

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL
The following individual has been proposed for membership in Rotary:

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NEW ROTARACT PRESIDENT – JAY PHILLIPS



JAY PHILLIPS
Jay Phillips is an Associate Attorney at Embry Merritt Womack and Nance, PLLC specializing in business and corporate law, intellectual property law, and estate planning. In addition to his Juris Doctor, he holds a B.S. in Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology from UK. Jay is involved in numerous civic organizations and is currently heading the rebuild and revitalization of the Lexington Rotaract chapter. Know a young professional that would benefit from Rotaract? Contact Jay: jay.phillips@emwn-law.com

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The ROTARY Club of Lexington

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May 22, 2025
— TODAY'S PROGRAM —

Presiding: President Bret Anderson
Inspiration, Pledge, & 4 Way Test: Cheyenne McBride
Introduction of Guests: Matt Tabb
Introduction of Speaker: Chris Aldridge

Speaker: Patrick Wesolosky, Lafayette Chapter Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution
Program: Wreaths Across America and Grave Restoration for Memorial Day
Location: The Mane on Main

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PATRICK WESOLOSKY

Today Rotarians will hear from Patrick Wesolosky, President of the Kentucky Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). We will hear about the Wreaths Across America mission to remember, honor, and teach as well as other programs of the Lafayette Chapter, Kentucky Society, SAR. These programs honor our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

The Lexington National Cemetery has approximately 70,000 people interred there and about 1,500 of them are veterans. In 2023, Lafayette

Chapter members worked to organize hundreds of volunteers who gathered at that cemetery to pay respect to those who fought for our country but are no longer with us through our inaugural Wreaths Across America program.

Wreaths Across America relies on the generosity of sponsors to offset the cost of each wreath while volunteers make sure that each grave gets a wreath and those interred there get a heartfelt “thank you” for their service. The wreaths are far more than mere adornments. They are symbols of gratitude and reverence. Each headstone speaks to the enduring legacy of those who answered the call to defend the freedoms we cherish.

Last year, the Lafayette Chapter collaborated with Henry Clay High School’s Army JROTC program to present the wreath laying ceremony. Every veteran grave at the Lexington National Cemetery had a wreath placed upon it by a member of the JROTC or those attending the ceremony, thanks to the Lexington community’s generosity. Speaking at that event, Ret. Gen. Charles Gorton asserted that, “By holding this ceremony, we honor

those who served and those who still serve, willing to risk their lives so that we can live in a free society made up with many people, many races and many walks of life.”

We hope you will consider joining the Lafayette Chapter at the next Wreaths Across America annual wreath-laying ceremony to be held at noon on December 13, 2025, at Lexington National Cemetery. This ceremony has become an annual holiday reveille call that pays tribute to all those who served in our nation’s military to preserve our freedom.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR or SAR) was founded in 1889 and is headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. It is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to our future generations. SAR members volunteer untold hours of service each year in their local communities. SAR is very active in assisting veterans. It proudly assists teachers with living history interpreters, lesson planning materials and reenactment events for school

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS		UPCOMING EVENTS/ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	
May 22	Patrick Wesolosky, Lafayette Chapter Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution	May 29	5th Thursday Social, Lexington Legends, Legends Ballpark 5:30pm
Jun 5	Scholarship Program	May 30	Early Morning Mixer, 46Solutions, Lexington Green, 8-9:30am
Jun 12	Steve Gardner, Update on Coal in Kentucky	Jun 11	Around the World Dinner, Signature Club, Club Fundraiser, Evening
Jun 19	Doing Rotary Differently, No Lunch Meeting	Jun 14	Celebrating our Rotary Foundation Event, TBD, 6-8:30
Jun 26	President’s Day, Bret Anderson	Jun 21	Coffee and Donuts at Pollinator Garden, Kenawood Park, 9 - Noon

THIRSTY ROTARIANS AND WANNABES
MEET AT THE THIRSTY FOX

The Rotary Club of Lexington held a member development event on Thursday, May 1st at the Thirsty Fox in downtown Lexington. With the forecast of thunderstorms, we wondered how attendance might fare, but it surpassed all expectations! About fifteen potential members and around thirty current ones came out to pass along their excitement for **ALL THINGS ROTARY**. A mixture of delicious appetizers prepared by Zim’s and libations from the friendly staff at the Thirsty Fox provided for an evening of fun and new acquaintances. Brief words by President Bret Anderson and Membership Chair Markus Cross rounded out the gathering and everyone enjoyed the interaction of visitors with seasoned and new members. Follow ups to our visitors were quickly underway afterward and one question with which I leave you; What are you doing to promote the fantastic Rotary lifestyle this week?

