

DANCING WITH THE LEXINGTON STARS:
A RECORD-BREAKING TEAM EFFORT

What a night!
More than 300 guests came together Saturday evening to celebrate the 15th Annual Dancing with the Lexington Stars, and the results were nothing short of remarkable.
While final expenses and net proceeds are still being calculated, preliminary numbers indicate gross revenue exceeded this year's goal by approximately 20 percent, making this year's event the most successful in the fundraiser's history.
The evening showcased talented dancers, generous sponsors, enthusiastic supporters, and a community that once again demonstrated what can happen when people unite around a worthy cause. We were also grateful for our longtime partnership with Arthur Murray, whose instructors helped our dancers prepare for an unforgettable night on stage.
As impressive as the

fundraising results may be, the real story is the Rotary Club of Lexington team that made it all possible. For months, committee members and volunteers worked tirelessly behind the scenes securing sponsors, supporting dancers, coordinating logistics, promoting the event, and managing countless details that attendees never see.
There will be time in the coming weeks to recognize individual accomplishments and celebrate specific contributions. For now, the headline is simple: the Rotary Club of Lexington came together, rose to the occasion, and delivered a record-breaking 15th Annual Dancing with the Lexington Stars.
Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen.
— Bret Anderson



Photo by Jaron Johns

WE'RE ON A ROLL: MORE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS RECOGNIZED

Paul Stanley, The Rotary Foundation Chair, continues to recognize a number of our Club members who have reached Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition and beyond.
PHF recognition goes to individuals who contribute, or who have contributed, to the Rotary Foundation with the "+" signifying multiple donations of \$1,000.
With the awards presented on May 28, the PHF air is becoming pretty rarefied as evidenced by the levels achieved as follows: Kim Johnson + 7, Peggy Trafton +6, Gary Wilmhoff + 5, Jamie Schrader + 5, and John Wharton +3.
Congratulations to all!
Paul concluded by noting that those wishing to achieve PHF recognition can take advantage of a matching points program. With a minimum donation of \$100, Rotarians can receive a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$500. For details about this program or others of PHF, reach out to Paul at pspaulstanley@gmail.com.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS	
Jun 11	Will Stein, Head Coach, University of Kentucky Football
Jun 18	Doing Rotary, Differently
Jun 25	President's Day
Jul 2	No Meeting
Jul 9	Installation of Officers and President's Address

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Jun 6	The Rotary Foundation Celebration, Roosters, Richmond Road, 6-8:30 p.m.
Jun 11	Rotary Picnic at Gattton Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$8
Jun 26	Early Morning Mixer, Lexington Green, 8-9:30 a.m.
Jun 27	Pollinator Garden Tour, Kenawood Park, 9 a.m.- Noon
Jul 3	Patriotic Concert, Transy Lawn, 6 p.m.

The ROTARY Club of Lexington

WHEEL HORSE

June 4, 2026
— TODAY'S PROGRAM —

Presiding: President Dean Hammond
Inspiration, Pledge, & 4 Way Test: Phil Gray
Introduction of Guests: Rod Hartzler
Introduction of Speakers: Jenny Schnurr

Speakers: Chief Lawrence Weathers, Lexington Police, and David Ashford, Board Chair, Bluegrass Crime Stoppers
Program: The Power of the Anonymous Tip: How Crime Stoppers Serves Central Kentucky
Location: The Mane on Main

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MEET OUR SPEAKERS



CHIEF LAWRENCE B. WEATHERS

How safe are we in Lexington? Today this "top of mind" issue will be addressed by two experts, one from the public sector, one from the private sector.
Lexington's Chief Lawrence B. Weathers is a native of Lexington, Kentucky. He joined the Lexington Division of Police in 1989. He has a Masters of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University and graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

He began his police career as a patrol officer and has worked as a supervisor in every Bureau of the Lexington Police Department from his promotion to Sergeant in 1997 through his appointment



DAVID ASHFORD

to Assistant Chief in 2014.
In July of 2016 Assistant Chief Weathers was selected as the Director of Law Enforcement for Fayette County Public Schools. As the Director of Law Enforcement, he was responsible for the safety and security of all Fayette County Public School students, staff, and visitors, as well as their properties.
On March 4, 2018 Lawrence Weathers was sworn in as Chief of Police of the Lexington Police Department. The Lexington Police Department has over 600 sworn officers and over 80 civilian employees. As Chief of Police, he is responsible for responding to the public safety needs and concerns for all of the citizens of Fayette County.
Chief Weathers is a certified Police

Instructor, a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (N.O.B.L.E) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.). Chief Weathers also volunteers to assist with educating parents and youth about the effects illicit drugs and violence have on our community.
Chief Weathers is married and has three children.
He is joined today by David Ashford, the President and CEO of Integrated Security Solutions and CEO of APB Consulting Solutions.
Integrated Security Solutions (ISS) is a woman and veteran owned business headquartered in Nicholasville Kentucky, specializing in physical security needs such as video surveillance, access control and alarms. Strongly centered in the retail and commercial security market, ISS supports over 30,000 locations across the United States. A Kentucky native, David began his career as a US Marine, serving for ten years as a Military Policeman and weapons instructor (active and reserve). Following the Marines, he transitioned to civilian law enforcement as a Beaufort Police officer and later a Deputy Sheriff with Fayette County, ultimately joining

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the Lexington Division of Police and retiring as a Sergeant in 2012. David's areas of focus and experience during his time with Lexington police included patrol, Emergency Response Unit special operations team member and instructor, recruit training academy instructor/supervisor, and Assistant Commander of the Honor Guard.

