

THE SPOKE DISTRICT 6740 NEWSLETTER

Rotary



From The District Governor
February 2025

We are entering one of the busier periods in a Rotary Year. What makes this so? Spring begins the introduction of community festivals almost anywhere you travel, and festivals bring fundraising opportunities to Rotary clubs. Congratulations by the way, to clubs that have recently hosted their “first of the year” community event. I’ve received impressive feedback about some “best ever” success. Our communities need the services our clubs deliver, and our fundraisers fuel our services. I applaud everyone’s hard work in these community serving and money making efforts.

Do you know who among us is also busy; your club’s President-Elect! They are preparing to attend Mid-South President Elect Training (PETS) in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they will receive training on Rotary’s focus for the coming months and year. Later this month our presidents-elect will return to our clubs with ideas and excitement. I hope we can channel the enthusiasm they bring into ensuring we achieve goals we established for this Rotary Year, and set ourselves up well for next year.

Throughout this current year our number one goal has been to grow membership. Thus far, we are not receiving a passing grade. Across our district we have lost more members than we have brought in. This should never be the case. Rotary is the largest, most financially sound, most powerful networking service organization in the world. People want to join our organization. It is our responsibility to invite them to do so. Let’s commit to bringing new faces, new ideas and new members into our clubs.

Let’s grow this district!

Changing Thoughts: Registration is now open for our upcoming Multi-District Conference May 2nd and 3rd in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Our partnering districts in East Tennessee and North Alabama are helping us deliver a fabulous venue, and an outstanding trio of Rotary Speakers. We have a Director, who also happens to be Rotary International Treasurer, and two Past-Presidents of Rotary International as our line-up. We will be able to learn about the future of our organization in ways that are rarely available at club level. We are also going to have fun; band, food trucks, hospitality rooms, beverage tastings and more. We may not have it all, but we’ll have a lot. Please register and share in a memorable Rotary experience.

Thank you for all you do.
Rotary On!
Xandy



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**There are only 3 months left in this Rotary year!
You still have time to become 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

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



“Clubs and districts have access to tremendous expertise across the globe through Rotary Action Groups, the Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district resource networks. These collaborations can support a club through the entire project cycle.”

The **ROTARY ACTION PLAN**
INCREASE OUR
IMPACT
WITH HAUWA ABBAS

Hauwa Abbas, of the Rotary Club of Abuja Metro, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria, is serving as a member of the RI Programs Committee through 2027, is a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and serves on the board of the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives. She has also served District 9125 as assistant governor and international service chair. She's a public health consultant who founded the Silver Lining for the Needy Initiative, which is dedicated to improving living standards in Nigeria.

Q: Why should clubs care about their impact?

HAUWA: Impact is important for clubs to consider because the program you're trying to develop or do has the potential to create positive long-term change and provide measurable improvements in the community that wouldn't have happened otherwise. The best way to approach impact is to involve the community by engaging with the gatekeepers through interviews, surveys, or focus group discussions. This will help identify gaps and guide planning. Community assessment is vital for all intended interventions. We may go into a community thinking X is what they need but discover that they have far more pressing needs.

Q: What do clubs need to do to focus on impact?

HAUWA: The first thing is to build a good team. Having a good team with different skill sets, like technology, programming, financing, and writing, gives whatever you're about to begin a head start.

The second thing is to ensure that we facilitate learning. In my experience, a mindset of adaptation and flexibility is important in anything you do, especially when working with a group of volunteers. Things will not always go your way. Being able to respond with a positive attitude to setbacks and challenges and being willing to explore creative ways to achieve set goals are part of the learning process and also translate to personal growth.

There are also hundreds of courses available on the Rotary Learning Center, something many members are not aware of. I always encourage clubs to ask their members to go on the Learning Center to do the training related to their particular committee. They'll gain more technical knowledge or skills toward whatever it is they want to plan.

