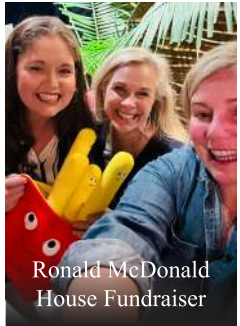


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ton. Laura Mobley-Corn, DG Gridley, Julie Kwasniewski, Susie Basham, Susan Adams, Patty Breeze, and Michele Ripley. Need more evidence of how Rotary women are stepping out? Alish Chaffin can always be counted on for a selfie and she obliged by taking this photo of herself, Candra Bryant, and Laura Mobley-Corn at a recent fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House. Guys, we need to raise our game!





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Oct 10	Adam Edelen, CEO & Founder, Edelen Renewables	Oct 16	Membership Recruitment, Broke Spoke, W. 6th St., 5-6:30pm
Oct 17	No Lunch Meeting, Service Week, Doing Rotary Differently	Oct 17	Back Pack Pack-Up, God's Pantry Food Bank Winchester Rd, 1:00pm
Oct 24	Nick Mingione, Head Baseball Coach, University of Kentucky	Oct 17	Spin to Win the Fight Against Polio, CycleYOU, 6:30pm
Nov 7	Dr. Ryan Quarles and Dr. Greg Feeney, KCTCS and BCTC	Oct 23	Keeneland, Lexington Room, \$100, 11:00-6:00pm
Nov 14	David Lyons, Murder Podcast	Oct 25	Early Morning Mixer, 46Solutions, Lexington Green, 8-9:30am, free
Nov 21	No Lunch Meeting, Service Week, Doing Rotary Differently	Oct 31	Thursday, Happy Hour at Lost Palm, The Manchester Hotel, Distillery District, 5-6:30pm
Nov 28	Happy Thanksgiving	Nov 2	Tailgate for Town Branch, Susie Basham's house, 2172 Palomar Trace, Night game, \$25
Dec 5	Lori Flees, CEO, Valvoline		

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Welcome back past President Darrell!

NEW ROTARIAN LINDSAY HUGHES THURSTON JOINS
KY VETERANS HALL OF FAME!

Join the Wheel Horse in offering congratulations to one of our newest members, Judge Lindsay Hughes Thurston, on being inducted as an Honorary member to the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. She joins past-President Dean Hammond, class of 2019, and husband and fellow Rotarian John Thurston, class of 2023 as inductees into the Hall of Fame. Lindsey serves a major role in the Honor Flight Kentucky Program, where she serves on the Board of Directors.

Lindsey appears in the related photo with fellow honorary inductee Miss America Heather French Henry and husband John.



The ROTARY Club of Lexington

WHEEL HORSE

October 3, 2024
— TODAY'S PROGRAM —

Presiding: President Bret Anderson
Inspiration, Pledge, & 4 Way Test: David Jones
Introduction of Guests: Buzz Carmichael
Introduction of Speaker: Kevin Weaver

Speaker: Matthew Mitchell
Program: Winning Tools: 3 Leadership Principals that Build Purpose, Respect, and Success
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MATTHEW MITCHELL

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Winning Tools is a playbook that helps readers discover the power of character-based leadership, how to form solid foundations for progress and prosperity, regardless of the in-

dustry or your role in it.

Matthew is well-known to Lexington Rotarians, having presented to us annually for many years in his capacity as head coach of UK women's basketball from 2007 to 2020, succeeding former UK coach Mickie DeMoss. Prior to becoming the coach at Kentucky, Mitchell spent two years as the head coach at Morehead State. Mitchell started his coaching career as graduate assistant under Pat Summitt at Tennessee, and he also spent time as an assistant coach at Florida and Kentucky before becoming a head coach.

As UK's all-time winningest coach, Matthew Mitchell led the women's basketball program through many of the great moments in the history of Kentucky basketball, with more than 300 wins, an SEC championship, and numerous NCAA tournament appearances. At his retirement, Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart said, "He has been a great ambassador for the University of Kentucky, on and off the court, bringing an

energy and style of play that made it fun for players and fans alike."

