



KIMBERLY HAMMOND

Kimberly Hammond was introduced to Rotary in the same manner that I was (admittedly, her introduction was a few decades later). We both participated in Interact while in high school. She was a sophomore at Seminole High School in Lake Mary, Florida and enjoyed participating in the club’s activities. For her junior year, she moved to Kentucky and was disappointed to learn that her high school did not have a chapter. She resolved that problem by helping to start a club in her senior year.

Kimberly next attended the University of Pikeville. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, but then thought that maybe she wanted to be a dentist. That led to two more degrees - a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Accounting. From college, Kimberly went straight to work for the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet.

She loves the outdoors and hopes to travel to all of our National Parks before she is thirty. Her interest in nature is evidenced by one of her hobbies – entomology. If she is

outdoors and spots an interesting insect, she will take it home with her to display in an insect display case, what she calls her “bug boxes”. At present, she has hundreds of different varieties! And when at home, she spends time with her pet, a warm, cuddly..... tarantula, named Ambrose.

Kimberly also loves taking trips with friends. Among her favorite destinations were Death Valley (where she got to see several locations used in filming Star Wars) and New Orleans for the Jazz Festival. A former high school and college band member, she was excited to see Trombone Shorty, who was one of her inspirations, perform there.

She is still learning about all of the options for service with Rotary Club of Lexington, but is eager to get started!

– John Meyers

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following individual has been proposed for membership in Rotary:

Joe Evans

Classification: Insurance, General

Sponsor: Jamie Schrader

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

| UPCOMING PROGRAMS | | UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES | |
|-------------------|--|---|--|
| Oct 17 | No Lunch Meeting, Service Week, Doing Rotary Differently | Oct 16 | Membership Recruitment, Broke Spoke, W. 6th St., 5-6:30pm |
| Oct 24 | Nick Mingione, Head Baseball Coach, University of Kentucky | Oct 17 | Back Pack Pack-Up, God’s Pantry Food Bank Winchester Rd, 1:00pm |
| Nov 7 | Dr. Ryan Quarles and Dr. Greg Feeney, KCTCS and BCTC | Oct 17 | Spin to Win the Fight Against Polio, CycleYOU, 6:30pm |
| Nov 14 | David Lyons, Murder Podcast | Oct 23 | Keeneland, Lexington Room, \$100, 11:00-6:00pm |
| Nov 21 | No Lunch Meeting, Service Week, Doing Rotary Differently | Oct 25 | Early Morning Mixer, 46Solutions, Lexington Green, 8-9:30am, free |
| Nov 28 | Happy Thanksgiving | Oct 31 | Thursday, Happy Hour at Lost Palm, The Manchester Hotel, Distillery District, 5-6:30pm |
| Dec 5 | Lori Flees, CEO, Valvoline | Nov 1 | Community Service Activity: Cooking with the kids of Sunrise Children’s Services; time/location TBD |
| | | Nov 2 | Tailgate for Town Branch, Susie Basham’s house, 2172 Palomar Trace, Night game, \$25 |
| | | Nov 21 | Lexington Philharmonic, Rehearsal, Give Birth to The Dream, Singletary Center, Reception 6:15, Performance, 7:30pm, \$30 |

The ROTARY Club of Lexington

WHEEL HORSE

October 10, 2024
— TODAY’S PROGRAM —

Presiding: Past President Darrell Ishmael
Inspiration, Pledge, & 4 Way Test: Winn Stephens
Introduction of Guests: Rod Hartzler
Introduction of Speaker: Brigitte Blom

Speaker: Adam Edelen, CEO & Founder, Edelen Renewables
Program: Edelen Renewables
Location: The Mane on Main

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ADAM EDELEN

“One of the most exciting opportunities created by renewable energy technologies like solar is the ability to help the world’s poorest develop faster – but more sustainably too”
– Ed Davey

Most Rotarians are familiar with Rotary International’s seven areas of focus and the fact that protecting the environment is one such point of focus. An additional three areas are arguably intertwined with this broad environmental mission: fighting disease, providing clean water, and growing local economies.

Against this background, we are privileged today to hear from Adam Edelen, Founder and CEO of Edelen Renewables.

With a founding mission of bring-

ing the promise of renewable energy to the forgotten places, Edelen Renewables is the only solar development firm in America with a sole focus on socially impactful projects that provide the triple-bottom line return of meeting the climate challenge, driving economic transition in forgotten communities, and creating legacy impact for off-takers and communities alike.

Adam Edelen is a dynamic leader with a demonstrated record in both the private and public sectors. He has garnered significant attention for forming partnerships to pioneer coal-to-solar projects, and other-green energy developments in struggling energy communities.

A former Chief of Staff to a Kentucky Governor and statewide elected official in his own right, Adam was known as a modernizing reformer and a results-oriented, bipartisan leader. His commitment to public service and creating economic opportunity for those who need it serves as the foundation of his firm’s unique

Social Impact Solar® approach to development.