And the third thing is to collaborate. I cannot overemphasize the power of collaboration, especially with our Rotary network. Clubs and districts have access to tremendous expertise across the globe through Rotary Action Groups, the Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district resource networks. These collaborations can support a club through the entire project cycle. Clubs also need to be able to identify corporate organizations and other NGOs that have the same shared vision or values that they can partner with. Financial contributions aren't the only benefit of partner

collaborations. Working with government partners can enrich the impact and sustainability of a project. Collaboration means that whatever you do is going to have a bigger impact and can actually be scaled up.

Q: You've taken us through why our clubs should care about impact, but can you tell us how Rotary members should think about impact?

HAUWA: I'll use the word *collaboration* again. Clubs should think about impact through collaboration. Sometimes, people feel like they can't combine their interests into one. You'll see people who are more passionate about the environment, others who are passionate about health, and others who are passionate about education. But there's no reason why they can't all be integrated into one program or multiple activities.

Rotary clubs should also involve Interact clubs or Rotaract clubs. It's another avenue to involve them in your programs and gives you more hands on deck. So why not collaborate with the Rotaract community or your Rotary Community Corps as well? That actually increases volunteer input as well as the number of volunteers involved.

Developing and implementing an effective project requires planning, acquiring resources, promotion, and the evaluation of results. Rotary can guide you step by step through your next project, no matter the scope, from start to finish. Visit rotary.org/actionplan to learn more about impact.



Learn what your club can do at
rotary.org/actionplan



Invitation from Rob Dansereau to Attend the Multi-District Conference Districts 6780, 6740 and 6860

Dear Rotary Club Members,

We are thrilled to invite you to register for the Rotary Multi-District Conference taking place in Chattanooga from May 1-3, 2025! This event is set to be one of the most exciting and impactful gatherings of the year, bringing together Rotarians from across the region for a weekend of learning, fellowship, and inspiration.

And we're proud to announce some very special VIP guests joining us:

-  Barry Rassin – Past Rotary International President and Trustee
-  John Germ – Past Rotary International President
-  Beth Stubbs – Rotary International Director and Executive Treasurer

This is your chance to hear from these incredible leaders, share in the Rotary spirit, and leave inspired to take action in your clubs and communities.

Don't miss out! Head over to DacDB and register today to secure your spot. Let's make this conference unforgettable and celebrate the power of Rotary together!

We can't wait to see you in Chattanooga!

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77814969>

Yours in Rotary,

Rob Dansereau

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MAY 2-3, 2025

**REGISTER NOW AND
SECURE YOUR SPOT!**



JOHN GERM

Past Rotary International President



BARRY RASSIN

Past Rotary International
President and Trustee



Rotary International Director and
Executive Treasurer

BETH STUBBS

Fleming County Club – 2024 Memory Tree Project By Joseph Gulley

As an annual major fundraiser for the Fleming County Rotary Club, we sell pre-cut Christmas Trees to businesses, clubs, and individuals who wish to honor and remember loved ones or a group of loved ones. We place the trees for them and provide signage, lights, and electricity for each tree. They can then decorate their trees for the Holidays. The trees are placed on the grounds of Fleming-Mason Energy, a local friend of the Rotary. The net proceeds of the fundraiser are donated to local entities that are in need and agreed to by the club members.



After Christmas, the trees are donated to our local high school FFA chapter. They work with the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife to place the trees in lakes and ponds for wildlife purposes.

At our club meeting on 2/11/25, the Fleming County Rotary Club was proud to present checks to the Cancer Care Club and all 6 local Fire Departments totaling \$10,500. This was our 3rd year of the Memory Tree Project and we had 260 trees this year. The Cancer Care Club and the local Fire Departments were selected as the recipients of the money that was raised from this project. All the money that we clear is donated back to organizations in Fleming County. We appreciate the Cancer Care Club and the Fire Departments for all they do to help our community.



Pictured Below-r: Carol Thompson, Tony Kinder, Wayne Grannis, Phyllis Ritchie, Brian Clark, Regina Rose, Joni Hazelrigg and Lori Whitaker.