Matthew and his wife Jenna are very active in community service. In June 2014, Matthew and Jenna pledged \$1 million over the next ten years to the University of Kentucky Athletics Department. Just a few months later, they launched The Mitchell Family Foundation, a non-profit organization set to benefit charities in the Lexington community. As Matthew and Jenn eloquently note on the Foundation's webpage, "We believe in strength of character. We believe when our citizens intentionally invest is strengthening their character, self-belief, and leadership skills, our entire community will benefit. With the funds we raise, we will support local non-profits that work hard to lift people out of tough situations."

In 2016, Matthew and Jenna were presented the Community Service Award by the National Urban League of Lexington.

DOING ROTARY, DIFFERENTLY

Lexington Rotarians continue to take advantage of the third week of each month to “Do Rotary, Differently” by showcasing our Rotary values and expertise during that week and at other times to help out in the communities outside the setting of a weekly meeting. Under the watchful eyes of Alisha Chaffin and Chris Campbell Military Missions remains one of our focal points, as Rotarians gather to assemble care packages to go out to our deployed troops. The accompanying photo shows the large number of Rotarians who gathered on September 24 to help with this effort. Shown are Rotarians Shawn Lyons, Scott Neal, Alisha Chaffin, Mary Ellen Fiffis, Candra Bryant and son, Susan Adams, Christie Pierce, Greg Turay’s daughter, Gregory Turay, Linda Weaver and husband Robert. Another ongoing



Military Missions Group

Rotary effort is our collaboration with God’s Pantry to fill and distribute backpacks to area schools to benefit the incredibly large number of students who face food insecurity each and every week. Here we see Virginia Carter taking a needed break upon the completion of another workday. Since Sharron Townsend broke the figurative Rotary “glass wall” back in 1988 by becoming our Club’s first female member, women have increasingly placed a vital role in keeping us relevant and visible in the community. An example is the significant Rotary presence in Women Leading Kentucky (WLK), a non-profit organization which provides networks, mentors, business connections, and educational opportunities for women. Rotary maintains a booth at their meetings and the organization has been a valuable resource in getting our name out and in recruiting members. The accompanying photo shows these Rotary women at a recent WLK meeting: Crystal New-



Virginia Carter

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Rotary in Review

GATTON PARK ON THE TOWN BRANCH – A TRANSFORMATION IN PROCESS

A highlight of our September 26 meeting, one designed to get us off to a rousing start, was its opening with the singing of “Happy Birthday” to Past-President Winn Stephens to celebrate his 50th time around the sun. In his typical giving spirit, he shared his cake with the entire club.

With that celebration behind us, Allison Lankford, Executive Director of Gatton Park on the Town Branch (Gatton Park), presented an update of the generational Gatton Park project. She noted that Gatton Park will hold on to and reflect the history of Lexington, most literally through the restoration of Town Branch creek itself, the long-buried waterway on the banks of which Lexington was founded. The project is transforming eleven acres of asphalt between Oliver Lewis Way and Central Bank Center into an unprecedented signature park in the heart of downtown Lexington. After groundbreaking in 2023, the fundraising, design, and development began in earnest with the hiring of staff. Currently the project is led by a volunteer board of directors and a five-person staff.

The primary intent of the project is to create a “destination” in downtown Lexington in the form of a nearly ten-acre

world-class community gathering space. The project was designed by the internationally known design firm Sasaki, supported by a team of local firms. Funding to the tune of roughly \$55 million came from the community, including the Rotary Club of Lexington’s commitment of \$100,000 to fund plantings in the Children’s Adventure Playground.

Programming will include hundreds of free, year-round activities. To ensure Gatton Park is more than just a beautiful new green space downtown, the Allison and her team have engaged park management experts Agora Partners to help create a programming plan, revenue model, and governance structure for the park. The primary features of the park will be the Great Lawn and amphitheater capable of “seating” 4,500 of us to host major concerts and local events, playgrounds, a dog park with a state-of-the-art self-cleaning system under the turf, a water play area, an adventure play

area with a four-story climbing structure, and a commons area connected to trails. The aforementioned Town Branch Creek restoration is being funded by a federal grant. Lankford also indicated an exciting new feature will be announced soon. In fact, told us what it will be, but you have to join Rotary to find out from us!

