

ROTARY CLUB OF FLORENCE

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Mondays 12 pm at the Hilton
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE, OCTOBER 15th 2018

- 11:45 Buffet Opens (\$14 for Buffet, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert)
- 12:15 President Jim Ferguson Presiding
Team 1 Greeting, Prayer, Pledge and 4Way Test
- 12:30 Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve - Rod Bell (Ferguson) & Team 1/
 Greg Palmer Polo Update
- 1:00 Meeting Adjourned



Crane, Mike	5-Oct
Rickert, Bonnie	21-Oct
McClure, BJ	26-Oct

PROGRAMS

OCTOBER	TEAM
22 MeetNKY - <u>Julie Kirkpatrick (Steffen)</u>	2
29 District Governor <u>Dean Hammond</u> Visit (Ferguson)	3
NOVEMBER	TEAM
5 "Transformation in Universities" - Dr. <u>Jim Votruba (Howard)</u>	4
12 Club Assembly / New Member Pinning Ceremony (<u>Schneider</u>)	5
19 History of Anderson Ferry — <u>Paul Anderson</u> (TBD)	6
26 Club Fundraiser Live Auction (<u>Team 2</u>)	7
DECEMBER	TEAM
3 The Boone Conservancy - Executive Director <u>Mary Unterreiner (Froelicher)</u>	8
10 " <u>Mr. Theme Park</u> " on Roller Coaster Design, <u>Dennis Spiegel (Buchanan)</u>	9
17 Year in Review & Outlook (<u>Ferguson</u>) / <u>John Schickel (Froelicher)</u>	1
24 Christmas Eve - No Meeting	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/23 INTERACTORS: As a service to the other youth of Northern Kentucky, the Interactors of Boone County are hosting James Catchen, Assistant Director of NKU's School-Based Scholar Program. Mr. Catchen will be sharing his knowledge with the youth of Northern Kentucky who want to pursue a college education while keeping their costs down. 7 p.m. Tuesday evening, October 23 at the main branch of the Boone County Public Library 7pm. ALL NORTHERN KENTUCKY YOUTH ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME; HOWEVER, SEATING IS LIMITED. There is no cost to any attendee. Contact Barabar Rahn (859) 663-8984.

11/26 LIVE AUCTION: Please give auction items to any member of team 2.

11/28 CAMPBELL ROTARY CLUB MEETING: The NKU president will deliver the "State of NKU". 12 Noon at the Wilder City Building (520 Licking Pike). Dinner is \$13 (probably Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, & salad).

11/30 ROTARY NIGHT. NKU VS UMBC (University of Maryland Baltimore County). Ticket cost \$9.00 (Unlimited). Lower Arena seats with access to Braxton beer garden included. One check from club for members attending is appreciated made payable to BB&T Arena. Deadline November 23, 2018. John Salvys (859.446.1947)

06/01/19 RI CONVENTION. [Click](#) to register. Location is Hamburg, Germany.

ROB'S KIDS & MASTER PROVISION IS OUR Community Service Partner (CSP) FOR 3RD ¼:

- TIME** - Saturdays - 07/28, 08/25 or 09/29 - 8:15 - 11:30 a.m. - Help Master Provisions with Isaiah House Food Outreach at either St. Elizabeth Hospital - Covington - [1500 James Simpson, Jr. Way](#) in Covington or Ludlow Vets/K of C - 830 Main St in Ludlow
- SUPPLIES** - We are collecting new board games for Rob's Kids - Sorry, Connect 4, Apples to Apples, Monopoly, Trouble, Dominos, Battleship, Clue, Checkers, Chess, Twister, Life, Memory Games, Playing Cards, Card Games for children - Go Fish, Old Maid, Crazy 8, Card Games Teen/Adult - Uno, Phase 10, Skip BO Puzzles - 24, 48, 60, 100 & 500 Piece
- MONEY** - \$20 donation to Master Provisions. This equips MP to serve 8 people in need with food, clothing or shoes. Donation may be made payable to Florence Rotary Foundation and given to Greg Palmer or Billy Santos. The Foundation matches our total Rotary team giving up to \$500 per quarter for our CSP

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Traffic in Florence has Silver Lining Written By: Patrick Moynahan

Florence, Kentucky – September 24 – Mayor Diane Whalen sees a silver lining in the challenges that come with 140,000 vehicles a day passing through Florence.

“If the traffic is going away from our community, that means people are going away,” she said. “And when people go away, I think we all start to struggle.

“So, we tolerate it.”

Whalen made her annual presentation on the state of the city to the Rotary Club of Florence on Monday, Sept. 24. Florence has issued 117 occupational licenses since the start of the year and nine new hotels and two distribution centers are in the works, she said.

Add the Menards home improvement center under construction off Mall Road and Bosch automotive center expansion nearby and total capital investment exceeds \$250 million. The \$1.5 Amazon/Prime Air hub at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and Wayfair’s first U.S. retail outlet nearby also will funnel even more traffic through Florence.

“Our concerns are directly related to traffic,” Whalen said.

The upside is the revenue the economic growth brings to the city. The growth has enabled the city to reduce the budget, eliminate redundancies and build excellent financial reserves, according to the mayor.

The tax rate on real estate has remained the same in Florence for the past two years, she said. In addition, the city has reduced the insurance premium tax from 8 percent to 5 percent. The insurance premium tax is “the only tax equally attached to everyone who lives and works in the city,” Whalen noted.

“That was the one way we looked at as a way to give back a little bit to the community.”

The mayor said the city is attacking the opioid epidemic in the streets. Florence created its own city and parks drug enforcement unit. The unit has initiated 138 drug investigations and 67 prostitution investigations that resulted in 107 felony charges, 145 misdemeanors and \$345,000 in forfeitures of cash, vehicles and other valuables, according to Whalen.

She said the city shares nationwide concerns about the future of retail. Toys R Us and Babies R Us closed all their stores globally as well as in Florence earlier this year. The Sears store at Florence Mall, the first retailer on the site in 1975, also will close soon.

“We know the face of retail is changing,” Whalen said. “We can either adapt to that or we will die because we have a strong retail presence.”

She pointed out the city is working with the state highway department, airport officials and representatives of new and planned commercial enterprises to find ways to alleviate the traffic problems that economic growth is bringing.

“It does no good for any of us to be gridlocked,” Whalen said.

Florence Rotary teams up with Boone high schools to tackle food insecurity; take donations to games. See [NKY Tribune](#) article.

FLORENCE ROTARY'S 21ST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, HICKORY STICKS GOLF COURSE (10/5/18)



Florence Mayor [Diane Whalen](#)



President Jim opening & Duane introducing



Florence D.A.R.E. Officer, Adam Argullin, [addressing](#) our Oct.1st noon meeting