Pictured Above-r: Joni Hazelrigg, Lonnie Foley, Carol Thompson, Ewing Fire Dept - Duane Price, Tony Kinder, Flemingsburg Fire Dept - Jerry McCloud, Wayne Grannis, Hillsboro Fire Dept - William Thompson, Regina Rose, Mt Carmel Fire Dept - Rodney Mineer, Muses Mills Fire Dept - Robert Drake, Lori Whitaker, Brian Clark and Tilton Fire Dept - Tim Buckler.



NKU International Students, Program Director Speak to Rotary About Importance of the Exchange Program

By Andy Furman, NKyTribune Reporter and Rotary Member

They come from Korea, Japan, Sweden, Ecuador, Germany and England.

“We have about 350 international students on campus now — from 53 different countries,” Dr. Francois Le Roy told the Northern Kentucky Tribune.

Dr. Le Roy knows. He is the Executive Director for the Center for Global Engagement and International Affairs for Northern Kentucky University.

“These students come here to pursue their education,” Dr. Le Roy, who became a full-time NKU instructor in 1998, said. “The families and students pay for their education.”

The two latest exchange students – Yuzwal Michel and Victoria Schoebela – were guests and spoke at the Covington Rotary Club this week.

“People are quite friendly here; perhaps even more so than in France,” Schoebela said. “As for school, life here is pretty cool.”

Both students are working on a Master’s Degree in International Business at the University of Caen, in Normandy. At NKU they are pursuing a Business Degree.

The University of Caen has been an exchange partner with NKU for about 20 years, according to Dr. Le Roy. “An exchange is selected and nominated by the University (Caen), and we admit them here.”

Both exchange students will return to France at the end of this semester, he said.

“We do have about 20-25 partner schools around the world,” said Dr. Le Roy, who earned his Master’s Degree in France, and his PhD at the University of Kentucky. “We exchange students with our partner schools every semester.”

But why France this time?

“We wanted to diversify. The last few times we had students from Asia and Africa. We just wanted to showcase a different international student population,” he said.

There have been some differences – some even shocking according to Schoebela.

“We had to pay for our books,” she said, “which was a big shock.”



NKU’s international students, Victoria Schoebela and Yuzwal Michel from France with program director, Dr. Francois Le Roy
(Photo by Andy Furman/NKyTribune)

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But the real difference, she was quick to point out – “In France, as a student, you are in the survival mode. You are really all by yourself., Here, the professors as and teachers want to see you succeed and are here to help.

“People here, in school and in the community are much more approachable. I feel there are many more opportunities for people here.”

Yuzwal Michel, who claims to be the only Yuzwal in France, says that final week of school is quite nerve-racking. “That’s because in France you get only one exam at the end of the semester to pass or fail.”

So how are they doing in class?

“These two are doing quite well,” according to Dr. Le Roy. “They may not speak English entirely, but we provide them with a lot of support.”

Dr. Le Roy says these exchange students have a mindset that they truly want this experience. One experience they both agree on – the food.

“The bar-b-que to me is outstanding,” Michel said. As for Schoebela, she says her guilty pleasure is American waffles – with maple syrup.

As much as they love the people, and food – Michel says he’ll return home and where thoughts he has a girlfriend waiting for him.

As for now they both live on NKU’s campus – “no car makes travel a little tough,” Schoebela said. “But we’ve made some friends on campus and have taken the bus to Cincinnati at times.”

How successful is the exchange program? Let us hear it from the Executive Director himself.

“My daughter married an exchange student from Korea eight years ago,” said Dr. Le Roy. “These programs are very special. They are truly life changing, as well as a remarkable experience.”

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Kenton County Judge-Executive Kris Knochelmann Speaks on 'Best Shape' of County Affairs

By Andy Furman, NKyTribune Reporter and Rotary Member

Great shape.

