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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently, I attended the Yearling Orientation led by past president Dave Williams. I learned from him that the first service project that the first Rotary Club did was provide "comfort stations" for women in Chicago. Until then, women had no facilities for public restroom use although men had bathrooms in bars. Proper women didn't go in there. Today, women complain that there aren't enough stalls in restrooms! My point in mentioning this is to highlight that the men who started Rotary were honorable or perhaps, tongue in cheek, they were "building goodwill and better friendships"!

In all seriousness, there are hundreds of families in our district without safe water or proper facilities for sanitation. With our International Service Committee and those of other clubs in our district, we need to investigate what we can do to alleviate that suffering here in Kentucky. Estimates suggest that it will take from \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00 per household to address this need and such a project may take multiple years to complete. Some preliminary research has already been done by individuals in other Rotary clubs in our district. Our very energetic district governor Dean Hammond has wonderful ideas for accomplishing several goals in our district, including this one. As the largest club, we must step up when

Zig Zigler said, "You can have everything in life you want if you will just help her, trafton@rotarylexky.org, with your updates. enough other people get what they want!" In this case, it's what they need. I think that he may have been describing "Service Above Self"! With more information to come and a lot of hard work, we may see a Rotary goal, providing clean water and sanitation, reach fruition here in the Commonwealth in time.

## LAST CHANCE TO GET A FREE **PHOTO UPDATE!**



Can other Rotarians recognize you from your roster photo? Don't like the one you've got? Then, it's time to stop by Bill Straus's booth before or after this week's meeting and get a new one made for free!

Peggy is getting ready to update our club's roster book. The roster is a great way to keep up with our large membership. It not only provides member info, it also includes our committees, classifications, Paul Harris Fellows and other recognitions. So, if you need to make changes to your photo, address, phone number, employer, email, hobbies and/or committee memberships, tell Peggy at this week's meeting or email

Thank you for your help in keeping our roster relevant! Please remember: THE ROSTER IS NEVER TO BE USED FOR PERSONAL SOLICITATION and is COMPILED FOR MEMBERS ONLY!

- President Sharon



















#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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- Sept 13 Dean Hammond, District Governor, Rotary District 6740
- Sept 20 Tom Ashford, PDG, and J.T. Warring, Director, Myanmar Compassion Project
- Sept 27 Rotary Day, 2018 Roundup, UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do..

- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

# The RWTARY Club of Lexington WHEEL HERSE

## August 16, 2018 - TODAY'S PROGRAM -

Presiding: President Sharon Reed Invocation: Cathy Stafford Singing, Pledge & 4-Way Test: Winn Stephens Introduction of Guests: Michele Ripley

Introduction of Speaker: Renee Shepard Speaker: Lawrence Weathers, Chief of Police, Lexington Program: Lexington's Police Department—Serving Our Community

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#### CHIEF LAWRENCE WEATHERS

Lawrence Weathers was sworn in as Lexington's chief of police on March 4, 2018. Weathers and his nine siblings grew up in Lexington's Bluegrass Aspendale and Hollow Creek neighborhoods. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and a master's in criminal justice from Eastern Kentucky University.

Chief Weathers was hired by the Lexington Police Department in 1989. During the first six years of his career he worked as a patrol officer and was assigned to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, teaching elementary and middle school students how to avoid and resist the

temptations that lead to drug abuse. In 1994 he was transferred to the Bureau of Investigations and assigned as a narcotics detective.

Weathers was promoted to sergeant in 1997 and has worked as a supervisor in every bureau within the Lexington Police Department. In 2001 he returned to the Narcotics Enforcement Unit as a lieutenant. In 2008 his assignment shifted to the chief's office as the commanding supervisor of the Internal Affairs Section. A year later Weathers was promoted to the rank of commander and assigned to the Bureau of Patrol. In March 2011 Commander Weathers was reassigned to the Training Section. With his appointment to Assistant Chief in 2014, Weathers led the Bureau of Special Operations until his retirement from Lexington Police in

In July 2016 Weathers was selected as the director of law enforcement for Fayette County Public Schools. There he was responsible for the safety and security of more than 40,000 students, staff and visitors as well as dozens of school district properties.

Chief Weathers is a Kentucky Law Enforcement Council certified police

instructor. He is certified to teach classes on investigation techniques, ethics, community policing concepts, hate crimes, cultural diversity and leadership.

