

Rotary Club of Florence

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Mondays 12 @ Ignite Institute
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Rotary Opens Opportunities



Virtual & In-person Schedule, May 17, 2021

11:45 Hybrid Meeting: [Lunch \\$7 \(Sign-Up\)](#) or Home Buffett
 12:00 Pres. Peter Weickgenannt Presiding
Team 1 Prayer, Pledge and 4Way Test
 12:15 Ignite Institute, Kenton County, S.D. Christopher Bryson (Pile)
 1:00 Meeting Adjourned



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY-24	Project Sheluka. Clean Water for Africa	Joe Meiman (Schickel)
MAY-31	NO MEETING	MEMORIAL DAY
JUN-7	Fighting Human Trafficking	Jordan Turner (Volland)
JUN-14	Free Radical Ranch	Jennifer
JUN-21	CEO Pritchard Committee	Brigitte Blom-Ramsy (Pile)

PEOPLE OF ACTION

- ⇒ **IN-PERSON SIGN-UP:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAFA72DA1FAC25-ignite>. Ignite Institute 37 Atlantic Avenue, Erlanger, KY 41018.
- ⇒ **CARD, CALL, OR VISIT:** Rosie and [Etienne Badillo](#) (5/26) would greatly appreciate a visit at their home. Etienne will soon be entering Hospice care. If you can make a visit, please call [Rosie](#) to schedule a time. Or perhaps you can send a card to their [home](#).
- ⇒ **6/10 KENTON COUNTY ROTARY 23RD ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE**
- ⇒ **6/11 6-7PM ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND:** A Celebration in the Cloud"
- ⇒ **6/12 OUTING** — Dave W. is planning Florence Mall Outing.
- ⇒ **6/12 DICK WILKINSON MEMORIAL CLAY SHOOT 10AM-2PM.** Contact is Mark W.
- ⇒ **PETER'S PRESIDENTIAL GOALS:** Membership, 90; Service, 65; New Member Sponsor, 20; Leadership Dev. Ppt., 3; D. Conf. Attend, 2; D. Training Ppt., 2; Annual Fund Contrib., \$10,000; Polio Contr., \$2,500; Service Projects, 4; Interact Clubs, 1; Continue online; Socials, 3; Media stories, 1.
- ⇒ **OUR 2ND QUARTER CSP:** [Mary Rose Mission \(MRM\)](#) and [Tattoo Removal Ink \(TRI\)](#).
 - * **MRM** continues to provide carry-out drive through meal service in Florence with no volunteer sign up at this time. Cindy hopes to see normal volunteer activities resume in June. For MRM updates, click on <http://maryrosemission.org/>.
 - * **TRI** is a non-profit in Northern Kentucky providing free removal of jail, gang and human-trafficking **tattoos** from the formerly-incarcerated, former gang members, and victims of human trafficking. TRI is unable to use volunteers due to the expertise required for tattoo removal, but Director Jo Martin, a fellow Rotarian, allocates donated funds to assist their clients in their life-altering activities. Check out TRI at <https://www.tattooremovalink.org/>
- ⇒ **KEEPING MEMBERS THROUGH COVID-19 HARDSHIP:** The Rotary Board desires to help you with your Rotary Dues if you can no longer pay due to COVID-19. See Ian or Peter.
- ⇒ **NEED HELP:** Ask if there are any of our fellow club Rotarians that we can help (get support, get groceries, etc.) please relay that data to the Club Board or [President Peter](#). **REACHING OUT:** If you would like to help, please contact [Patrick Raverty](#).
- ⇒ **GREAT PROGRAMS:** We have some really great programs. If you are unable to attend you can still view them. Please let [Carrie](#) know as this counts towards your attendance. Click here to "CATCH UP" <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubFlorenceKY/videos/>
- ⇒ **MEAL AD** \$100/quarter & runs weekly. **PATRON AD** is \$100/year runs every 3rd week.
- ⇒ **AMAZON SMILES:** Simply [Click](#) the 1st option — "Florence Rotary Club Foundation Inc". EIN 27-1752838. 15200 Porter Rd, Verona, KY 41092
- ⇒ **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS SIGNUP:** [Click to your local Kroger Store and use "The Florence Rotary Foundation, Inc." Won't affect Reward points.](#)
- ⇒ **VOLUNTEER HOURS:** Please turn in to [Carrie Herrmann](#)
- ⇒ **PRESENTATIONS:** If you have something that you would like to speak to the club about, we may have speaker slots open ([Erin](#), Duane or Peter).



