

WELCOME, NEW ROTARIAN
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NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS
The following individuals have been proposed for membership in Rotary:
Leah Anderson
Classification: Medical; Occupational Therapist
Sponsor: Chris Anderson
John Rich
Classification: Service Industry: Fire and Water Restoration
Sponsor: Bob Milward

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.

WHAT’S IN A NAME (OR, WHERE IS MY ENDOWMENT)?
Relax. The Club’s Endowment hasn’t gone anywhere. It has, however, been renamed. As explained by Chairman Paul Chewing:
The Rotary Club of Lexington’s Endowment Board recently voted to change its name to the **Rotary Club of Lexington Charitable Fund**. The name change will allow the Club to request funds from potential donors that are restricted from giving funds to an “endowment.” This is only a name change and the Charitable Fund will continue to support Dancing with the Lexington Stars and other fundraising efforts of the Club and to support worthy causes such as college scholarships and local nonprofit organizations. If you are interested in supporting the Club’s fundraising efforts, please now make your check or bequest payable to the Rotary Club Charitable Fund.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SERVICE: THE TOYOTA BLUEGRASS MIRACLE LEAGUE
Join fellow Rotarians as we celebrate another Opening Day of the Toyota Bluegrass Miracle League (TBML) this Saturday, September 6, 2025. Rotary will once again host the Opening Day picnic from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the TBML Field at Shillito Park. This fall marks the 35th season for this “barrier free” baseball league in Lexington.

The TBML was established by our Club in 2005. The concept was presented in 2004 by Kevin Weaver and embraced by President Carolyn Kurz to mark Rotary’s Centennial Celebration. The YMCA joined in and took a leadership role to help form and manage the new league. With the commitment of Toyota as the signature sponsor and the support of numerous community organizations, a barrier free baseball field was constructed in Shiloto Park on land provided by the LFUCG. When completed, the field was only the fifteenth field of its type in the United States.
The first season saw four teams begin play on August 31, 2006, and afforded children with physical and mental challenges the opportunity to safely play baseball for the first time anywhere in Kentucky. Participation in the league has grown tremendously since that first season, and we now have over 120 youth players, plus an adult league with over 100 players, playing spring and fall seasons each year. As a result of generous sponsors and volunteers, the youth players, their families, and volunteers are treated to a picnic each of the six Saturdays each season. Rotary has traditionally sponsored the opening game picnic, and we invite everyone to come out and cheer on these terrific ball players!
Interested? Contact Tony Barrett for more information or to sign up.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS		UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	
Sep 4	Mélisse Brunet, Conductor & Brooke Rabey, Executive Director, Lexington Philharmonic	Sep 6	Toyota Bluegrass Miracle League, Opening Day, Shillito Park, 10- 2:00pm
Sep 11	TBA	Sep 12	Lexington Sporting Club Match, Soccer Stadium, Shives Drive, 7 pm, \$10
Sep 18	Doing Rotary Differently, No Lunch Meeting	Sep 22	Backpack Pack-Up, God’s Pantry Food Bank, Winchester Rd., 1-2:30pm
Sep 25	TBA	Sep 26	Early Morning Mixer, 46Solutions, Lexington Green, 8-9:30am
Oct 2	Kenny Brooks, Head Coach, Women’s Basketball, University of Kentucky	Oct 5	Walk to End Alzheimer’s Disease, Alltech Arena, KY Horse Park, 2:30pm
Oct 9	Mayor Linda Gordon, Lexington Fayette County Urban Government	Oct 8	Keeneland Outing, Lexington Room, Tickets \$125
Oct 16	Doing Rotary Differently, No Lunch Meeting	Oct 16	Ride for Polio, CycleYou, 6:30pm
Oct 23	Bob Quick, President, Commerce Lexington and Ashli Watts, President, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce	Oct 11	Rotary Leadership Institute, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Newtown Pike, Free
		Nov 15	Pickle and Pints, Pickleball Tournament, Fundraiser

The ROTARY Club of Lexington

WHEEL HORSE

August 28, 2025
— TODAY’S PROGRAM —

Presiding: President Jamie Schrader	Speaker: Philip DeSimone, MD
Inspiration, Pledge, & 4 Way Test: Alisha Chaffin	Program: They Said It Couldn’t Be Done in Kentucky – A Successful Winery in the Bluegrass!
Introduction of Guests: Trey McCallie	Location: The Mane on Main
Introduction of Speaker: Lyle Hanna	

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ery is located on thirty acres which formerly produced tobacco. In response to the decline of tobacco sales and harkening back to the DeSimone family’s Italian heritage, the tobacco fields were converted to a grape vineyard and the barn to a winery. All of their wines are hand crafted, produced, and bottled right on the premises.

The first grapes were planted in 2003; Grimes Mill Winery opened in 2012. In its second year of wine making, it received two gold medals in California for Malbec grape variety grown in Lexington Kentucky. The following year the winery received double gold in the international wine competition in Indianapolis Indiana. In 2024, the accolades continued as Grimes Mill Winery was a Best of the Bluegrass winner, being named best winery in Central Kentucky!

