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FALL KEENELAND OUTING
As we walked through the new Keeneland entrance, between the new buildings, we knew it was going to be a great day! Twenty-four Rotarians, spouses, and friends enjoyed a great day at the races. Getting to know new members and long term members alike, is always a fun part of a leisurely afternoon of great food and betting on the horses. We sold out really early this time. If you missed out and want to go in the spring, please let Susan know. More tickets can be requested in February during the group sales window for the April meet.
– Susan Adams



Ryan Ray, treasurer of the Rotary club of Woodford County, Susan Adams, Virginia Carter, Susie Basham, Jim Richardson, Sarah Diener, Sharon Reed, Bret Anderson

the group sales window for the April meet.

SPIN TO WIN RIDE TO END POLIO
A hearty group joined Instructor Extraordinaire Jenny Schnurr in a ride to raise money for the Rotary Foundation’s efforts to end polio. New member Leah Anderson jumped (rode) right into being an Active Rotarian by joining DG Linton-Gridley, Lyle Hanna and Susan Adams, along with two other riders from CycleYOU in riding with Jenny Thursday evening, October 16. A big thank you to all of them on behalf of Cycling to Serve and to all of you who donated to this cause. All donors will receive Rotary Foundation credit and there is still time to donate! These donations will go three times as far due to the generous 2 to 1 match by the Gates Foundation. Please donate by November 1st and support these riders! <https://raise.rotary.org/Susan-Adams/challenge666#>
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Jenny Schnurr, Lyle Hanna, Susan Adams, DG Linton-Gridley

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS		UPCOMING EVENTS	
Oct 30	5th Thursday, Social Event, See Upcoming Events	Oct 24	Early Morning Mixer, 46Solutions, 161 Lexington Green, 8:00 - 9:30am
Nov 6	Lyndy Franklin Smith & Jeremy Smith, Co-Founders, Lexington Theatre Company	Oct 27	Backpack Pack-Up, God's Pantry Food Bank, Winchester Rd., 1:00-2:30pm
Nov 12	Wed., Governor Andy Beshear, Registration Required, Details to Follow, 4:30-5:30pm	Oct 30	UK Men's Basketball game watching vs Georgetown, Roosters, Richmond Rd., 6:30pm
Nov 13	Jack Givens and Rob Bolton, 1978 National Championship, Men's Basketball, University of Kentucky	Nov 6	Screening <i>Join or Die</i> , a film about why you should join a civic club, Kentucky Theatre, 7:30pm
Nov 20	Stockyard Lunch and Tour, See Upcoming Events	Nov 12	Governor Andy Beshear, Registration Details TBD, Mane on Main, 4:30-5:30pm, Social Hour 5:30-6:30pm
Nov 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Nov 15	Pickle & Pints, Club Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser, 4:00pm
		Nov 20	Field Trip, Blue Grass Stockyards, Lunch and Tour, Iron Works Pike, 11:30-1:00pm
		Dec 18	Annual Holiday Party, Campbell House, 6pm

The ROTARY Club of Lexington

WHEEL HORSE

October 23, 2025
— TODAY'S PROGRAM —

Presiding: Past President Bill Wilson	Speakers: Bob Quick, President, Commerce Lexington and Ashli Watts, President, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Inspiration, Pledge, & 4 Way Test: Jack McAllister	Program: Building a Stronger Kentucky – Commerce Lexington and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Introduction of Guests: Rod Hartzler	
Introduction of Speakers: Bret Anderson	

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BOB QUICK

Few topics are of more interest to Rotarians than the economic health and vitality of our community and Commonwealth. And who better to address those issues with us than the leadership of two of Kentucky's pre-eminent economic development entities: Commerce Lexington (CL) and the Kentucky Chamber. Bob Quick, Chief Executive Officer of CL, along with Ashli Watts, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Kentucky Chamber, will address all things economic in a panel format, with Andi Johnson, Chief Policy Officer of Regional Engagement for CL serving as Moderator.

Bob Quick has more than thirty-six

ASHLI WATTS

years of experience in the Chamber profession. Bob has led CL to receive many awards and recognitions. In 2018, 2020, and 2021, CL was named a Top 20 Mac Conway Economic Development Agency by Site Selection Magazine. In 2016 it was named Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and in 2014 and 2015, CL was recognized among the top three chambers of commerce by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE). In 2022, the organization was presented with the Unity Award, which recognizes individuals and organizations that have carried out the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr. In 2023, the Greater Lexington Region was named a top place for business and industry, according to Site Selection Magazine's annual rankings of the top metros based on economic development activity. The region achieved a significant move up the rankings in both total projects (10th) and projects per capita (7th), jumping into the Top 10 nationally for Tier 2 Metros with a population between 200,000 and one million. Bob serves on numerous boards and is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Lexington.