– Markus Cross

LEXINGTON LEGENDS TO HOST ANOTHER LEGEND:
ROTARY CLUB OF LEXINGTON

It’s spring and nothing says spring like baseball! The 5th Thursday of May will find Rotarians and friends enjoying a VIP experience at the Lexington Legends game! The Legends are off to a fantastic start with over 10,000 people at their opening weekend! Thanks to Rotarian Tim Mueller, Legends VP of Business Development, we will enjoy the 6:45pm game in style in two Legends Suites. You won’t even need to buy a ticket!

The tickets and wristbands will be at the VIP entrance / admin office entrance next to the box office. Tim will have the tickets under Rotary Club of Lexington. Order off the Suites’ menu found in the suites or bring up whatever food you’d like from the main level concessionaires. There will be a bar on the suite level to make that Thirsty Thursday libation easy to access. We are even inviting new members in the soon to be chartered Rotary Club of Woodford County.

Register through <http://e.givesmart.com/events/Gqy> so we have an approximate number of people. See you there!

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Rotary in Review

TOMMY BELL AWARD WINNER PERFORMS BOTH “ABOVE” AND “BELOW” PAR

The May 8 Rotary Club meeting was the annual Tommy Bell Award program that recognizes the Outstanding Student-Athlete in Fayette County. This year’s winner was Kylah Lunsford, an interscholastic golfer from Henry Clay High School, the alma mater of both Bruce Bell, the program’s emcee, and his father, Tommy, for whom the award is named. Kylah is a three-time Fayette County Public Schools Cup Champion and bronze medalist in the Kentucky All-State Championship her junior and senior years. Kylah was named Miss Kentucky Golf in 2023. A member of the National Honor Society with a 4.35 GPA—and an all-A student all four years at Henry Clay—she plans to attend Murray State University on a golf scholarship and will compete in the competitive Missouri Valley Conference next year. She said that she takes academics and athletics seriously and will carry the Tommy Bell Award with pride.

Rotarian Bruce Bell said that this is the 39th year of the Tommy Bell Award and he recognized fellow Rotarian Bill Straus, who came up with idea for the award almost four decades ago. Tommy Bell was an NFL referee for two fa-

mous Super Bowls. The first was Super Bowl III when Joe Namath predicted an upset win by the New York Jets over the Baltimore Colts. That was followed by Super Bowl VII, in which the last undefeated team, the Miami Dolphins, defeated the Washington Redskins (now Commanders). But he was not only a sports legend, but also a respected judge and a member of Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, Easter Seals, the March of Dimes, and the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, along with numerous other civic activities.

After the awards presentation to Kylah Lunsford, Bell introduced the program’s speaker, Gordon Walls, a friend of the Bell family. A graduate of both Henry Clay High School and the University of Kentucky, Walls was owner of a car business for twenty-five years before being called to the ministry. He spoke fondly of the elder Bell being a father figure to him growing up and the antics he and Bruce got into as students at Henry Clay. He said there are seven things he learned from Tommy Bell. The first is to care for young people and be invested in their lives. Second, to serve others as he did with

so many organizations he served on. Third, keep us laughing. Fourth, make a lasting impression on people and the community. Fifth, take a stand—“if not you, who?”, Bell would famously say. Stay in the game even if you are playing hurt was the sixth point. And, seventh was “still feel the ripples like a cannonball into the pool.” Touching one life leads to touching other lives. Tommy Bell’s impact is still being felt decades later and this year’s recipient—the first golfer to receive the award—is following in his footsteps through her impressive community service and academic record that are well “above” par and her outstanding golf accomplishments that aim to be well “below” par.

– Paul Chewning



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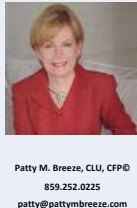
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