Those were Kris Knochelmann's words he used to describe Kenton County. The county's Judge/Executive – who is an advocate for government efficiency and effectiveness – spoke to the Covington Rotary Club last week and gave what certainly sounded like a State of the County address.

"Kenton County is in the best financial and operational shape we've been in probably 50 years," he told the Northern Kentucky Tribune. And he did not hesitate one bit in defending his statement.

"Property taxes have been cut to their lowest since 1983," he said, "and, we have been investing our assets for long-term service to Kenton County."

No surprise here. From leading the effort to reform the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) Board, to improving Northern Kentucky's economic development organization, Knochelmann has actively worked to improve the performance of the region's organizations supporting private enterprise, entrepreneurship well as job creation.

Why not? Knochelmann is a lifelong resident of the county — growing up in Taylor Mill — and graduating from Covington Latin School and later Xavier University with a degree in accounting. He then took control of the family business — Schneller & Knochelmann Plumbing Heating Air — a business founded in 1928 that employs more than 100 team members with offices in Covington and Cincinnati.

"I worked in the plumbing and HVAC industry since I was 15," he told the club. Now he is working for his county.

"The business," he continued, "is strong, and runs with quality leaders. I feel good where they are — they allow me to work for the county."

And that he does. He says the county is reinvesting in the Historic Kenton County Courthouse in Independence — including a Farmers Market, and making it more efficient to get to the Sheriff, Clerk, PVA and Conservation District.

"We have hired a Project Manager to move forward on the development and construction of new Kenton County Park, which will be a 225-acre park," he said. It is the old Fox Run Golf Course.

"Ten years ago," Knochelmann said, "our Animal Shelter was 65 percent life release. Today the shelter is 98 percent, with better adoption as well as better care of the animals."



Judge-Executive Kris Knochelmann
(Photo by Andy Furman/NKyTribune)

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As for the jail operations, Knochelmann claims they are at the best in decades with the population about 600.

"We set the model for county jails," he said. "Those that are locked up are those who need to be there; and working with judges and prosecutors."

The county, he says, is developing the next level of addiction treatment at the jail and making sure offenders/inmates are set up to not come back to jail.

Knochelmann was quick to point out several projects:

- Leading the development of Spark Haus – Northern Kentucky hub for entrepreneurship based in Covington at the old Sim's Furniture Building (727 Madison Avenue).
- Supporting the OneNKY Center for all growth organizations in Northern Kentucky at the foot of the Suspension Bridge'
- Leading the effort to the new Northern Kentucky Chase Law School and University of Kentucky School of Medicine in Covington – a Project Manager was recently hired for that.
- Broadband internet to every home in Kenton County along with Campbell and Boone – that project is the largest in the country, according to Knochelmann.

"We built out the three-county first responder radio system connecting for the first time all the agencies and dispatch operations," he said.

"And we continue to support our efforts on economic development making sure we have sites available for hi-tech manufacturing, likely in southwest Kenton County," he said.

The RC of Lexington After Hours Hosts Notable Author By Jeanne Clark Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours

The Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours recently hosted a very special guest speaker. Carolyn Renee Dupont is a professor of history at Eastern Kentucky University where she specializes in African American History and American religious history.

Her most recent book is entitled *Distorting Democracy: The Forgotten History of the Electoral College – and Why it Matters Today*. Her first book, *Mississippi Praying: Southern White Evangelicals and the Civil Rights Movement, 1945-1975* won the Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer prize from the American Society of Church History in 2014. Her opinion writing has appeared in *The Huffington Post* and *The Washington Post*, among other outlets.

Dupont believes passionately in civic engagement and has twice run for a seat in the Kentucky General Assembly. She currently serves as state coordinator for Braver Angels, a national, grass-roots organization that works on depolarization. She co-leads a local chapter of that group in Jessamine County.



Pictured : Mrs. Dupont and RC President John Simson)

Louisa Rotary Club Shares About Guest Speakers Bev Scarberry and Susie Chambers

On Thursday, February 13th, the Louisa Rotary Club hosted guest speaker Randy Stinson, Ph.D (picture on right).

