

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY – CLUB BOARD/
OFFICER NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Want to get more involved in the leadership of the Rotary Club of Lexington? Now is your chance! Nominations are now open for President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and three Director positions. You may nominate a fellow Rotarian or self-nominate. All nominations are due in the Rotary office by Monday, November 4th. You should have received from Peggy an email with the Nomination Form and a summary entitled Expectations of Directors and Officers. Interested parties are urged to carefully review the latter document in order to fully understand what the desired position entails. If you have not received the email or wish additional copies, please reach out to Peggy or to Nominating Committee Chair, President-Elect Laurel Martin. We hope you will consider stepping up to serve the Rotary Club of Lexington!

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Look for their bios in an upcoming issue of *The 5th Page*.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following individual has been proposed for membership in Rotary:

Jaron Johns
Classification: Photography
Sponsor: Dylan Harper

Objections should be made in writing within seven (7) days to The Board of Directors, Rotary Club of Lexington, 401 W. Main Street, Suite 305, Lexington, KY 40507. Objections are kept in strict confidence.


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UPCOMING PROGRAMS		UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	
Nov 7	Dr. Ryan Quarles and Dr. Greg Feeney, KCTCS and BCTC	Oct 25	Early Morning Mixer, 46Solutions, Lexington Green, 8-9:30am, free
Nov 14	David Lyons, Murder Podcast	Oct 31	Thursday, Happy Hour at Lost Palm, The Manchester Hotel, Distillery District, 5-6:30pm
Nov 21	No Lunch Meeting, Service Week, Doing Rotary Differently	Nov 2	Tailgate for Town Branch, Susie Basham's house, 2172 Palomar Trace, Night game, \$25
Nov 28	Happy Thanksgiving	Nov 21	Lexington Philharmonic, Rehearsal, Give Birth to The Dream, Singletary Center, Reception 6:15, Performance, 7:30pm, \$30
Dec 5	Lori Flees, CEO, Valvoline	Dec 12	Holiday Party for Members and Guests, Campbell House, 6pm
Dec 12	No Lunch Meeting- Holiday Party at the Campbell House, 6 PM		
Dec 19	Booker T. Washington Holiday Party with Santa		

The ROTARY Club of Lexington

WHEEL HORSE

October 24, 2024
— TODAY'S PROGRAM —

Presiding: President Bret Anderson
Inspiration, Pledge, & 4 Way Test: Jim Martin
Introduction of Guests: Buzz Carmichael
Introduction of Speaker: Winn Stephens

Speaker: Nick Mingione, Head Baseball Coach, University of Kentucky
Program: Update on Kentucky Baseball
Location: The Mane on Main

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MEET OUR SPEAKER



NICK MINGIONE

A lot can happen in seven years. No one knows that better than today's guest speaker, University of Kentucky Baseball Head Coach Nick Mingione. Coach Mingione last joined us in 2017, fresh off an incredibly successful first season with the Cats, earning 2017 SEC Coach of the Year honors as well as being named the Rawlings National Coach of the Year. He led the Cats to a 43-win season, the most by any first-year coach at UK. The team, originally projected to finish near the bottom of the conference, ended the season with the second-most conference wins in school history.

Fast forward to 2024 and a record-breaking season that earned

Mingione his second SEC and National Coach of the year awards. UK set a new school record with 46 victories and won the SEC regular season crown for just the second time. Perhaps most significant was the team's first ever appearance in the College World Series.

Mingione's success with the Kentucky program extends beyond the playing field. Entering 2024, the Cats had a conference-best 233 players earn All-SEC academic honors, including a league-high 34 in 2020 and 39 in 2021. The program has earned the ABCA's prestigious Team Academic Excellence Award, which requires a cumulative team grade point average of at least 3.00, each of the 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022 and 2023 seasons, the only school in the SEC to accomplish that feat.

Prior to being named UK Baseball Head Coach, Mingione spent eight seasons as an assistant at Mississippi State University. Before his time at Mississippi State, Mingione spent two seasons at UK as an assistant under John Cohen in 2006-07. UK won

33 SEC games in those two seasons, including 2006 when UK claimed its first SEC championship. After the historic regular season, the Wildcats hosted an NCAA Regional for the first time.