The winery specializes in dry, red wine. It imports juices and/or grapes from Italy, South Africa, Chile, and Argentina. Its wine list has over thirteen varieties, including bourbon barrel and specialty wines made from black walnuts, pecans, paw paws, peaches, peaches/grapes, cranberries, and pumpkins.

Dr. DeSimone’s path to winery proprietor was a circuitous one. He is a 1967 graduate of the University of Vermont medical school. After returning from Vietnam in 1970 he attended the University of Kentucky medical resident training programs and received certificate accreditation in Internal Medicine, Hematology, and Oncology.

He has held a variety of academic positions at the UK Medical Center: Chief of Medicine Lexington VA hospital, Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine, Associate Dean for Ambulatory Care, Chairman Pro Tem of the Department of Radiation Medicine, and Chairman of the division of Hematology & Oncology. Dr. DeSimone specializes in medical oncology and gastrointestinal malignancies. He attained the rank of Full Professor as a faculty member at the University of Kentucky.

While in the military from 1968–1970, he achieved the rank of Captain and served as an army helicopter flight surgeon in Vietnam during the TET offensive.

GATTON PARK AT THE TOWN BRANCH OPENS TO GREAT FANFARE!

And your Rotary Club of Lexington was there. After ten years of planning, fundraising – to the tune of \$45 million – and construction, Gatton Park at The Town Branch opened to the public this past Saturday. Recall that our Club has played an important part in making this generational event happen through a five-year commitment to contribute \$100,000 for the landscaping at the Adventure Playground.



In addition to a restored Town Branch Creek, a founding but formerly buried feature of Lexington, the park includes the aforementioned play area, public art, a dog park, and an amphitheater for outdoor concerts.



Rotary leadership, including co-chairs of the Rotary/Gatton Park fundraising effort Sharon Reed, and Bill Wilson, along with President Jamie Schrader were present at the formal opening ceremonies. Pairs of Rotary volunteers served one and a half to two hour shifts as greeters at each of the park's four entrances.

These volunteers, clearly identified as Rotarians, greeted visitors and guided them to the various activities, all the while helping to fly the Rotary flag!



The accompanying photos show many of those who helped out on this exciting day in our community. Thanks to them and to all Rotarians who helped make this a reality.



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Rotary in Review

UK ATHLETICS AND THE CHANGING WORLD OF INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

It is a familiar sight in sports: the star athlete goes down with an injury and an eager substitute gets thrown into the action on short notice and saves the day. Such was the case at our Club meeting two weeks ago, as Marc Hill, Deputy Director of Athletics at the University of Kentucky, spoke in place of scheduled speaker UK's Director of Athletics, Mitch Barnhart, who was unable to address the Club due to illness. Hill, who has been at UK for nearly twenty-seven years, had roots with the Wildcats before he moved to Lexington. He played football at Iowa Wesleyan University for the legendary Hal Mumme, who was famous for coaching the "Air Raid Offense" at UK from 1997 to 2000.

Hill began by noting that Barnhart is the longest-serving athletics director in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) and second longest in Division I. Under his leadership, a number of staff have gone on to become athletics directors at all levels, including four at SEC institutions—Alabama, Auburn, Florida, and Oklahoma.

Hill remarked that the mission of Rotary parallels the philosophy of

intercollegiate athletics at UK. He mentioned that presence, perseverance, and partnership are fundamental to college athletics. The end result of the student-athlete process is to produce productive citizens, a goal that is often lost at other Division I institutions. He thanked Rotary for all of the work its members have done in the community, especially the Toyota Bluegrass Miracle League field at Shillito Park, a field used by kids year-round.

Following a summary of the status of the fall sports, Hill dove into the major landscape changes impacting all of the sports programs. First up was the six-year extension of UK's multimedia rights partnership with JMI Sports through 2040, which could result in \$465 million in revenue to the athletic department. On a less positive note, he observed that recent congressional legislation and court rulings will lead to the reduction of the current 650 student-athletes at UK to around 525, a development Hill thinks is sad as they will be able to impact the lives of fewer student-athletes. This will impact all twenty-three collegiate teams at UK.

Finally, he brought up major

initiatives impacting UK sports. The newly created Champions Blue, LLC will now "own" all UK athletics. This model - perhaps the first of its kind in the country - will enable the athletics department to be nimble and flexible in response to the rapidly-changing landscape of college sports. The Name Image Likeness (NIL) Clearinghouse will help provide needed guidelines for students receiving personal compensation.

Responding to a question Hill mentioned that the NCAA has made some governance changes for "like sports programs" and conferences to provide their own enforcement—the newly-created College Sports Commission will oversee this process.

Although there have been significant changes in intercollegiate athletics in recent years, Hill reminded Rotarians that the student-athletes at UK are their most valuable resource and are the best part of his job. In closing, he encouraged members and guests to continue to support UK athletics as they adapt to the changing world of intercollegiate sports.

– Paul B. Chewning

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