Randy is the President of Millard College in Louisa, Ky. Millard College offers 5 month work ready certificates in automotive, culinary, carpentry, welding, phlebotomy, building maintenance technician, Christian service and studies, as well as addiction and recovery studies. Their goal is to provide world-class education with comprehensive support for people to live their God-given destiny. Randy talked about how these programs train the students for valuable jobs, but also prepare students in every way to enter the workforce.



Thursday, January 30, Rotarian Sherry Compton (picture above) was our program chair. She introduced our speaker, Deana West. Deana is the Family and Consumer Science agent for the Lawrence County Cooperative Extension office.

Thursday, February 5, the Louisa Rotary club had the honor of hearing about people coming together and rebuilding a devastated community in Hampton, TN. Pastor Michael Marcum (picture bottom right) with the Meades Branch Free Will Baptist Church is sharing this beautiful blessing.



Louisa Rotary Club Shares Message from Pastor Michael Marcum from Meades
Branch Freewill Baptist Church
Bev Scarberry

To Whom It May Concern:

Hurricane "Helene" was a deadly and devastating tropical cyclone that caused widespread catastrophic damage and numerous fatalities across the Southeastern United States in September of 2024. Our church, along with numerous other churches, businesses and individuals from across the country, was led to Tennessee and North Carolina to help these families anyway we possibly could. We took the first load of supplies to Hampton, Tennessee and were met at the church drop off location by the Tennessee Forestry Department who took most of our supplies and put them in a helicopter that day to deliver to families. It was an extremely humbling experience to see the hurt & devastation in this community.

When we got back home, other churches and people in our community did an "Operation Heat" drive to collect as many kerosene and propane heaters, 5-gallon kerosene jugs, propane tanks, new coats and gloves as possible to take to these families for the winter. We were blessed with so much that we had to rent a 26ft U-Haul to go along with our 16ft box trailer to get all the supplies delivered. This time we took several ATV's with us and traveled to North Wilkesboro, NC to meet at Anchor Ridge. This is a non-profit organization that helps all over the Appalachian Mountains by taking supplies to affected areas while spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. They ask us to take the remainder of our generators to one of the hardest hit areas in Pensacola, North Carolina. This area was completely devastated and it was heart breaking to see the amount of damage done. It took us hours to get all the way back in this area but we were able to get them a lot of heaters & supplies. The next day, we had to split up to take items to a homeless shelter and God directed us back to Hampton, Tennessee on the way home to deliver heaters and fuel.

Upon arriving at Spring Street in Hampton, Tennessee to distribute supplies, we started going door to door passing out heaters and fuel. At this time, we met so many families that had so much damage to their homes and some that lost absolutely everything. It was during this visit that we learned of two different families that lost their homes and after much prayer we decided to adopt both of these families to build them a home back. Our church didn't have the funds to complete these projects at all but isn't that when God loves to SHOW UP and SHOW OUT!!

A single step of faith has been an amazing blessing as we have been honored to get to see God work in such a miraculous way! After going down to meet these two families we actually met another family that lost a home and decided to adopt them as well. We have been able to meet and get to know all of these families. The church got Bibles for everyone including the children and we have been sharing Jesus with everyone in this community. God has been moving in such a mighty way that one of the families drove from Tennessee to come to church with us. This family is not saved but God is working on them in such a beautiful way.

It's taken a lot of work to get the lots ready to start building but we have started on all 3 homes and have them under roof now thank the Lord! Two of the homes have the windows and doors installed and metal roofs on them as well. To see the families getting excited about getting a new home is truly remarkable! Please continue to pray for us as we get these families back into a fully furnished home.

