

ROTARY CLUB OF FLORENCE

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Mondays 12 pm at the Hilton
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE, NOVEMBER 25th, 2019

- 11:45 Buffet Opens (\$14 for Buffet, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert)
- 12:15 President Frank Schneider Presiding
- Team 6** Greeting, Prayer, Pledge and 4Way Test
- 12:30 Kentucky Pension Reform. Chris Tobe, CFA (Froelicher)
- 1:00 Meeting Adjourned



Whalen, Diane	5-Nov
Gutzeit, Pat	10-Nov
Palmer, Greg	16-Nov
Schulkers, Shona	20-Nov
Sample, Leon	22-Nov
Mader, Doug	22-Nov
Salyers, John	24-Nov

PROGRAMS

Date	Program	Presenter	T
12/02	NKY Economic Development	Lee Crume (Froelicher)	7
6 p.m.	Christmas Concert at Lakeside	(Carroll/Stewart) Buttermilk Pike	
9	Club Assembly and goal planning for 2020		8
16	Year End Review	President Frank	9
23	Christmas Eve	No Meeting	
30	New Year's Eve	No Meeting	
01/06	Meet NKY	Eric Sume (Froelicher)	1
13	Prichard Committee, Bridgitte Ramsey (Pile)		2
20	Martin Luther King Day	No Meeting	
27	Hebron Library Offsite meeting 1863 North Bend Road, Hebron, (Herman)		3
02/03	Triple Crown Winner	Steve Cauthen (Froelicher)	4
10	William Howard Taft Historical Society	(Froelicher)	5
20	Presidents Day	No Meeting	
27	Mirsada Kadiric	(Pile)	6
03/02	Conservation Education Specialist	Susan Brown (Froelicher)	7
9	Club Assembly / New Member Pinning Ceremony		8

People of Action

* **THANK YOU** to Frank and Jim for being our 1st meal sponsors. **THANK YOU** to Greg Palmer (CORPORATE GOLD) and Jerry & Joy Hodges (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) for being the 1st membership sponsors.

DEC 2 6PM CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN ON BUTTERMILK PIKE

MAR 14 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 4TH QUARTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNER:** Welcome House, Tattoo Removal and Steinfeld 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 Roger Babik to sign up to volunteer - roger@masterprovisions.org. To volunteer at Welcome House - please call or email Sara Kahmann at 859.431.8717 or skahmann@welcomehouseky.org.

* **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:** [Click to your local Kroger Store and use "The Florence Rotary Foundation, Inc."](#) Won't effect Reward points.

* **AMAZON SMILES:** Simply [Click](#). We are 1st option — "Florence Rotary Club Foundation Inc". EIN 27-1752838. 15200 Porter Rd, Verona, KY 41092

* **WHO ARE WE:** We are a community service organization focusing on "service above self". Guests are always welcome. More info: www.florencerotary.org or [Facebook](#).

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Rotary Club of Florence Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Written By: Patrick Moynahanon November 15

In the early days of the Rotary Club of Florence, members raised funds for community projects by selling Florenceopoly board games.

When a fellow Rotarian couldn't pay his bill at the old Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell because someone broke into his car and stole his belongings and sales merchandise, the Florence Club picked up the tab out of pocket.

When the number of worthy high school seniors exceeded the scholarship funding available, selection committee members routinely passed the hat and collected enough to provide another scholarship.

"It really got hard to get people to serve on that committee," Gary Greisser remarked as members erupted in laughter during the 75th anniversary celebration of the Rotary Club of Florence recently.

Greisser was among a group who revived a dying club in the 1980s and built it into the second largest club in Rotary District 6740, which includes all the clubs east of Interstate 75 in Kentucky. The club has maintained a membership of 100 members or more for more than a decade.

At the anniversary celebration, Greisser and three other former Florence presidents shared memories of struggles and successes in rebuilding a club that dates to November 11, 1944. By the early 1980s, participation had dropped to 30-34 people because many of the original members were reaching their 60s.

They mounted a recruitment drive to attract "young blood" – anyone less than 40, said Greisser. Impressed by the Rotary International initiative to eradicate polio worldwide, he came on board and ultimately served three times as president over the next three decades.

Mike Crane came aboard after the Airport Rotary Club, which folded because of a lack of membership. Gary Wilmhoff and Dennis McEvoy soon followed. Each served a term or two as president in the 1980s and 1990s, and McEvoy led District 6740 in 2009-10.

"The goal was to build a base for a strong club," said Greisser, "and I think that happened."

The Rotary Club of Florence now awards seven college scholarships each year, thanks to proceeds from a popular fall golf tournament. The club sponsors a teacher recognition program, selects a citizen of the year, and provides a meal for police, firefighters and first responders in May. In addition, the club targets one or two charities – e.g., the Steinford Toy Foundation and Mary Rose Mission – for funding support each quarter.

Over one three-year period, the Rotary Club of Florence raised more than \$30,000 to equip a hospice room at St. Elizabeth Healthcare. Another year, the club raised nearly \$30,000 to provide uniforms to enable youngsters in Tanzania to attend school.

Wilmhoff recalled a trip to Italy a year after a terrorist attack killed 13 and wounded 113 in 1985. His group was Gary Wilmhoff

advised to walk directly through armed guards and police dogs to the terminal. But one of the local police stopped him and gestured to the Rotary Club pins in his pocket protector.



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

Wilmhoff, who noted he speaks hillbilly better than Italian, came to understand the officer wanted one of the pins. He gladly complied.

"In Rome, being a member of Rotary was a big deal," he said. "It gets you into places you wouldn't otherwise get in."

"I think we sometimes forget about the international aspect of Rotary."

McEvoy was reminded in San Diego for district governor training when Bill Gates announced a matching fund program to aid the fight to eradicate polio. District governors were "literally crying from countries which polio continues to really affect," he said.

Gates had contributed \$3.7 billion to the cause by the end of 2018, a quarter of which came from Rotary International, according to Forbes.

"We are here for one reason" to help other people," said McEvoy, whose father introduced him to Rotary at annual club outings at Camp Ernst as a youngster. "It's been that way since I was a little boy ... and it still is."

A recording of this presentation and past meetings of the Rotary Club of Florence is available on the club's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubFlorenceKY/videos/463078784566291/>

