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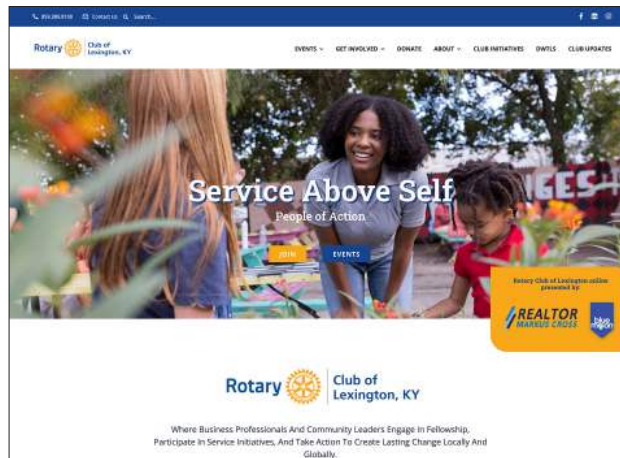
**WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR NEW WEBSITE!
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The Club's new website is up and running! A big thank you to **Patrick Metzger** from **Blue Million** for his support in bringing Blue Million on board to develop our new site. And a special thanks to **Markus Cross** for his generous sponsorship.

Our new website is user-friendly and packed with information about our club and Rotary International.

Now that it's live, **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP IT UP TO DATE!** This is a fantastic opportunity to get more involved with the club. The site is built on WordPress, so if you're interested in helping out with content updates, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Peggy at trafton@rotarylexky.org to get involved in keeping our site fresh and exciting!



The ROTARY Club of Lexington

WHEEL HORSE

November 14, 2024
 — TODAY'S PROGRAM —

Presiding: President Bret Anderson
 Inspiration, Pledge, & 4 Way Test: Phil Gray
 Introduction of Guests: Rod Hartzler
 Introduction of Speaker: Lawrence Weathers, Police Chief, Lexington Fayette Urban County Government

Speaker: David Lyons
 Program: David Lyons, The Murder Police Podcast: Dedicated to Honoring Victims and Told Through the Eyes of the Police Who Work the Crimes
Location: The Mane on Main

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MEET OUR SPEAKER



DAVID LYONS

David Lyons retired from the Lexington Police Department in 2020, after nearly twenty-eight years of what he says with a sincere smile, was the best job a person could have, in the best city a cop could walk a beat. During his career, David worked through the ranks and retired as a Commander, leading members of the Investigation and Patrol bureaus of the police department.

David's favorite assignment was the handful of years he worked as a homicide detective with a small group of dedicated investigators. While TV and movies make the work of a "murder cop" look flashy, he found it to be an assignment that humbles a cop and

takes them into a world that only other murder cops understand.

In retirement, David occupies his time with two paths that mean a great deal to him.

The first is his role as a Master Instructor with FBI-LEEDA (the Law Enforcement Executive Development Association), where he travels the United States teaching police officers and police executives leadership skills and concepts, moving the policing industry forward.

The second is a project that he started soon after retirement. After diving into the world of podcasts as a listener, he found there was great, perhaps even fanatical, interest in a genre known as "true crime".

After listening to some true crime podcasts, good and bad, he found that one thing was rarely found in the podcast landscape: authenticity. Seeing this, David developed his own podcast and YouTube channel: *The Murder Police Podcast*. Listeners and viewers not only hear about a murder or suspiciously missing person cases, they hear

the story from the experts that take part in these investigations. The show advocates for crime victims, educates the listener and viewer, and counters myths and misunderstandings about investigations and the criminal justice system.

David's wife, Wendy, co-hosts the show and, after three years, the podcast is about to pass 500,000 international downloads and ranks in the top 1 percent of 3,439,978 podcasts globally, of all genres.

David is in the final stages of producing a book titled *True Crime and Consequences*, discussing the intersection of the True Crime genre and investigations.

David and Wendy live on a small farm in Nicholasville Kentucky with Wendy's teenage son Jasper, where they tend to a small menagerie of animals.

David holds degrees in Police Administration, Management and Ethics, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a leadership focus. In 2017 he completed FBI National Academy Session 267.