He has been named “The Outstanding Young Kentuckian” and one of the “Ten Outstanding Young Americans” by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. More recently, he has been honored by the Aspen Institute and the German Marshall Fund. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. A student of history, this proud father of twin sons is an avid sportsman and fan of the Kentucky Wildcats and the Atlanta Braves.

In his presentation today, Adam will tell us how Edelen Renewables is providing more than clean energy to rural America.

Please offer a warm Rotary welcome to Adam Edelen!

A RECIPE FOR DOING GOOD! ROTARY AND SUNRISE CHILDREN’S SERVICES

On November 1st, Rotary Club of Lexington will partner with Reuben Watson and Sunrise Children’s Services (SCS) to support foster children as part of our October Community Outreach! You may remember SCS from a prior presentation by Reuben as an organization dedicated to providing a safe place for abused and neglected children, along with an opportunity for them to feel love.

We are looking for fifteen participants to join us for a hands-on cooking experience with both the kids and chefs. Together, we’ll prepare a meal, and then sit down to share it with the children, creating some great conversation over dinner.

The cooking classes will be led by Bayou Bluegrass Catering, and everything will be made from scratch. We’d love for you to be part of this special day! We know many of you have been looking for a meaningful way to serve and this is such a great opportunity. If you’re interested, just let Alisha Chaffin know by emailing her at: alisha.rotary@gmail.com.

The exact location and time will be determined closer to the date.

ROTARY AND PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

In keeping with the topic of today’s presentation, Rotarians should be aware of Rotary International’s focus on environmental issues as stated on its webpage: “We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.”

Are you aware of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ES-RAG)? In 2013, Karen Kendrick-Hands, inspired by the future her granddaughter would face in a changing climate, partnered with Paul Riehemann, a past Rotary Club president. Together, they recognized Rotary’s unique position to address the global warming crisis. Their journey led to the formation of ESRAG, which was officially recognized by Rotary International in 2015. Its mission is to inspire and empower the Rotary Family with extensive expertise, networks, education and best practices to implement sustainable and impactful environmental projects.

To learn more about ESRAG or to join, go to <https://esrag.org/membership/>.

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Rotary in Review

MATTHEW MITCHELL’S TOOLS TO BUILD PURPOSE, RESPECT, AND SUCCESS

Last week, the Rotary Club of Lexington welcomed Matthew Mitchell, former head coach of the University of Kentucky women’s basketball team, to share his insights on leadership. With his characteristic charisma and wisdom, Coach Mitchell delivered an engaging presentation titled Winning Tools: 3 Leadership Principles that Build Purpose, Respect, and Success. A full house was on hand to hear from the legendary coach turned philanthropist and community leader.

Mitchell opened his presentation by reflecting on his and UK’s long-standing relationship with our Club. He shared a few humorous stories from his early days of coaching and those of a few of his coaching peers. His message, however, transcended sports. The principles he shared offered valuable lessons on leadership that could be that could be applied across professions and industries.

Mitchell discussed the critical role of purpose in leadership. As he reflected on his coaching career, he shared that without a clearly defined purpose, his and the team’s success would have been short-lived. “Pur-

pose gives you direction and the will to push through the toughest times,” he shared. Mitchell’s purpose was rooted in helping young athletes grow—not just as basketball players but as individuals equipped to succeed in life.

However, purpose alone isn’t enough. Mitchell emphasized the importance of honesty, noting that leaders must communicate truthfully and authentically about both their vision and expectations. He encouraged Rotary members to be honest with themselves about their purpose and to align their actions with that purpose in a transparent way.

The second principle Mitchell highlighted was respect, which he described as the foundation of successful teams and organizations. He shared personal anecdotes about how, during his coaching tenure, he sought to build respect by working harder than anyone else and by leading with integrity. He often stayed late after practices, took time to listen to each player’s individual concerns, and demonstrated through his actions that he cared deeply about their personal

and athletic development.

Mitchell also spoke about how discipline plays a pivotal role in earning respect. “People respect leaders who are disciplined in their approach—those who do what they say they’re going to do,” he explained. Through maintaining a disciplined approach to coaching, Mitchell created a culture of trust and accountability, ensuring his players understood that their effort and commitment were essential to success.

In his closing remarks, Mitchell emphasized that success is not a goal in itself, but a byproduct of the first two principles—purpose and respect—along with a commitment to honesty, hard work, and discipline.

Mitchell left us with a powerful reminder: “There are no shortcuts to success. It’s about doing the hard work, being honest with yourself and others, and staying disciplined in your approach.” His words seemed to resonate with our members, who I’m sure found his leadership principles inspiring and practical for their own roles in business, community service, and family life.

– Dan Koett



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