

HAVE YOU HEARD THE WORD ABOUT THE EARLY BIRD MIXER?



Every month, our club hosts an open networking morning mixer at 46Solutions Audio/Video Showroom at Lexington Green, 161 Lexington Green Circle, Suite 140, bringing together Rotarians, business leaders, and anyone else who wants to connect. We gather over coffee and bagels, make new connections, and share a bit about Rotary’s work in our community.

This month’s mixer will be tomorrow, Friday, August 28, from 8–9:30 a.m. There is no cost, and no RSVP is required—just show up!

– Jenny Schnurr

CLUB MEMBERS LEARN—AND LEAD—AT RLI

The Rotary Club of Lexington was well represented at last Saturday’s District 6740 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), held at Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington. A total of 32 Rotarians from 16 clubs across the district attended to deepen their knowledge of Rotary, strengthen their leadership and club-management skills, learn how other clubs are addressing common challenges, and exchange ideas.

Our club had 10 members enrolled in one of the three RLI levels and provided 10 of the event’s 14 facilitators and coordinators.

Congratulations to Chris Campbell, Kim Campbell, Eileen O’Brien, and Shawn Lyons, who completed RLI Part III and received their graduation certificates!

Other members of our club who attended or helped fa-



cilitate the event included Martha Riddell, Barry Stumbo, Susan Adams, Paul Chewning, David Levine, Graham Priest, Gregory Turay, Marianna Taulbee, Bill Wilson, Susie Basham, Judy Worth, Deborah Gracey, Dean Hammond, and Augusta Julian.

Watch for a save-the-date announcement near the end of 2026 with details about our next RLI, planned for late January or early February 2027.

–Judy Worth

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sep 3 Marvin Bartlett, Spirit of the Bluegrass

Sep 10 Landry Fields, AI and Your Business

Sep 17 Third Thursday, Field Trip: See Upcoming Events

Sep 24 Twyman Clements, Space Tango

Sep 29 TUESDAY Meeting! Larry Lunsford, President-elect, Rotary International

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 28 Early Morning Mixer, Lexington Green, 8-9:30 am

Sep 10 Pollinator Garden Tour, Kenawood Park, Evening Social, Free

Sep 12 Toyota Miracle League, Opening Day, Shillito Park, 10:00 - 3:00 pm

Sep 17 Field Trip: Easterseals Bluegrass, 1900 Richmond Rd, Noon

Sep 27-30 Rotary Large Club Conference

Sep 28 God’s Pantry Food Bank, Backpack Pack-Up, Winchester Rd. 1:00-2:30 pm

Oct 15 Keeneland Outing, Lexington Room, 11- 6:00 pm, \$125

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE: RI PRESIDENT-ELECT LARRY LUNSORD TO SPEAK AT LARGE CLUB CONFERENCE

Rotary International President-elect Larry Lunsford will join us on **Tuesday, September 29, at noon** for our joint club meeting with Rotary Large Club Conference attendees from across the United States.

Please plan to join us at the Hilton Downtown. We look forward to sharing this memorable Rotary experience with you!

The ROTARY Club of Lexington

WHEEL HORSE

August 27, 2026
— TODAY’S PROGRAM —

Presiding: President Lyle Hanna
Inspiration, Pledge, & 4 Way Test:
Introduction of Guests:
Introduction of Speaker: Larry Cowgill

Speaker: Jarrett Millsaps, President, CommonSpirit St. Joseph Health and St. Joseph Medical Center
Program: Embracing CommonSpirit: St. Joseph Medical Center’s Vision for Growth

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MEET OUR SPEAKER



JARRETT MILLSAPS

Jarrett B. Millsaps Jr., MBA, FACHE, has spent more than two decades improving lives through leadership in hospitals and health systems and helping develop emerging technologies designed to improve clinical outcomes. He currently serves as president of three CommonSpirit Health hospitals: St. Joseph Medical Center, formerly St. Joseph East; The Women’s Hospital; and St. Joseph Hospital–Mt. Sterling. Throughout his career, he has held leadership roles in hospitals, health systems, and other organizations, helping strengthen their cultures, clinical excellence, and competitive positions.

Born in Chattanooga and raised outside Nashville, Millsaps has spent the

past two decades serving communities in Kentucky and Tennessee and is proud to once again call Kentucky home. His healthcare career began with Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), where he held several positions, including associate administrator and ethics and compliance officer at Frankfort Regional Medical Center. From 2020 to 2021, he served as CEO of Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital in Lexington.

Millsaps returned to Tennessee in 2021, serving first as managing director and senior vice president of Solas Bio-Ventures, a venture capital firm focused on the life sciences industry, and later as CEO of Tennova Healthcare–Cleveland in Cleveland, Tennessee. Before joining CommonSpirit Health in October 2025, Millsaps spent two years providing strategic and leadership solutions to health systems through his role with Bancroft Trust Health Partners in Chattanooga.

