



ROTARY CLUB OF FLORENCE

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Mondays 12 pm at the Hilton
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE, APRIL 2ND 2018

- 11:45 Buffet Opens (\$14 for Buffet, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert)
- 12:15 President Jacob Brooks Presiding
Team 4 Greeting, Prayer, Pledge and 4Way Test
- 12:30 German Immigrant Matth. Toebben (Schickel)
- 1:00 Meeting Adjourned

PROGRAMS

APRIL		TEAM
9	Florence Police K-9 Patrol Demonstration (<u>Froelicher</u>)	5
16	YMCA of Greater Cincinnati - New President <u>Jorge Perez (Brooks)</u>	6
19	Rotary Foundation Dinner @ Triple Crown Country Club (<u>Palmer</u>)	*
23	Teacher of the Year Program (<u>Keeling/Team 1</u>)	7
30	Area High School Student Scholarship Presentations (<u>Rahn</u>)	8
MAY		TEAM
7	Boone County / NKY Public Service - Ken Lucas (<u>Howard</u>)	9
14	Club Assembly / New Member Pinning Ceremony (<u>Ferguson</u>)	1
21	Youth Exchange Program Student Update (McClure)	2
28	Memorial Day - No Meeting	*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

04/3-5 BOONE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEWS: [CLICK HERE:](#)

04/05 **ALL DAY FUNDRAISER:** Colonial Cottage at 3140 Dixie Hwy, Erlanger, KY. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

04/17 **RYLE SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEW.** We conduct interviews every 15 minutes from 8am to 11am and 11:30-2pm on April 17, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26. The aim is to prepare their Seniors for successful transition into their post-secondary pursuits. Sign up [here](#).

04/19 **ANNUAL FOUNDATION DINNER:** 6 pm @ Triple Crown Country Club. We are now accepting sign-ups. Please click this [link](#) to find out extensive details about this year's event or to sign up. We will continue passing around the hard copy to sign-up at the next few meetings. We hope you (and 5 of your best friends) can join us!

06/09 **DISTRICT RAFFEL:** \$50/chance to win a 3 day-2 night visit to the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. See Woody Mueller.

06/11 **FOUNDATION RAFFLE** \$5/chance. Prizes are: **GRAND PRIZE** is a Visio 65-inch 4 K Smart XLED Home theater display. Value \$1000; One-night stay and dinner for 2 at the **AIRPORT HILTON**; McEvoy's have donated **4 REDS CLUB SEATS** for the 2018 season; A **GOLF BAG** and a **\$100 GIFT CARD** to Dick's Sporting Goods (Brad Shipe); **\$200** at home **TEETH WHITENING KIT**, Dr. Kenner; Laurel Crest Resort 2018 Sunday October 7 thru Friday October 12th at the beautiful **PIGEON FORGE, TN.** 2 bedrooms sleeps 8. **\$1000** value – Gary Stewart.

06/23-27 Rotary Toronto Convention. March 31st last day for \$410 [online registration](#). Take special note of the Zone 30/31 dinner cruise. [Click here](#).

INTERACT ROTARY SPONSORED CLUB: Need a helping hand? We could help! This year, we have 7 interactors going on the Dominican service trip. In

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hartke, Wayne	11
Raverty, Patrick	13
Ziler, Zach	13
Howard, Adam	14
Keeling, Barbara	21
Wolfer, David	25
Hodges, Joy	30

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AD BUTTONS \$100 YEARLY DONATION

The donation is for 12 months
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exchange for a donation our team of Interactors would like to help you get your projects done. We could: **Spread mulch. Plant your flowers or bushes. Babysit your child or pet. Clean out and organize your garage, basement, etc. Walk your dog.** Or something else that you need done! If we can help in another way, let our Rotarian| advisor know. You could contact her at 859-663-8984 and schedule a time for us to help you. Thanks for anything that you can do! We are also collecting unwanted household items for YARD SALE.

MARY ROSE M. IS OUR CSP FOR 2ND ¼ :

MRM cooks 150 meals 7 days a week and they need non perishable ingredients.

⇒**TIME** - You may sign up to volunteer at Volunteer@maryrosemission.org. They will then send you the volunteer link to find a time that works for you

⇒**SUPPLIES** : Individual Apple Sauce Cups; Chicken Broth; Beef Broth; Diced Tomatoes; Pasta Sauce; Pasta/spaghetti, rotini, elbow & penne; Cream of Chicken Soup; Cream of Mushroom Soup; Grape Jelly; Vanilla & Chocolate Instant Pudding; Canned Fruit; Any Canned Beans

⇒**MONEY** - Please consider a donation of \$20 or any amount on your heart to give. Donations from our team made payable to Florence Rotary Foundation may be given to Greg Palmer or Billy Santos. The foundation matches our total Rotary team giving up to \$500 per quarter for our Community Service Partner.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE: We are actively seeking host families for the 2018-2019 academic year. Please share this information with friends, family, place of worship, place of work. Contacts: jglass@setel.com or bj_mcclure

Tattoo Removal
by **PAT MOYNAHAN**

Jo Martin's first impulse was to cry when the laser equipment critical to her non-profit tattoo removal business broke down.

Instead, she prayed.



"In less than an hour, I got a call from a man who donated a machine," Martin said.

"Then I cried," she added, triggering laughter among the audience at a recent meeting of the Florence Rotary Club.

The donation meant her entrepreneurial venture into free tattoo removal former jail inmates, former gang members and victims of human trafficking had a chance to survive, Martin said. Her Florence-based business, Tattoo Removal, Inc., now also provides some commercial tattoo removal for fees ranging from \$50 to \$200, depending on the size of the tattoo.

Martin's interest in tattoo removal arose from volunteer work at the Kenton County Detention Center about five years ago. She had retired from AT&T after a 30-year career and had begun tutoring prisoners who were trying to earn a high school equivalency degree (GED).

She said she soon learned that a lack of education wasn't the only impediment to landing a job and improving one's life after incarceration. Really offensive tattoos were, in effect, a red flag to employers, Martin said.

"You're not going to get employed" with gang, racist or vulgar tattoos, she said.

"When you get rid of that, job prospects improve immediately."

Martin did a ton of research, consulted with medical professionals and visited a re-entry facility in California for gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women. A widow, she then spent monies from her husband's life insurance policy to buy the used laser and a chiller and to open shop in January 2017.

Martin said tattoo removal not only improves employment prospects, but also opens the door to enlistment in the military. More important, the experience often serves as a catalyst for personal growth, enabling the person to leave a gang identity behind and gain acceptance in the community.

"You don't look like a criminal anymore," she said.

Martin was selected for a 2017 Greater Cincinnati Foundation Women of the Year award in 2017 for her work. Her immediate goal is to put tattoo removal equipment in the Kenton County Detention Center. Long term, she wants to expand to Boone and Campbell counties, then all over the state.

That will take a few more prayers, and perhaps a few more tears.



THE INTERACT CLUB OF BOONE COUNTY
A Rotary sponsored youth service organization ages 12 - 18 will be serving an
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-FLAPJACK BREAKFAST
includes 3 slices of crispy bacon, juice and coffee
(NO alcoholic beverages will be available during this event.)
SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018
8AM-10AM
Applebee's
SHORT STACKS FOR A TALL CAUSE
7383 Turfway Road, Florence, KY
To purchase tickets (\$8 each), please call either:
Barbara, Interact Adviser at (859)663-8984 or
Rick, Applebee's General Manager at (859)371-4141.