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#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Dec 11 Holiday Party with Booker T. Washington Students

Dec 25 Holiday Break

Happy New Year

Eli Capiluto, President, University of Kentucky

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 5 Early Morning Mixer, 46Solutions, Lexington Green, 8:00-9:30am

Dec 15 God's Pantry, Backpack Pack-Up, 817 Winchester Rd., 1:00-2:30pm

Dec 18 Annual Holiday Party, Campbell House, Harrodsburg Rd., 6pm

Jan 29 Around the World Dinner Event, Mane on Main, 6:00-9:00pm

# The RWTARY Club of Lexington

# December 4, 2025 TODAY'S PROGRAM —

Presiding: President Jim Richardson Inspiration, Pledge, & 4 Way Test: Sharon Reed Introduction of Guests: Introduction of Speaker: Lyle Hanna

Speakers: Donald Colliver, Ph.D, P.E., Professor Emeritus of Biosystems Engineering, University of Kentucky

Program: "Does The Earth Have A Fever? The Science of Climate Change."

**Location: The Mane on Main** 

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#### DON COLLIVER, PH.D., P.E.

Few topics today exceed that of global warming for presenting both factual and political disagreement over whether or not our earth is warming and if it is, why – natural vs. human activities, its impacts, and the best way to address it. A quick look at the NASA website (science.nasa.gov) contains the following rather stark assessment: "There is unequivocal evidence that the earth is warming at an unprecedented rate. Human activity is the principal cause."

Joining Lexington Rotarians this week to dig deeper into this existential topic is Donald "Don" Colliver, Ph.D., P.E. In a presentation entitled *Does* 

# MEET OUR SPEAKER

the Earth Have a Fever? - The Science of Climate Change, Don will be explaining if the earth is warming, the scientific basis of why it's happening, and what we can do.

He is Professor Emeritus of the Biosystems Engineering Department at the University of Kentucky where he also served as BAE Director of Graduate Studies and Director of the Kentucky Industrial Assessment Center. He was awarded a doctorate from Purdue University and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Don has been involved in the energy usage and efficiency of buildings and the impact of climate for over forty-five years – teaching and conducting research in areas of indoor environmental control, green buildings, solar system design, and energy auditing. By evaluating thirty plus years of hourly weather data for over 1440 international locations he developed the analysis technique to determine the first worldwide humidity design climatic conditions that are now used in national building codes.

Don formerly served as the Society President of ASHRAE (fka The American Society of Heating, Air-Conditioning and Refrigerating Engineers) - a professional engineering organization with over 55,000 members in 132 countries. As a result of his initiatives, leadership and authorship, ASHRAE launched the Advanced Energy Design Guides. Over 3/4 million copies of these books have been acquired. Subsequent to his service as ASHRAE President he served as Co-Chair of the National Engineers Week.

In November 2019 he designed and installed a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic system for his house. Before he moved last year it had a maximum monthly electric bill of \$21.

He currently serves as an ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer and has lectured on climate change, energy efficient building design, and building decarbonization in more than twenty countries – including lecturing in four continents in the last year.

Please give Don a "warm" – see what we did there - Rotary welcome!

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On November 20th, over 40 Rotarians and guests, headed out to the Bluegrass Stockyards to Do Rotary Differently. What an amazing day it was! Jim Ackers, President, Bluegrass Stockyards, spoke about all the challenges and successes that happen at the facility every single week. The auctioning of livestock,

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mostly cattle, is high tech and fast paced. The facility is ultra-modern, a show-place of innovation and maintains an environmental conscious. Next time you want to take a short road trip or show visitors something truly unique head out to stockyards and enjoy lunch, shopping, and tour the facility! Thank you to the Stockyards for hosting the Rotary Club of Lexington!

# ROTARY FOUNDATION AGAIN ACHIEVES FOUR-STAR

The Rotary Foundation announced that it have recently received a four-star rating — the highest level possible — for the 17th consecutive year from Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator in the United States.

Charity Navigator determines its ratings by examining how nonprofits use their funds, how sustainable their programs are, and how well they adhere to industry standards of transparency and accountability. You can learn more about how Rotary does that in our most recent annual report.

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## Rotary in Review

## REMEMBERING THE 1978 UK BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPION TEAM

The last Rotary Club lunch program before the Thanksgiving Holiday featured the dynamic duo of Jack "Goose" Givens and Rob Bolton, both affiliated with the 1978 University of Kentucky national championship basketball team. President Jim Richardson introduced Rob as a lifelong Cat fan who also did "some stuff" as a real estate developer — he developed Hartland, Gardens of Hartland, Heritage Place and Prestwick—and is friends of Jack and Jim!

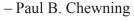
Rob then introduced "Goose" Givens, one of the stars of the 1978 championship team. He compared him to other outstanding players of the day—Dr. J. Earl the Pearl, the Iceman and Clyde the Glide. That team went 30-2 (16-2 in the SEC), averaging 84 points per game, including 13 games with more than 90 points, and a 54 percent field goal percentage. When asked if the three-point line would have made a difference, Givens responded that "Coach Hall didn't let point guards shoot," so nothing would have changed.

Rob then conducted a O&A session with Givens. He asked about the chemistry of the team and how well they played together. Givens responded by remembering a game against Michigan State. "Gary Hooker was always trash talking and pulling on my jersey and "Daisy Dukes" basketball shorts," said Givens. A pick by Rick Robey took care of Hooker for the rest of the game.

Givens said his favorite game, other than the national championship game, was a win against an undefeated Indiana team in the 1975 Mid-East Regional. He was a freshman and IU had beaten Kentucky by 24 points earlier in the season. That was his first road trip to Bloomington, which is an intimidating setting. A sure breakaway basket was blocked by Scott May, who looked at Givens and said "don't bring that ##\$%\$Y%\$ in here." However, the greatest satisfaction was seeing State Troopers lined up as they crossed over the Ohio River into Kentucky for a police escort back to campus, with fans lining the highway. He said the

toughest and greatest player he ever played against was Bernard King of the University of Tennessee. He added that the most difficult arena to play in was in Knoxville. The best pure shooter was Ray Allen, who went on to win NBA championships in Boston and Miami. And, when asked about his preference for short or long basketball shorts, the Daisy Dukes" were a unanimous selection.

Rob concluded his Q&A session by asking about the "Best Coaches Speech." Givens gave the nod to the one Coach Hall gave in St. Louis in the Final Four. Kentucky was ready to play in the second semi-final game but had to wait longer when the Arkansas-Notre Dame game went into overtime. He said the tension in the locker room could be cut with a knife. After the coaches came into the room after their meeting, Coach Hall climbed into a garbage can and squatted down. Moments later he jumped up and said "let's go play some basketball." What a day reminiscinge with two members of the 1978 National Championship team.











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