Louisa Rotary Club Shares Message from Pastor Michael Marcum from Meades
Branch Freewill Baptist Church
Bev Scarberry

I would like to personally thank the Lawrence County Rotary Club for inviting me to come down and share with them what God is doing in Hampton, Tennessee. I sincerely appreciate your partnership in helping us get this work completed. If anyone is interested in helping us financially by all means we would greatly appreciate that. I will share a link where you can donate online to Meades Branch Freewill Baptist Church or you can mail a check. Feel free to email me at mmarcum.meadesbranchfwb@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank God for allowing us to be a small part of what He is doing!! Praise the name of Jesus!!

Donate online at link below:

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Sincerely,

Michael Marcum

Pastor

Meades Branch Freewill Baptist

Pikeville Rotary Club Receives Grants to Provide Food for Local Elementary Schools

By Karen Roberts Prater

The Pikeville Rotary Club began a weekend backpack program in September to assist with food insecurity for elementary school students in Pike County.

The club is presently providing food for 3 different elementary schools in Pike County for this project. Thus far 2 grants have applied for and approved from the Pikeville Community Foundation to provide financial assistance to the Club. A 3rd application has been submitted and the Club is in the "awaiting decision" process.

The Club is meeting bi-monthly to fill backpacks for one area school. The other 2 schools receive deliveries from locally owned grocery store, Quality Foods.

Greg Prater, spouse of President-Elect Karen Roberts Prater is assisting with the delivery of the backpacks to the area school that is not within the Quality Foods delivery area.



JJ Walker, co-worker of Rotarian Karen Roberts Prater, helps to return crates to Quality Foods



Picking up supplies for an area school backpack program

Pikeville Rotary Club Receives Grants to Provide Food for Local Elementary Schools By Karen Roberts Prater



Club Secretary Rhonda Little and Past President and Club Administrator Gerrie Damron Clark, are sorting items in preparation of filling backpacks.



Filled backpacks delivered for one Pike County Elementary School.



Greg Prater with Bevins Elementary Family Resource Director June Chapman, delivering backpacks!

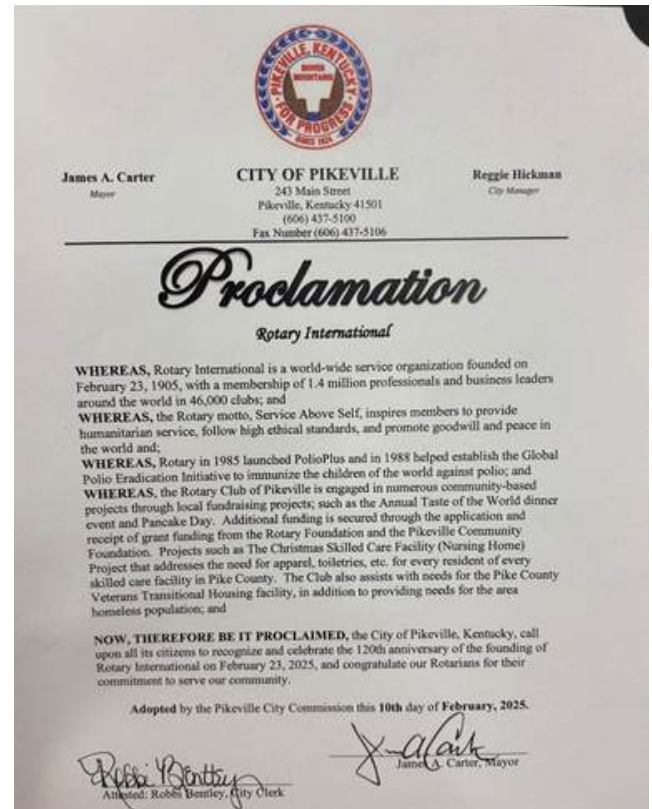


Greg Prater, Bevins Elementary Principal Matt Moon, and Bevins Family Resource Director June Chapman following the “unloading” of the backpacks!