Weathers is a member of the National Organization of Black Law **Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)** and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). He volunteers as a member of "Drug Free Lex," part of the Kentucky Alliance for Substance Abuse Policy. He also served on the board of the Downtown Lexington Corporation and committees responsible for addressing vouth violence and homelessness in Lexington. Chief Weathers also volunteers his time as a mentor to elementary school students and educates parents and youth about the effects of illicit drugs and violence.

Weathers and his wife, Melinda, live in Lexington and have three children, Jordan, Benjamin and Emery. When announcing Weathers's return to the police department, Mayor Gray noted his commitment to community policing and how well respected he is throughout Lexington.

Meetings held every Thursday at noon with lunch starting at 11:30 at The Red Mile.

Visit our website at http://www.rotarylexky.org for all of the Rotary Club of Lexington updates.

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THEY REALLY LIKED THE T-SHIRTS!

Thanks to the generosity of our club members, all attendees at last week's International Students 50th Anniversary Picnic received commemorative T-shirts to highlight the event. Students who had not yet arrived in Lexington by last Sunday will receive the shirts when they get to campus.

In all more than 100 people--new international students, sponsor families and UK students and staff who work in the International Programs Office--attended the picnic. They were joined by Rotarians Bill Marshall (Picnic Committee Chair), Dwayne Edwards, President Sharon Reed, Sim Oyetunji, Paul Chewning and guest Jerry Clark. Picnic Committee veteran Franklin Thompson also attended. He has welcomed several thousand students over the years.

This year, 23 countries were represented, with 12 students from China leading the way, followed by 9 from Nepal. Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Norway and Kazakhstan were among the other countries represented. This year, Kroger gift cards were awarded as door prizes. Among the winners were the student who traveled the longest (35 hours) and three students who each spoke five languages.



#### Rotary in Review

#### THREATS ARE MOUNTING BUT U OF L IS UP TO THE CHALLENGE

Although he didn't say it explicitly, the between the lines message from Dr. Gregory Postel last week was clear: It's not easy being interim president or vice president for health affairs at a major university these days. The challenges to the sustainability of public universities are many, including some that affect all complex organizations and others that are unique to higher education. They include factors like the pace of change major threats to financial stability and liquidity, the competing demands of the university's stakeholders, the difficulty of instituting change through higher education's shared governance structure and the mission creep and resource drain that result from universities' adherence to "The Law of More." And they reflect changing trends in public support for academic institutions.

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Dr. Postel gave us a crash course on funding sources for public institutions: state support, tuition, donors, research grants, clinical revenue, partnerships and athletics. Unfortunately, many of those are trending downward or themselves make significant demand on a university's resources. For example, the University of Louisville receives

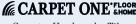
only \$126 million annually from the state to fund an annual operating budget of \$3 billion per year, a 26 percent drop in state funding since 2008. Tuition increases can grow only so much and, for a university like U of L with lots of "first generation" students, those increases necessitate corresponding increases in student aid. Research grants require an outlay of a 30 percent subsidy for each dollar received, and much of the athletics department's revenues are expended for their own operating costs, netting only three percent for U of L's annual budget. And, while the medical center and the U of L Physicians group generate revenue, that revenue is threatened by alternative payment models, cuts to Medicaid reimbursement (30 percent of U of L's patients are Medicaid recipients) and changes in hospital ownership. ("We have hospitals in our city that are for sale where we have big programs.") And, like all organizations, their non-programming costs such as those for utilities keep rising. Despite these challenges, U of L has

identified a number of strategies for coping with these challenges. On the operations side, they have streamlined

their procurement procedures. On the curriculum side, they plan to increase enrollments by making greater use of online courses, certificate programs and stackable and completer degrees to tap the Louisville market of 100,000 people who attended college but never completed a program. That will help provide educated workers for companies like Amazon, whose need for workers significantly currently exceeds the area's ability to supply them. U of L is working with University Advancement to sharpen the institution's value proposition for prospective donors. And they are experimenting with innovative design and build partnerships with companies like GE Appliances, now owned by the Haier Group. Linking corporate product design and development with university expertise and resources, GE Appliances predicts they can bring new products online in one fourth of the time at one tenth of the cost with a corresponding revenue increase to the university. Currently, U of L has 10 such partnerships in operation and 100 others are being evaluated for their potential

— Judy Worth





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