It is projected that the Park will draw 1,000,000 visitors annually. Their mission statement: downtown parks serve as green engines to help address nearly every critical urban need. Gatton Park will be more than just a pretty place – the park will enhance the quality of life in Lexington and nurture the health and well-being of our people, community, the environment, and our economy.

– Jim Richardson



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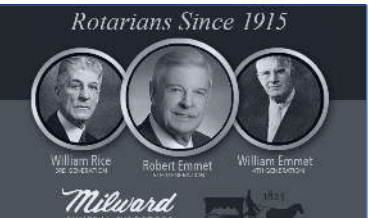
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NEW MEMBER DEEP DIVE: BRIAN MARTIN



BRIAN MARTIN

When I grow up, I want to be Brian Martin! I thought that I was doing a pretty good job of traveling the world, but then I asked Brian about his travels. He takes three or four Royal Caribbean cruises per year (if I'm lucky I take three or four cruises a decade)!

Brian is originally from Pikeville and studied computers at Morehead State University. That was followed by his obtaining a masters' degree in Public Advocacy from Eastern Kentucky University. He has always had a strong interest in politics and was an intern in Washington, DC for a time. Brian even had the opportunity to attend the funeral of Ronald Reagan.

Later, as an insurance agent, Brian had an office in Frankfort where he was a member of Frankfort Rotary from 2013 to 2015. After moving his business to Lexington in 2015 he devoted much of his energy to building his business. Now with four offices and sixty-five other agents, Brian can devote more time to the service projects that he enjoys. Formerly in leadership of the Frankfort club, he is now participating in Rotary Leadership Institute. Brian has been pleasantly surprised at how many Lexington Rotarians he already knows.

He is a UK Wildcat and Cincinnati Bengals fan and enjoys of trivia, cigars, and golf. I asked Brian what he would like to be doing ten years from now and other than a trip to Santorini and other parts of Greece, he said that he wouldn't change a thing (why would he?).

— John Meyers

ROTARIAN KINKEAD SEEN HANGING AROUND, BUT WAS HE FRAMED?



This is not fake news. Indeed, our own Shelby Kinkead was seen hanging around the Headley Whitney Museum by your Editor while viewing the recently opened exhibit "Dogs and Cats". The painting of Shelby and his beloved Ruth, in the accompanying photo, entitled "S.K.

and Ruth, After the Hunt", is one of the highlighted artworks. The caption reads: "Shelby . . . was given this painting by his wife, Melodye, to celebrate their wedding anniversary. The dog, Ruth, is a great retriever and who has accompanied Shelby on may hunts and is still at it at age 10. So is Shelby at age 80." Folks, this really raises the stakes in the anniversary gift game!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jeff	Piccoro	3	Eric	Brooks	10	Bruce	Daily	20
Chris	Henry	4	Ike	Lawrence	10	Cathy	Stafford	25
Wanda	Bertram	6	Paul	Chartier	11	Debbie	Gallagher	28
Susan	Adams	8	Susie	Basham	11	Martha	Riddell	29
Mark	Holcomb	8	RG	Conley	12	Pete	Perlman	29
Naresh	Shah	8	Lauren	Monnet	15	Paul	Chewning	29
Wallace	Barber	8	Jim	Dundon	15	Jeff	Morrett	30
Chris	Anderson	9	Joe	Kenney	15			

BUILDING GOOD WILL, BETTER FRIENDSHIPS

A real-life example of this key tenet of the 4-Way Test was brought to your Editor's attention by his cousin, David Ashby, a dedicated member of the Kiwanis Club in Waynesboro, Virginia. Both his Club and the nearby Rotary Club of Staunton, Virginia, are each approaching their 100th anniversary. Reaching across the service club divide, the two clubs collaborated on a t-shirt to jointly honor their historic milestones! Now, if the rest of the world could just get along.