City of Pikeville Proclaims February 23, 2025 "Pikeville Rotary Club Day". By Karen Roberts Prater

In honor of World Rotary Day; James A. (Jimmy) Carter, along with City Commissioners, Bob Shurtleff Allison Powers, Patrick McNamee, and Steve Hartsock; proclaimed February 23 to be Pikeville Rotary Club Day".

The Pikeville Club has been in existence for 103 years; having received their charter from Rotary International in March of 1922!



Pineville Rotary and Interact Club Members Participate in Multiple Volunteer Programs
By Kristy Burnett

Pineville Rotary Club members along with the Interact Club recently visited Orlando, FL to volunteer at Give Kids the World where they served meals to Wish Kids and their families as well as helped with activities on the grounds. They also volunteered at the Central Florida Zoo and attended a business learning series on Leadership & Personal Development with Universal Studios.

Prior to their Orlando trip, they participated and won best float in the Middlesboro City Christmas parade, where members handed out toys along the parade route to the children in attendance. Rotary and Interact members also participate and donated funds to Pineville Police Department for Shop with a Cop program.



Pineville Rotary and Interact Club Members Participate in Multiple Volunteer Programs
By Kristy Burnett



Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

April 3, 4, and 6, 2025

Thy Will Be Done: An Easter Oratorio

April 3 7:00 pm Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, KY

April 4 7:00 pm St. Patrick Church, Maysville, KY

April 6 3:00 pm MAC, Prestonsburg, KY

April 26, 2025

Louisa Golf Scramble

May 2-3, 2025

Multi-District Conference

Chattanooga, TN

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

August/September 2025

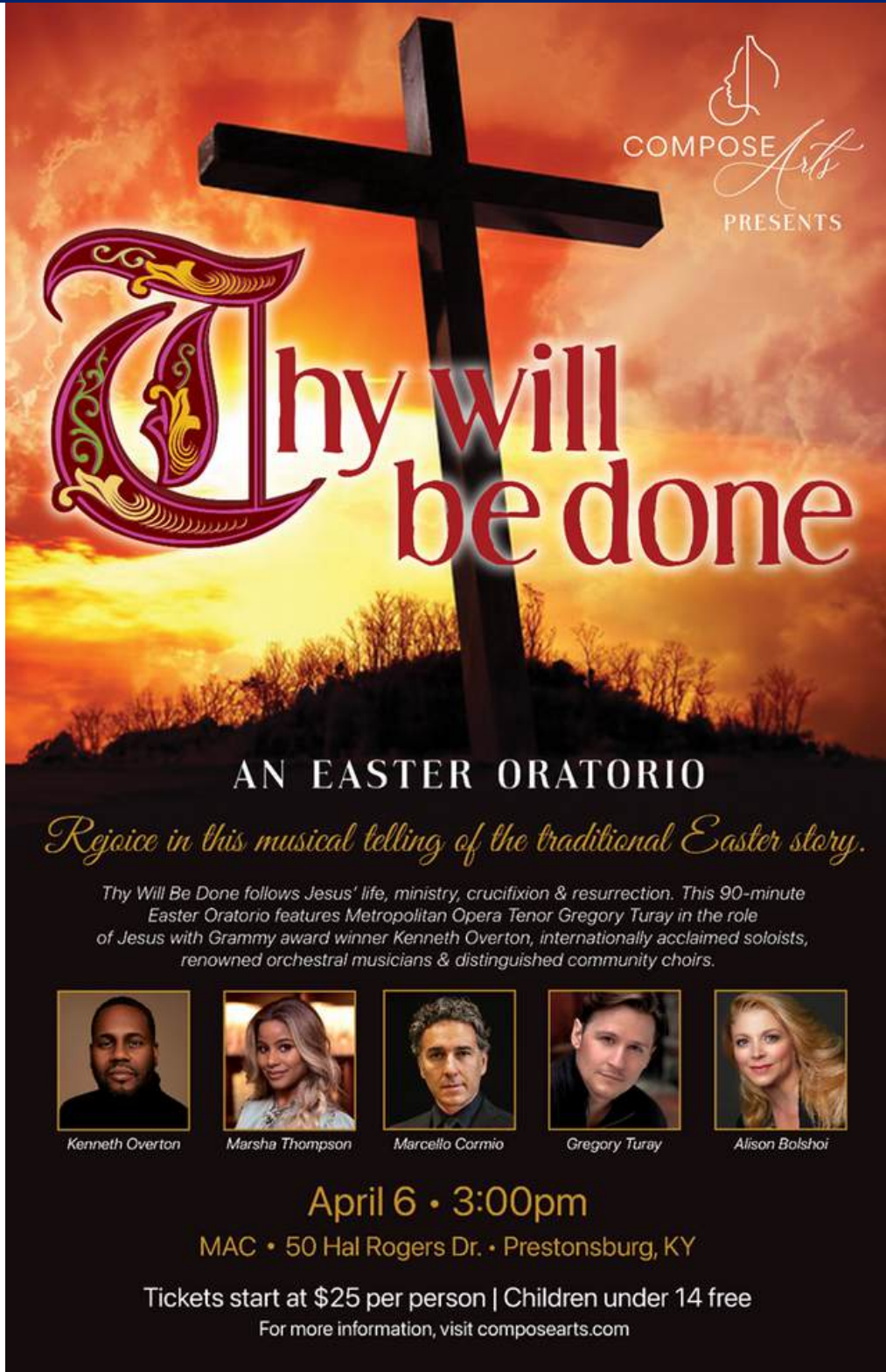
District 6740 In-Person Rotary Leadership Institute