One of the courses David developed was the active shooter response training curriculum and related department policy. David was later tasked with building the advanced active shooter training curriculum and trained 1,000+ officers to respond to this type of incident. In 2010, David joined Integrated Security Solutions, where

he now serves as President and CEO, leading a dedicated staff of 45 team members.

In 2018 David joined APB Consulting Solutions as a member/partner with a focus of helping businesses prepare to deal with active shooter threats in the workplace, facility threat assessments, training, and related technology.

David currently serves as the Chair of the Bluegrass Crime Stoppers board, serving the greater Bluegrass area of Kentucky. David, a native Kentuckian, is married to his wife Kristin, and they have four children and a beautiful granddaughter. On days off, they enjoy exercising, hiking, gardening, and traveling.

ROTARY CLUB OF LEXINGTON POLLINATOR/RAINWATER GARDEN TOUR

The Rotary Club of Lexington invites members of the community to visit our fifth-season pollinator garden in Kenawood Park (612 Bryanwood Parkway) from 9:00 AM to noon on Saturday, June 27. The tour is one of many scheduled for the week of June 22-28 as part of Lexington's annual Pollinator Week celebration. (See <https://pollinatorlex.com> for a current listing of activities planned for the week.)

Visitors to the Kenawood Park garden, located behind the ball park, will have an opportunity to learn the history of the

garden—why it was planted as a pollinator garden with native plants and why it was planted in one of our city parks as part of a joint effort of the Rotary Club of Lexington and Lexington Parks & Rec.

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Watch for his bio in an upcoming issue of *The Wheel Horse* or *The 5th Page*.

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP DAY: INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Last week saw our Club renewing its annual investment in our future by recognizing Central Kentucky students and a teacher determined by our Scholarship Committee, led by Chair Scott Neal, to reflect our Rotary values. The bios for the students, Elizabeth Deffendall, Justin Muñoz Hernandez, and Katherine Zhang, along with Great Teacher Award recipient Jo-Hanna Rosevear, are fully set out in last week's Wheel Horse. Your Editor thought Chair Neal's message to the awardees and our Club were worth repeating here. Read, be inspired, and be motivated to action. Scott's remarks:

Before I let you go, I want to say something to this Club — not as your chairman, but as a fellow Rotarian who shares your concerns. I know that many of us walk into rooms like this one carrying weight that has nothing to do with scholarship committees. We carry worry about the direction of our country. About an economy that feels uncertain. About a political climate so divided that it sometimes feels like the center cannot hold. About whether the institutions we were raised to trust — and to serve — are strong enough to survive what is being asked of them. Those fears are not small. And I will not

pretend they are. But I want you to look — really look — at who is standing in this room with us today.

A young man whose parents arrived in this country with nothing, who tutored students in a language the system forgot they spoke, and who is headed to one of the finest engineering programs in the world.

A young woman who lost her health, her home, and faced more than a hundred thousand dollars in medical debt — and responded by feeding her neighbors, advocating for herself, and choosing a career devoted to children who need someone to believe in them.

A young woman who calls her blind grandmother every Saturday and paints the world for her in words, who built a nonprofit from nothing, who published research as a high school student, and who was prepared to give up her own education so her grandmother could receive cancer treatment.

And a teacher who ran down a hallway for a student in crisis, who sat and decoded a doctor's report with a frightened teenager, who handed back a fifty-percent exam not to discourage, but to demand more — because she saw something in that student that the student could not yet see in herself.

This is the generation we are worried about? I would argue — this is the generation that should give us hope.

Not because their lives have been easy. They have not. Not because the world they are entering is fair. It is not. But because in the face of everything that has tried to stop them, they have chosen — every single one of them — to serve someone else first.

That is not a political statement. That is a Rotary statement. That is the oldest, most durable answer to division and fear that this organization has ever offered the world: find someone who needs help and help them.

Justin, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Mrs. Rosevear — you did not just receive something today. You gave this room something it needed. Thank you.



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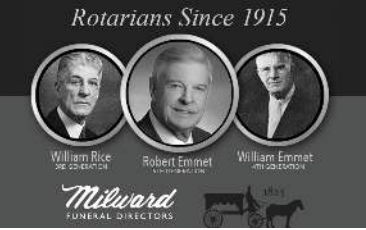
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