

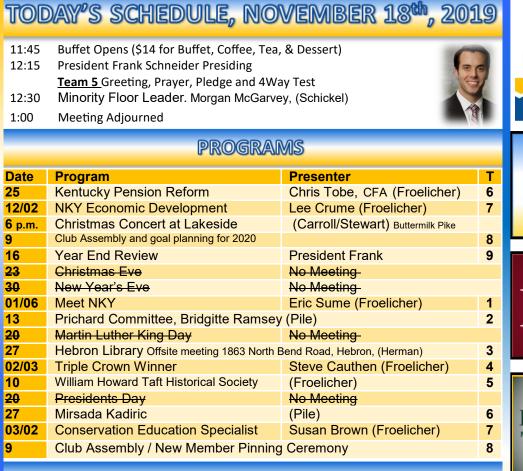
## ARY CLUB OF FLORENCE

President: Frank Schneider Secretary: <u>Carrie Herrmann</u> Treasurer: Ian Addington SGT-at-Arms: Shawn Carroll P. Elect: Peter Weickgenannt



Mondays 12 pm at the Hilton 7373 Turfway Rd, Florence KY Box 6027 Florence KY 41022 District 6740





## People of Action

DEC2 6PM CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN ON BUTTERMILK PIKE MAR14 NKY INT. FESTIVAL N.K. Convention Center 1 W Rivercenter Blvd, Covington, KY \* NOMINATE CLUB MEMBER FOR DG 2022-2023: The deadline is January 8, 2020

- \* 4 PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES:(1) GROW +20; (2) RAISE 20K; (3) DEV. 20K; (4) DIVERSITY
- \* MEAL AD \$100/quarter & runs weekly. PATRON AD is \$100/year runs every 3rd week.
- \* OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNER: Welcome House, Tattoo Removal
- and Steinford Toy Foundation are 4th Quarter CSPs. Financial donations will be split between Welcome House and Tattoo Removal. Donations of new toys for STF will be accepted on November 18 and 25 as well as December 2 and 9. You may sign up your business as a drop off location for toys between November 18 and December 6. We need help with volunteers to distribute signs and boxes the week of November 18. And, we need volunteers to pick up toys at businesses on December 9, 10 and 11 to deliver them to SD1. Please contact <u>Roger Babik</u> to sign up to volunteer -

<u>roger@masterprovisions.org</u>. To volunteer at Welcome House - please call or email <u>Sara</u> <u>Kahmann</u> at 859.431.8717 or <u>skahmann@welcomehouseky.org</u>.

- ROTARY BUSINESS CARD: Rotary is fun! Please invite new members to join! Tell them about our great programs and how Rotary has changed you for the better.
- KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS SIGNUP: <u>Click to your local Kroger Store and use "The</u> <u>Florence Rotary Foundation, Inc." Won't effect Reward points.</u>
- \* AMAZON SMILES: Simply <u>Click</u>. We are 1st option "Florence Rotary Club Foundation Inc". EIN 27-1752838. 15200 Porter Rd, Verona, KY 41092
- \* WHO ARE WE: The Rotary Club of Florence, Kentucky (serving all of Boone County) is a community service organization focusing on "service above self". Guests are always welcome. To learn more visit the club's website at <u>www.florencerotary.org</u> or follow their <u>Facebook</u> page.



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## Honor Flights a Way to Thanks Vets



Written By: Patrick Moynahan on November 8<sup>th</sup>

Cheryl Popp hopes to see a grassroots movement to preserve the stories of U.S. military veterans.

Their stories not only provide a dramatic tableau of America at war, but also magnify what it means to be an American, she said.

"Destiny chose them to be Americans by birth and heroes by the grace of God," Popp told members of the Rotary Club of Florence at a luncheon commemorating Veterans Day. "They have served their country so that we could remain free."

"Every veteran is a link to our past and a passport to our future. We must learn to carry the banner of patriotism to the next generation."

Popp is doing her part to carry the banner and preserve veterans' stories. She helps them relive memories and receive the thanks due them as director of Honor Flight Tri-State, which provides free trips to military memorials in Washington, D.C., for veterans 65 and older. She also shares local veterans' stories in two volumes of "Legacy of Courage," co-authored with Peter Bronson.

Honor Flight Tri-State, a Cincinnati-based non-profit organization, currently conducts one-day chartered flight trips to Washington five times a year. The organization has arranged 72 honor flights for 6,500 veterans since Popp joined the organization in 2005.

The daughter of a World War II veteran, Popp said American soldiers have served and continue to serve "every place in the world where tyranny reigns." They have done so at great sacrifice with no complaint and little preservation.



Veterans typically don't talk much about their war experiences, Popp said, but people need to hear their stories.

"These stories need to be told and preserved for the future," she said. "The preservation of these stories is critical to



12/02 Monday 6 pm is our Christmas Concert (Lakeside Christian Church - 195 Buttermilk Pike, Lakeside Park KY).

our history."

Few of the 16 million who served in World War II are still alive. Some 440,000 perished in the war; the survivers came home to build America into a powerful nation. More than 36,000 died in Korea in what is now known as the "forgotten war." And another 58,000 gave their lives in an unpopular war in "a country (Vietnam) no one can even find on a map," Popp said.

After the National World War II Memorial opened in 2004, retired Air Force Capt. Earl Morse of Springfield, Ohio, flew several veterans in his own plane to see it. With the help of 11 pilots from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, he launched Honor Flight.

The recognition program since has grown into an Honor Flight network with 133 hubs in 46 states and chartered flights on commercial airlines. Honor Flight Tri-State funds the flights through individual donations, corporate sponsors and fund-raising events like the St. Elizabeth Healthcare Honor Run Half Marathon in Florence November 10.

The 18-hour, one-day trips take veterans to five war memorials, Arlington Cemetery and Lincoln Memorial. Volunteers called "guardians" assist veterans on the flights, and help them find names of buddies on the memorials. If a guardian touches an engraved name of someone they don't know, Popp said, they are asked to say the name of the veteran five times.

"They taught us how to be Americans," Popp noted. "We just need to listen now."



The Florence Rotary Club Turns 75: GARY S, Mike C, GARY G, Dennis M, & GARY W.