workforce after COVID hit,” she said. “The workforce was broken. We went back to numbers we saw in the ‘80s.”

She stressed that early childhood professionals are not babysitters – they are brain builders and deserve quality



Sandra Woodall, EC Learn

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pay and training opportunities. Investing in that workforce, she explained is a three-step process: Empower, Engage, Elevate.

"We empower by identifying and responding to child care recruitment needs," she said, "and create partnerships between businesses and the child care industry."

She said engaging is simply connecting business to community and elevating is educating why early and quality experiences are important to a child's learning growth. In fact, she added, through employer services, EC Learn connects employees to licensed and certified child care programs.

"We do have start-up grants to help small business," Woodall said. "Early child care and our daily learning experiences can lead to life-long success."

The investment has a lifelong impact not only on the children, but on families and early childhood professionals that EC Learn serves.

Source: <https://nkytribune.com/2024/09/ec-learn-ceo-advises-invest-early-connects-businesses-with-child-care-for-employees/>



Louisa Rotary Club News Submitted by Bev Scarberry

On Thursday, September 19th, the Louisa Rotary club welcomed Dr. Casey Fitzpatrick as their weekly speaker. Dr. Casey, a Lawrence County native, is bringing his wealth of knowledge in pediatrics to the Three Rivers Medical Clinic.



Pictured: Casey Fitzpatrick, MD and Club President, Beverly Scarberry

Pikeville Rotary Club Supports Phelps Elementary Submitted by Karen Roberts Prater

While delivering school supplies to the Phelps Elementary School, Club President Novella Froman discovered that the school did not have a sponsor for their backpack program which serves 45 students in need at the school. The Pikeville Club Board voted immediately to assist with the project. Novella purchased and delivered non-perishable, easy to eat supplies for these students and delivered them to the school.



Club President Novella Froman and Phelps Elementary Family Resource Director Ashley Bentley

Pikeville Club Donates School Supplies Submitted by Karen Roberts Prater

The Rotary Club of Pikeville and their members recently purchased and donated school supplies to 4 of the county elementary schools to assist students with beginning the school year.



Club President with Phelps Elementary Principal Angie Lester and Ashley Bentley, Family Resources Director for the school



Rotarian Jerrica King's sons unload a truck full of school supplies!



Elkhorn City Elementary: Immediate Past President Brett Keene and School Principal



Rotarian Shelly Justice Fouts daughter Charlotte (Charlie) helps unload important school supplies.

Pikeville Taste of the World Fundraiser Another Big Success Submitted by Karen Roberts Prater



Rotarians Shelly Justice Fouts and Margo Riggs serving at the
Zambian booth.



Rotarian Frank Dawahare and his
wife Theresa serving at the
Lebanese booth.



Club President
Novella Froman

Pikeville Taste of the World Fundraiser



Rotarian and Club Past President Eva Stewart getting her authentic Irish food from their booth. Pictured are Helena Jackson, Rhonda Little, Gerrie Clark, and Karen Roberts Prater.



Pikeville Pediatrician Dr. Jyothi Mettu and Bethany Prater, daughter of Pikeville Club President Elect Karen Roberts Prater. Bethany has served at every Taste of the World event since it began! She now serves at the Indian booth alongside Rotarians Rakesh and Seema Sachdeva.

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Tasty fundraiser

News-Express photos by Jeff Vanderbeck
Aug 23, 2024



The Pikeville Rotary Club held its annual Taste of the World fundraiser Aug. 15. The event is in its 17th year and has grown to include representative entries from 14 counties. Each country is sponsored by a Rotarian or a local business or other civic organization. Taste of the World is the club's primary fundraiser, member Karen Roberts Prater said, and proceeds go toward activities such as the annual Christmas Nursing Home Project, school supplies, Coat for Kids and Empowering Girls Symposium among other programs. More than 600 people attended the event, Prater said.



Richmond Rotary Club Recreates Paradise!

Submitted by David O'Meara

The Richmond Rotary Club found the “lost shaker of salt” at the August 17th Pops in Paradise supporting the Richmond Area Arts Council. Held at White Hall Park, a great time was had by all. Rotarian Rusty Rechenbach designed the first place winning table decorations.



Richmond Rotary Club Sponsor's 5K, Awards a Paul Harris Fellow, and Packs Food for God's Outreach Submitted by David O'Meara



The Richmond Club sponsored the Tracks for Packs 5K with a sponsorship and 14 runners/walkers. The event supports a food backpack program for local school children to fight food insecurity. Great time and a great event.



At a club meeting Rotarian and Assistant Governor Dave O'Meara was presented his Paul Harris Fellow plus 7 by Club President David Ward. Service above Self.

Led by Rotarian Connie Lawson, the Richmond Rotary Club is packing food bags for God's Outreach twice a month. This hands on project is not only a fun time of fellowship but helps supplement food to approximately 1,700 families in Madison County and 800 families in Estill County and many more. Pictured are Connie, Rebecca Proudfoot and Anne Blakeney packing food bags.



Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

October 22, 2024

Rotary Club of Floyd County Charter Celebration

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Mountain Arts Center, Prestonsburg, KY

October 24, 2024

Kenton County Rotary Club Charity Golf Ball Drop

Time: 12 Noon

Location: St Barbara Church

Registration: <https://www.charityvalet.com/kcrcballdrop24/index.asp>

October 30, 2024

Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours Charity Golf Ball Drop

Time: 12 noon

Location: Connemara Golf Course, Nicholasville

Buy tickets at: www.charityvalet.com/LRC24

May 2-3, 2025

Multi-District Conference

Chattanooga, TN

Video: <https://bit.ly/4euS444>

Club Presidents - please send Brian Dopp (brian.dopp@outlook.com) upcoming events you would like to share with the district.