ROTARIAN ROAD WARRIORS

A couple of past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Lexington have been out and about as summer turns into fall. Kim Johnson and husband Larry are just back from a trip to Lodi, California where they visited Rotary friends. She reports that they "started the visit by working with the Loki-Tokay Rotary Club craft beer fundraiser, went to two wineries and met the owners at both, then went to [a] Rotary meeting." Kim plans to meet up with her Rotary friends again next year in Calgary and for a District cruise. Speaking of beer, past President Kevin Weaver



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ROAD WARRIORS



and his posse (the "Belgium Brew Crew") recently crossed the pond to experience the Bruges, Belgium 16th Annual Beer Festival. There they enjoyed a beer cornucopia of more than sixty breweries and beer companies, representing more than 400 beers. Kevin reports that the Delirium Café was his favorite watering hole, with a

Guinness World Record of having more than 3,000 beers commonly available.

Rotarian Edwin Gibson and wife, Jill, went in a different direction in their RV, opting for being off the grid while hunting sage grouse in South Pass, Wyoming, on the Sweetwater River. Once back to the grid, Edwin reported that he "bagged my first and second Sage Grouse. It happened in less than a minute. The boys must have flushed 8-10 birds in total; they rose from the sagebrush two to three at a time. My adrenaline level was off the charts. But my aim was true times two and my boys were proud of their dad for finally doing his part." Good job, Edwin, and English Setters Scout and Marlowe!



LIVING LEGENDS: GARLAND BARR



DONNA & GARLAND BARR

As the Rotary Club of Lexington reinvents itself for the future, Living Legends, a series of interviews conducted by President Bret Anderson, seeks to recognize Rotary "Legends" to whom we all owe so much. In this edition, Bret interviews Garland Barr.

Bret: Mind sharing your age?
Garland: I'm 80 years old. I turned 80 this past August.

Bret: Where did you grow up?

Garland: I grew up right here in Lexington. I went to University High School. After that, I attended the University of Kentucky, where I was a member of the

Delta Tau Delta fraternity. In fact, my wife, Donna, and I have been married since 1967 and her father was a Delt as well.

Bret: What's your favorite childhood memory?

Garland: We lived off Nicholasville Road on a street called Shady Lane. My friends and I would hike around what's now The Arboretum, and we'd even camp overnight. We saw all kinds of wildlife—it was a young boy's dream. Later, we moved near Tates Creek Road and Cooper Drive. We used to play kick-the-can in the middle of the street. It was such a great time.

Bret: What's the most valuable lesson you've learned, either in school or life?

Garland: I learned to always treat people well and be kind. My father and grandfather were both Rotarians, and they taught me the 4-Way Test at a young age. No matter your situation, always be kind to others.

Bret: What did you enjoy most about your career?

Garland: I was a CPA, and the best part of my job was the interaction with other people. It was a very rewarding career because of the trust and relationships I built. Being in a high-trust profession, people appreciated my discretion and confidentiality.

Bret: How long have you been in the Rotary Club of Lexington, and what does being a Rotarian mean to you?

Garland: I joined in 1978 and served as treasurer for six years. One of my responsibilities was managing the books for the student exchange program, which gave me the opportunity to meet a lot of wonderful young people. I also have a house on the coast of South Carolina and attend the Rotary Club there when I am in town. I love meeting Rotarians from all over. To me, being a Rotarian means upholding high standards and focusing on helping others, especially those less fortunate. We are respected because of how many lives we touch and the positive impact we make on society.

Bret: What's your secret to longevity?

Garland: Staying optimistic! I always try to see the glass half full and seek out friendships. Helping others has always been important to me. My father taught me the "Do Right" rule—do the best you can in every situation. I've also lived by the Rotary 4-Way Test. I feel very blessed to be 80 years old and enjoying life, especially those peaceful moments on my porch.

– Bret Anderson

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