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.

Thy Will Be Done Lexington After Hours Rotary Club








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Thy will be done

AN EASTER ORATORIO

Rejoice in this musical telling of the traditional Easter story.

Thy Will Be Done follows Jesus' life, ministry, crucifixion & resurrection. This 90-minute Easter Oratorio features Metropolitan Opera Tenor Gregory Turay in the role of Jesus with Grammy award winner Kenneth Overton, internationally acclaimed soloists, renowned orchestral musicians & distinguished community choirs.



Kenneth Overton Marsha Thompson Marcello Cormio Gregory Turay Alison Bolshoi

April 6 • 3:00pm
MAC • 50 Hal Rogers Dr. • Prestonsburg, KY

Tickets start at \$25 per person | Children under 14 free
For more information, visit composearts.com

Additional Performances

April 3 7:00 pm Calvary Baptist Church Lexington, KY

April 4 7:00 pm St. Patrick Church Maysville, KY

LOUISA ROTARY GOLF SCRAMBLE 2025

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH 8 AM
EAGLE RIDGE GOLF COURSE

CORPORATE SPONSOR - \$250
HOLE SPONSOR - \$100
FOURSOME SPONSORSHIP - \$200

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
LOUISA ROTARY CLUB
307 W MADISON ST
LOUISA, KY 41230



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

GREG KISER OR SKYLAR WEST @ TRMC
SHERRY COMPTON @ KY FARM BUREAU
BEVERLY SCARBERRY @ P&J TRAILER SALES
ELLEN TAYLOR @ TAYLOR CHIROPRACTIC
BRENT WESTMORELAND @ CITIZENS BANK

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

8:30 AM
BREAKFAST, REGISTRATION,
AND DRIVING RANGE
9:30 AM
SHOTGUN START, BEST BALL
CONCLUSION:
LUNCH, PRIZES, AND AWARDS

The District Leadership Team Is Here for YOU!

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15th ANNUAL



International Dinner

Saturday, April 12th • 6:00PM

Hosted by:
**London-Corbin
Rotary Clubs**

**Location at The Corbin Arena
500 Arena Drive, Corbin, KY 40701**

*Take your tastebuds on a trip around
the world with globally inspired cuisine.*

Table of 8: \$400

Individual Tickets: \$40

**Tickets sold by Corbin and London Rotary members.
Tickets also available at the Corbin Arena box office.**

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