Please provide to Brian at least 2 months in advance to ensure inclusion on this events page.



Rotary Club of Floyd County Charter Celebration



Rotary International District 6740

invites you to

SAVE THE DATE

for the

Charter Celebration

in honor of the new

ROTARY CLUB OF FLOYD COUNTY

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Mountain Arts Center Prestonsburg, KY

6 – 8 pm

FUN

FOOD

FELLOWSHIP

2024 Kenton County Rotary Club Charity Golf Ball Drop

Welcome To Our 2024 Fundraiser

Kenton County Rotary Club is selling tickets for \$10 per ticket. Each ticket will be numbered and the number on the ticket will also be on a golf ball that will be dropped by an Independence Fire Department Ladder Truck onto a grassy area with a hole/cup similar to a golf course green. Simply, the first ball to land in the cup is the winner. If no golf balls stay in the cup, the closest ball to the edge of the cup wins. The number on the golf ball that matches the number on a ticket is the winner. Winner receives 30% of the money received by ticket sales. No need to be present! We are a 501c4 Club and will be recording on Facebook Live to our Facebook page "Kenton County Rotary Club."

<http://www.facebook.com/KentonCountyRotaryClub>

About Us:

Kenton County Rotary Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Elsmere Community Center. We typically have a speaker at 3 of our 4 meetings. We currently have approximately 25 members and we are always looking for more! Rotary International is one of the largest service organizations in the world. Its stated mission is to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders". Rotary is a non-political and non-religious organization. There are over 46,000 clubs worldwide, with a membership of 1.4 million individuals, known as Rotary members. To learn more about our club, please visit our Facebook page above. To learn more about Rotary in general visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary>

About Our Cause:

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Visit End Polio to learn more <https://www.endpolio.org>

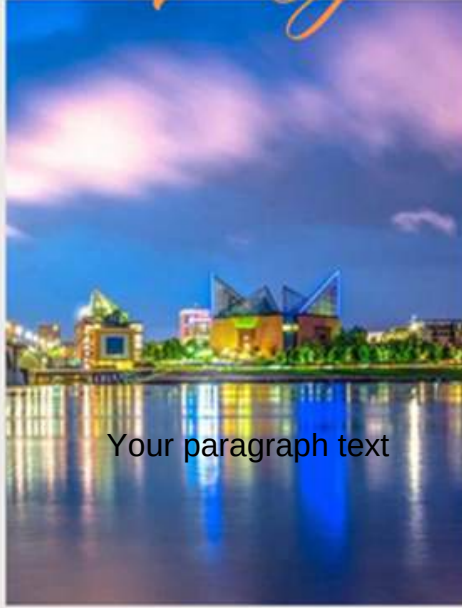
The drop will happen at St. Barbara Church on Thursday October 24 at 12 noon. Visit our website to purchase tickets <https://www.charityvalet.com/kcrcballdrop24/index.asp>



6740 Multi District Conference
May 2-3, 2025



SPARKING THE *Magic* OF ROTARY



Multi District Conference
East KY 6740 / East TN 6780 / North AL 6860
May 2-3,2025, Chattanooga, TN



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The District Leadership Team Is Here for YOU!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Xandy Stewart (Maysville)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT

Greg Palmer (Florence)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE

Terry Pugh (Somerset-Pulaski)

DISTRICT FINANCE CHAIR

PDG John Hutchings IV (Maysville)

DISTRICT TREASURER

PDG John Hutchings IV (Maysville)

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

AG Bill Wilson (Lexington)

DISTRICT DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND
INCLUSION CHAIR

AG Bill Wilson (Lexington)

DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR

PDG Seema Sachdeva (Pikeville)

DISTRICT ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR

AG Gill Fauber (Covington)

DISTRICT TRAINER OFFICER

Judy Worth (Lexington)

DISTRICT ALUMNI CHAIR

PDG James Glass (Pikeville)

DISTRICT ENDOWMENT/MAJOR GIFTS
SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

PDG Keith Key (Lexington After Hours)

DISTRICT GRANTS CHAIR

PDG Kathryn Hardman (London)

DISTRICT COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Arnold Taylor (Covington)

DISTRICT INTERACT CHAIR

Joanna Foley (Pineville)

DISTRICT NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT CHAIR

Patton Hart (Louisa)

DISTRICT NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE

Martha Riddell (Lexington)

DISTRICT PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY
COORDINATOR

PDG Seema Sachdeva (Pikeville)

DISTRICT POLIO PLUS CHAIR

PDG Rakesh Sachdeva (Pikeville)

DISTRICT ROTARACT CHAIR

AG David O'Meara (Richmond)

DISTRICT RYLA CHAIR

Chris Hickey (Lexington)

DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIR

Arnold Taylor (Covington)

DISTRICT YOUTH PROTECTION OFFICER

Arnold Taylor (Covington)

ANNUAL FOUNDATION CHAIR

PDG Seema Sachdeva (Pikeville)

DISTRICT COLLEGE ON LEGISLATION CHAIR

PDG Kathryn Hardman (London)

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS CHAIR

PDG Mike Noftsger (Somerset-Pulaski)