Before beginning his healthcare career, Millsaps served eight years in the U.S. Navy. His service included assignments aboard warships and in the Naval Special Warfare community as a Special Warfare Combat Crewman (SWCC) operator and detachment commander in

locations around the world. Millsaps earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and a graduate degree in finance from the University of Tennessee - Knoxville. He is board-certified in healthcare management and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Millsaps and his wife, Leigh Ann, have been married for more than two decades and have two children. Their son, Turner, is a senior at Lee University and plans to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology. Their daughter, Brooke, is a high school senior and the reigning USA National Miss Kentucky Teen. The family also has two Labrador retrievers.

The Millsaps are horse racing fans. While living in Tennessee, they returned to Kentucky each year to attend the races at Keeneland. Millsaps also enjoys reading, outdoor activities, and old cars. He and his family are active in their church.

Millsaps will discuss the journey of the St. Joseph hospitals, their adoption of the CommonSpirit Health name, and how they are growing and evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

NEW MEMBER DEEP DIVE: JENNIFER HUKILL



JENNIFER HUKILL

Jennifer Hukill hopes to bring a special guest to a future meeting - her father. He is 85 and a longtime Rotarian who formerly served as president of his hometown

club in Marietta, Ohio. Jennifer is excited to be a member of Lexington Rotary after spending a lifetime watching her father exemplify our motto, "Service Above Self."

Speaking of family connections, Jennifer is a fourth-generation member of the Fenton Art Glass family. Founded in 1905 in Williamstown, West Virginia, Fenton became famous for its handmade colored art glass, innovative hues, and delicate hand-painted details. Although the company ceased producing traditional glassware in 2011, many older pieces are highly collectible. Jennifer is always looking for early pieces that may have been signed by her ancestors - and wishing she had held on to a

few of them herself.

Jennifer has been fortunate to travel extensively with her husband, whose company, ARC Resin Corporation, has supplied engineering-grade plastic resin to molders throughout most of the United States for 30 years. They have often combined business travel with pleasure trips. They particularly enjoy camping, and one of their favorite destinations is Grand Lake O' the Cherokees in Oklahoma. Another favorite is Estes Park, Colorado. At the top of Jennifer's bucket list is a trip to see California's spectacular redwood forests.

For the past 13 years, Jennifer has worked as a real estate agent with RE/MAX Elite Realty. She has also taught Bible study at Southland Christian Church. She loves baseball and all UK sports.

Keep your eyes open and be sure to let Jennifer know if you come across any vintage Fenton glass!

— John Meyers

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MORE THAN POCKET CHANGE: THE HISTORY AND ART OF COIN COLLECTING

Rotary in Review

Our speaker on August 13 was Roger Weaver (husband of Rotarian Linda Weaver) who provided a fascinating and educational overview of coin collecting. Weaver owns My Old Kentucky Coins & Collectibles, LLC.

Before Weaver was introduced, during the program's inspirational message, Eric Brooks shared a fascinating story from the Henry Clay Estate. He displayed a Mexican coin that Henry Clay's son, a U.S. Army officer serving in the Mexican-American War, had sent to his 5-year-old son. The elder Clay was later killed in action, and the letter containing the coin was the last correspondence the boy received from his father. Tragically, the son was later killed while serving in the Civil War.

The story provided a fitting introduction to Weaver's presentation and underscored one of his central points: Understanding the history behind a coin is an important part of collecting.

Weaver began collecting coins at age 5, when he bought a Whitman coin folder for Lincoln cents. To help fund his new hobby, he collected glass soda bottles and redeemed

them for 5 cents each. A case brought \$1.20, which he used to purchase rolls of coins from the local bank.

In 1986, Weaver attended Stewart's Antique & Flea Market at Heritage Hall and noticed that no one was selling coins. He bought several display cases and began buying and selling coins there seven times a year. Since then, Weaver has attended more than 700 coin shows throughout the country.

Weaver then explored the history and popularity of coin collecting. The first coins were made in Lydia, now part of Turkey, 2,700 years ago, and Caesar Augustus was probably the first coin collector. When his armies returned home, they would present him with coins from the lands they had conquered. Today, 38 percent of adults collect coins, spending nearly \$6 billion on the hobby. The American Numismatic Association has 25,000 members, and Weaver has been a member for 40 years.

Weaver also discussed various methods of collecting coins. A type set consists of one example of each type of coin, while a series set focuses

on coins of a specific denomination. A thematic set concentrates on a particular subject, such as coal scrip or tokens.

To become a "serious" coin collector, Weaver suggested purchasing a loupe, gloves, insert holders, albums, boxes, a reference guide, and a soft tray or pad. The standard reference guide is the *Red Book*, which has been published since 1947. One of its co-editors is noted coin expert Jeff Garrett, who lives in Nicholasville.

Weaver concluded his overview by discussing the various ways people can acquire coins, including pocket change, coin shops, live auctions, coin shows—which he considers the best option—coin clubs, and online purchases. He cautioned against buying coins online because the market is being flooded with counterfeits, primarily manufactured in China, Iran, and Russia.

Finally, Weaver advised collectors not to clean dirty coins because some of the ugliest coins are the most valuable.

— Paul B. Chewning

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