Members of the Easter Seals Cardinal Hill Adult Miracle League Baseball Team sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lexington.

Jan 17 Lexington Rotary Club Endowment Fund Day
Jan 24 Lexington Rotary Club Endowment
Jan 31 Scott Shapiro, Former Chief Innovation Officer, LFUCG, and Kathy Scheller, Business Development & External Affairs Manager, MetroNet
Feb 7 Brooks Downing, Executive Director, Barbasol Championship
Feb 14 Holly Wiedeman, Founder & Principal, AU Associates
Feb 21 Dr. Rudolph G. Buchelt, Dean, UK College of Engineering
Feb 28 TBA

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do...

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

MEET OUR SPEAKER

BRIAN ENGLE


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His most recent charities include the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The Rotary Club of Lexington is considered one of the top 25 of clubs out of over 35,800 clubs in the world!

Our club has 40 committees, all of which extend our outreach, not only into our local community but throughout the world. Some of our committees have multiple responsibilities. For example, Community Service oversees our Fifth Grade Graduation at Spindletop Hall each year and other service projects like garden work at Greenhouse 17.

A focus this year has been on Measurement, which is divided into several smaller committees: Engagement, Proposal Review, Development and Mentoring. Each area is a valuable asset to promote membership growth and retention.

The Wheel Horse highlights various committees in their Committee Corner articles. These articles provide more in-depth information about featured committees’ purpose and activities. The Wheel Horse also includes event dates, SEE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE, 2
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reviews, photos and further announcements.

Each week, sometimes behind the scenes, the meetings that you attend are the culmination of the work of the committees of Greeters, Cashiers, Lottery, Program, Technology, Invocation, Music and Announcements and the camaraderie of members.

As Rotarians, we are all part of the team. Our Executive Director, Peggy Trotman, keeps all of us lined up and perfectly on “marching order”.

January 1 marked the conclusion of the first six months of our Rotary club calendar year. To this point, your Rotary board has met many times making club decisions, reviewing budgets and receiving committee progress reports. In the future we will be working on policy.

Our club has held a Holiday Party for Booker T. Washington Elementary children, entertained children from Fayette and surrounding counties and taken their photos while dressed as elves or Santa at the Horse Park in order to funds to purchase coats for needy school children.

At the Toyota Miracle League event, we cooked and helped Rotaract members serve hot dogs and hamburgers to players and their families.

Many other committees have engaged in continuous planning for Dancing With The Lexington Stars on May 11, Rodeo In June, Interact, the Rotary Leadership Academy, the International Committee Service, Public Relations and many more!

Through our Endowment and its growth, we are able to present checks to many organizations who apply and are vetted by that committee.

As Rotarians, we need to be humble but the market that we do in our community. We are a “giving” organization whose members love our community and support each other by taking action to solve problems and recognize need wherever that might be.

You are part of the network of friends in Rotary who accomplish many great things!

Yours in Service,
President Sharon

Wheel Horse
Congratulates
Richmond Subsidiary Group – At Morgan Stanley

Wheel Horse
Rotary in Review

Most would agree that the month of December can be hectic. For last week’s speaker, Ambassador Craig Kavacha, it was especially so, as following Patterson School student graduations early in the month, he visited London twice, Lebanon (at the urging of Rotarian Gordon Patterson) and Qatar in furtherance of his professional obligations and personal curiosity.

After a 22-year Foreign Service career and a subsequent 10-year stint as director of the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, Ambassador Cavanaugh now serves as chairman of a British NGO that deals with peace building efforts around the world, a position that set his December travels in motion.

While in London, he visited the Royal Institute of International Affairs, commonly known as Chatham House, where discussions on international affairs are governed by “Chatham House Rules,” which can be described as not discussing controversial international topics without attribution. In Qatar, he interacted with a variety of foreign officials, including the United Nations Secretary General, the lead negotiator for the Palestinians and the Iranian and Japanese officials. Upon his return to London, interactions with the British Foreign Secretary ensued. This was not offered by the Ambassador as name-dropping. Rather, those conversations provided the backdrop for explaining that his presentation would focus less on what he thinks and more on how the rest of the world sees things.

That view is not an optimistic one, being described as one of a “troubled and increasingly dangerous” world. Cited as dangerous elements were ongoing wars in Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Ukraine, Nigeria and the Congo, along with tensions in the South China Sea, between Israel and the Palestinians and between India and Pakistan. However, the Ambassador noted, danger is not new on the world stage, it is understood and accepted.

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According to Ambassador Cavanaugh further criticism was aimed at what was described as the current Administration’s move away from a complex, nuanced approach to international relationships to one described as “transactional self-interest” where the primary goal is to win, not to arrive at a mutually beneficial resolution of disputes. The suggestion was made that if viewed against the Four-Way Test, this approach would fail as not being “beneficial to all concerned.” He suggested this has led to major disputes with many of our long-term allies, while we in turn embrace foes such as Russia and countries such as Saudi Arabia in spite of the latter’s recent actions. Finally, Cavanaugh reported that America is perceived as no longer interested in promoting democracy and human rights around the globe.

If those sources are indeed correct, we may find ourselves in the paradoxical situation in which our economy improves as the world around us becomes less safe.

– John Wharton