Hodges, Joy	30-Apr
Carroll, Shawn	4-May
Brooks, Jacob	19-May

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- ⇒ **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](#).
- ⇒ **EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR:** To give a \$100 per year to our Foundation is an effortless way to work towards becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. It is \$8.34/month.
- ⇒ **PHOTOS NEEDED FOR DACDB.** To upload your photo, 1st login [here t.ly/P33Pe](http://t.ly/P33Pe) then click [here t.ly/y55d0](http://t.ly/y55d0). **DACDB COORDINATOR SOUGHT. [Carrie Herrmann](#)**
- ⇒ **RULE OF 85:** Let [Carrie](#) know if your “age” + “number of years” of membership is 85
- * **DID YOU KNOW** We have a [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) presence? **DID YOU KNOW** You can search for [#FloRo](#) in Facebook and Twitter?
DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A DATABASE? Go to <http://www.dacdb.com/>
- ⇒ **CONGRATS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:** The recipients are: Abrielle Johnson, Walton-Verona High School (@WaltonVeronaHS); Jacob Deere, Randall K. Cooper High School (@RCHS_Jaguars); Nevaeh Branch, Boone County High School (@BCHS_Rebels1955); Olivia Barclay, St. Henry District High School (@StHenryCRU); Grace Wellmann, Larry A. Ryle High School (@Ryle_HS)



Abrielle Johnson - Walton-Verona.



Jacob Deere - Cooper High



Nevaeh Branch - Boone County



Olivia Barclay - St Henry District



Grace Wellman - Ryle High

Holger Knaack, President 2020-21 May 2021, Presidential message

For years, Susanne and I hosted many Rotary Youth Exchange students in our home. This program was an entry point to Rotary for me, and my heart is truly in it. When Rotary’s exchange programs were suspended because of COVID-19 to keep students and families safe, we felt sorry, especially for the participants, because those years cannot be repeated.

Because of the many uncertainties of the pandemic, the Rotary Board has decided to suspend in-person exchanges through June 2022. As we look ahead with hope, we thank Youth Exchange officers, host families, and volunteers for their contributions in years past, and we encourage districts to offer virtual exchanges as a way of connecting students around the world with each other and with our communities.

For those who are not able to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary offers other opportunities. New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) is a Rotary program that deserves wider recognition: It is an excellent opportunity for young people ages 18 to 30 to participate in community service as individuals or in a group and to gain internship experience. Simukai Matshalaga, a Rotaractor from Zimbabwe, stayed with us in Ratzeburg during her NGSE experience three years ago.

When I applied for the New Generations Service Exchange program, I did not realize that I was signing up for a life-changing experience. This program gave me that opportunity and much more. It taught me about the importance of failing fast, learning quicker, and being myself.

Some of my greatest experiences happened at the dinner table. The warmth and kindness of every home I lived in still resonate with me today. It took me weeks to understand how a stranger could care for me as deeply as these members of the Rotary family did. I am inspired by the lessons of humility I learned from all the amazing people I met. I came to understand a new culture and realized that the only things that separate us as people are our experiences and, at times, our false assumptions.

Professionally, it gave me confidence in my own abilities as an engineer. Seeing how other organizations handled problems made me aware that the best person to solve the challenges in my country was me. Returning home from northern Germany, I declined a promotion, quit my job, and began building a family business — a decision that previously I would have never made, out of fear.

I am indebted to the Rotary family. I am not sure whether the friends, mentors, and families I left behind knew that they changed my life permanently. I hope they now do.

New Generations Service Exchange changed Simukai’s life. It can change yours, too. All Rotary members can experience something similar at any time: I encourage everyone to take a virtual journey this month and visit meetings of other clubs online. You will see how different Rotary is around the world as you meet great people and make new friends.

Let us build upon these connections forged online — and later, when the time is right, enjoy in-person exchanges through Rotary Friendship Exchange, another excellent program for Rotary members of all ages.

Our ability to meet in person is limited now, but we know that Rotary Opens Opportunities, always. Now is the time to get ready, so that when the pandemic is behind us, Rotary’s exchange programs will come back stronger than before, serving a world that is yearning to reconnect.