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Nov 28	Happy Thanksgiving	Nov 21	Lexington Philharmonic, Rehearsal, Give Birth to The Dream, Singletary Center, Reception 6:15, Performance, 7:30pm, \$30 Purchase tickets: http://e.givesmart.com/events/ARY
Dec 5	Lori Flees, CEO, Valvoline	Dec 12	Holiday Party for Members and Guests, Campbell House, 6pm, \$60 Purchase tickets: http://e.givesmart.com/events/zZG
Dec 12	No Lunch Meeting- Holiday Party at the Campbell House, 6 PM		
Dec 19	Booker T. Washington Holiday Party with Santa, Mane on Main		
Dec 26 and Jan 2	HOLIDAY BREAK		

ROTARIAN THARPE RECEIVES MAJOR AWARD FROM ALMA MATER!



New Rotarian Don Tharpe, a proud alumnus of Murray State University (MSU), recently received that institution's highest award: the Golden Horseshoe Award. Don received this award in recognition of his past, current and future support of MSU. This award is the highest award which can be given to an alumnus or alumnae for outstanding service and support to the University and has only been presented to seventy-seven alumni of the more than 80,000 alumni of the University in its 100-year history. Don was named to MSU's Board in 2017 and in 2022 became its first African American Chairman. Join the Wheel Horse in congratulating Don on this achievement!

ROTARIAN GOODWINE ELECTED TO KENTUCKY STATE SUPREME COURT



Rotarian Pamela Goodwine is no stranger to firsts — she was the first Black woman in Lexington to be district judge and, later, the first to be circuit judge. She then became the first Black woman to serve on the Kentucky Court of Appeals after being elected in 2018.

Now, she's made history again.

Goodwine recently won election to the Kentucky Supreme Court, where she will again be the first elected Black woman! Regarding her victory, Judge Goodwine noted: "Being elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court tonight gives me the honor of being the first woman and only the fifth person in history to serve at every level (of the judiciary). Our campaign stood firmly on experience, honesty, and a commitment to impartiality and the rule of law to protect and serve every citizen."

Gov. Andy Beshear said in a statement posted to his personal X account that Goodwine is "a fair and impartial judge with decades of experience on the bench" and "Kentuckians will be better off with her serving on the court."

— Article excerpted from the Kentucky Lantern

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Rotary in Review

KCTCS AND BCTC: MILESTONES AND THE PATH FORWARD

Last week the Rotary Club of Lexington welcomed Dr. Ryan Quarles, President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), and Dr. Greg Feeny, President of Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC), as our featured speakers. Their joint presentation, *Milestones and The Path Forward*, provided an insightful look at how Kentucky's community and technical colleges are shaping the future of education and workforce development across the Commonwealth.

Dr. Quarles, who took the helm at KCTCS earlier this year, emphasized the critical role of accessible, affordable higher education in fostering economic mobility and community growth. "KCTCS is more than just an education system; it's a lifeline for many Kentuckians," said Quarles. "With sixteen colleges and over seventy campuses, we are meeting students where they are, helping them achieve their goals, and driving economic development in every corner of our state."

He highlighted several key milestones, including KCTCS's record-breaking graduation rates and its

continued focus on offering programs aligned with Kentucky's workforce needs. Quarles also stressed the importance of partnerships with local businesses and industries to provide students with real-world skills and opportunities. "We're not just about getting students to the finish line; we're preparing them for meaningful careers and lifelong success," he noted.

Dr. Feeny, a familiar face in the Lexington community, focused on the unique role BCTC plays within the KCTCS system. Serving over 13,000 students annually, BCTC offers a diverse array of programs, from nursing and advanced manufacturing to transfer pathways that allow students to seamlessly transition to four-year institutions.

"We are proud to be a bridge to opportunity," said Feeny. "Whether it's a recent high school graduate looking for a cost-effective start to their college journey, a working adult seeking new skills, or a business partner needing customized training for their workforce, BCTC is here to serve."

Feeny shared several success stories of BCTC graduates who have

gone on to make significant impacts in their fields, reinforcing the college's mission to change lives through education. He also provided an update on BCTC's upcoming initiatives, including the expansion of dual-credit programs for high school students and new facilities that will enhance the student experience.

Both Quarles and Feeny underscored the transformative power of education and the importance of community support in sustaining their institutions' missions. They expressed gratitude for the partnerships KCTCS and BCTC have built with organizations like Rotary, which play a vital role in advancing educational and economic opportunities in the region.

The presentation concluded with a Q&A session, where Rotarians asked about everything from tuition affordability to strategies for addressing the state's skilled labor shortage. Quarles and Feeny reiterated their commitment to keeping education accessible and relevant, ensuring that students are well-equipped to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

— Dan Koett

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