Bob is a 1985 graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He is also a cancer survivor. In his spare time, he enjoys participating in outside sports and reading political memoirs. He is married to Julie Quick and has three adult children: Kierstin, Andrew, and Morgan, and two granddaughters. They reside in Lexington.

Ashli Watts was named the President and CEO for the Kentucky Chamber, the state's largest business association, in November 2019. Ashli

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SPEAKERS

joined the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in November of 2012, and during her tenure as Senior Vice President of Public Affairs at the Chamber, she has led efforts in passing significant pieces of legislation such as felony expungement, right to work legislation, workers' compensation reform, unemployment insurance reform, and tax reform. Prior to joining the Chamber, she worked at the Kentucky Bar Association and the Legislative Research Commission. Ashli graduated from Campbellsville University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and History in 2004 and holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from the University of Louisville. Ashli is a 2016 graduate of Leadership Kentucky and currently serves on numerous boards. She serves on the Kentucky Energy Planning and Inventory Commission, where she was also elected Chair in 2025. She currently resides in Frankfort with her husband Ryan and two children, Emma and Carter.

Moderator Andi Johnson is CL's full-time lobbyist, representing the concerns of its 1700 members at the local, state, and federal level.

5TH THURSDAY SOCIAL UK GAMEWATCHING OCTOBER 30TH
Come out to Roosters on Richmond Rd to enjoy a relaxed and fun way to enjoy good conversation, dinner and cheering on the UK Wildcats!! We will be in the private room to watch UK take on Georgetown University in their second exhibition game. Game time is 7pm. We have the room from 6:30pm on. If you don't have tickets to the game- JOIN US! No need to sign up but letting Susan know would be great! She can be reached at telico@aol.com or 859-539-4969
Everyone – friends, families and prospective members – are welcome!



Rotary in Review

LEXINGTON AND FAYETTE COUNTY ARE ON THE MOVE

The October 9 Rotary speaker was Linda Gorton, Mayor of Lexington and Honorary Rotarian. She is the longest continuously serving member of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council (LFUCG) and is serving her second term as Lexington Mayor. Before she provided an update on LFUCG, she commented that she enjoys coming to Rotary meetings because of the distinguished history of the Rotary Club of Lexington and its service to the community for more than one hundred years. She noted the Rotary motto, Service Above Self, and the recent pollinator garden that Rotarians recently developed at Kenawood Park.

Mayor Gorton observed that the 250th anniversary of the city of Lexington, along with the myriad activities planned throughout the year, presents an opportunity to look at and honor the past, address parts of our history that were not good, celebrate accomplishments, and plan for the future. She said that the local economy is the strongest it has ever been: the population has increased by 11,000 people in the past four years, the median income is \$71,000 and the GDP is \$1.4 billion. While the national economy is slowing with layoffs,

businesses closing, and lack of funding, the local economy remains strong due to its diversity. She mentioned new investment opportunities at Coldstream Park and a new business partnership with Madison and Scott Counties. Alltech, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Fayette County, and the University of Kentucky are collaborating in agriculture technology and supporting farm businesses that add \$2.6 billion annually to the economy.

Public safety is the number one job noted the Mayor, because people will not support the arts, enjoy local parks, or dine out if they do not feel safe. Unlike other cities that defunded police departments in 2020, Lexington has improved recruiting efforts for fire, corrections and emergency medical services and increased salaries. She reported that the Flock LPR (license plate reading) cameras have been a major crime solver, cutting in half the time it takes to recover a stolen vehicle. Clearance of homicides has risen to 95% and twenty-nine missing persons have been located. Overall, she reported a 61% decrease in homicides and a 62% decrease in overall shootings. Unfortunately, gun violence is no longer a random act and she noted

that the majority of gun violence crimes are being committed by individuals who are between the ages of nineteen and twenty-nine.

She then talked about the improvement in the quality of life resulting from the development of several new parks. Kelly's Landing is the area's first river park with canoeing, kayaking, and paddle boarding. A new pool opened at Douglas Park and the grand opening of Gatton Park at Town Branch was a huge success. Finally, the Cardinal Run North Park opened in the Parker's Mill area.

Mayor Gorton concluded her remarks by addressing the issue of homelessness, noting that many of the homeless are veterans. The City funds the Hope Center and has worked hard to build affordable housing. A task force has been formed to examine the homeless issue and investigate how northern Kentucky and Bowling Green have reduced homelessness. She emphasized that partnerships make us run better and address complex issues, as evidenced by Lexington's partnership with the Rotary Club of Lexington since 1915.

– Paul B. Chewning

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