Prior to his first stint at Kentucky, Mingione spent three years as an assistant coach at Embry-Riddle University, his alma mater. The Eagles appeared in the NAIA College World Series in each of those seasons, culminating in a runner-up finish in 2005. Mingione also coached at Florida Gulf Coast in 2002, helping lay the foundation for the program before its inaugural season in 2003. He began his coaching career in 2001 at Mariner High School, his alma mater.

Mingione – born in Tarrytown, N.Y., before growing up in Florida – graduated from Embry-Riddle in 2000 with a degree in aerospace studies, as well as a triple minor in business, psychology and humanities. He was also a four-year letterman on the school's baseball team.

Mingione and his wife, Christen, have one son, Reeves.

ROTARY CLUB OF LEXINGTON AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR
XANDY STEWART “RIDE TO END POLIO!”

To support Rotary and with October as Polio Awareness Month, members of the Rotary Club of Lexington, supporters, and our own District 6740 Governor Xandy Stewart took part in the 2nd annual Spin to Win the Fight Against Polio. Thanks to CycleYOU for donating the space and to Rotarian Jenny Schnurr for leading the spin session the group raised \$2,500 for their efforts. With the Gates Foundation match of 2 to 1 that’s \$7500 to End Polio Now. Join us next year in our fight against polio and ride with us!

You can still support our Spin to Win the Fight Against Polio through Nov. 1st with this link: <https://raise.rotary.org/LexingtonRotary/challenge267>



HELP ROTARY AND GET PAID! WHAT????

The Rotary Club of Lexington is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. Duties include maintaining accounting records on QuickBooks and various databases and preparing monthly financial statements for the Club and Endowment. Work may be performed virtually. This is a contract position with an estimated time requirement of 15-20 hours per month. Applicants should have previous experience with nonprofit accounting and QuickBooks or Desktop software applications.

If interested, please contact Peggy Trafton at 859-389-8100 and/or send resume to trafton@rotarylexky.org

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Rotary in Review

THE ELECTRIFICATION OF EVERYTHING: ARE YOU READY?

We are on the verge of the electrification of everything and we better get ready for it! This was both the prediction and the challenge presented with the fervor of a southern Baptist at a tent revival by Adam Edelen, founder and CEO of Edelen Renewables. Edelen, formerly Chief of Staff to Governor Paul Patton and Auditor of Public Accounts, is the Founder and CEO of Edelen Renewables. Edelen Renewables is dedicated to bringing renewable energy projects to the “forgotten places.” Per its webpage, its current project list spans more than a dozen states, including Kentucky, and represents three gigawatts of solar energy and storage, with a potential private equity investment exceeding \$3 billion!

As a starting point, Rotarians were presented with the following bold statement: “We are living through one of the great economic, social, cultural, and technological transitions of all time.” Edelen was referring to the Green Energy Revolution. He went on to state his belief that over the next fifty years this transition will fuel the greatest creation of wealth since the advent of the internet and asked the question “how do we seize the opportunities provided by this profound technological shift?”

As evidence that the shift to renewable energy has moved beyond politics, he noted that every Fortune 500 company has sustainability commitments, driven by shareholders. This includes companies whose history is based on the recovery and sale of fossil fuels. As an example, he cites Shell, referred to by Edelen as the “biggest polluter on the planet.” Two reasons for this were noted. First, renewable electricity has become the most cost-effective new form of power on the plant, competitive with natural gas. The days of coal as a power source are, in his option, over. A second driver stems from the fact that millennials and the gen Z demographic combined far surpass the baby boomers and the business plan for these companies of necessity includes remaining relevant to this dominant generational cohort. Don’t believe it? Edelen cites the decision of Toyota to phase out within a couple of years the gas-only powered Camry, the most popular vehicle in America.

To bring this all back to his current role as a businessman, where he does not have to persuade but rather be right, he notes that to meet their sustainability goals, companies have to purchase renewable energy from companies like Edelen Renewables. In meeting those energy needs, Edelen believes that the benefits of renewable energy can be brought to what he refers to as the “forgotten places of America.” His vision has come to life in Martin County, Kentucky.

The Martin County Solar Project is taking shape on the 2,000-acre former Martiki mine site. His company’s investment of \$231 million represents the largest capital investment ever made in that county. The project will generate 200 megawatts of clean energy, “by far” the largest solar project in the Commonwealth. Phase I has just been completed; Toyota will purchase the power.

Edelen also noted with pride the involvement of coal company executives in his project, noting that while they likely do not vote for the same people as he does, “you don’t have to agree on everything to agree on something.”

– John Wharton

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