

Rotary Club of Florence

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Schedule for Monday May 22, 2023

- 12:00 CATERED BUFFETT LUNCH, \$12 FEB.
- 12:15 President Carrie Herrmann, Prayer, Pledge and 4Way Test
- 12:25 Club Assembly, Carrie Herrmann (Herrmann) Small Building
- 13:00 Dismiss



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 29 No meeting — **Memorial Day** REMEMBER & HONOR
- June 5 World Refugee Day - June 20th, Kristin Burgoyne (Pile) Small Building
- June 12 TBD
- June 17 No Meeting — Juneteenth



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Carrie Herrmann,
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PEOPLE OF ACTION

Bring a friend, double the impact - let us make a difference together!

- DUES MAILED**, pay by check/card at Monday's meeting.
- TO HELP** with Lunch seating & meals you can [RSVP here](#).
- Our club is seeking a Secretary and Treasurer to assist with leadership.
- HAPPY DOLLARS** — For \$1 tell us what you are happy about.
- Rotary offers both short-term and long-term youth exchange programs. Please inform the front desk if interested.
- Nominate two 8th graders to participate in the District Youth Leadership Retreat! We will sponsor two individuals. Applications will be released in January 2024.
- Join us for the District 6740-wide celebration of The Rotary Foundation on **June 10, 2023**, from 6-8 pm at The Hive in Erlanger, KY. Connect with Rotarians from seven different locations across the district, enjoy a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres, dinner with salad, a choice of entree, and a dessert table for a cost of \$30/person. Kindly RSVP by June 5, 2023 (greg@palmercapitalonline.com or 859-393-2595).
- Duane challenges us to increase membership after the Secretary of State's praise of Rotary as a unifying force.
- We extend our gratitude to Drew, the owner of Party Town, for their generous donation to Rotary. We would also like to thank Janey and Gary for sharing information about Rotary International at The Maker Expo
- The Florence Parade is approaching - please contact Duane if interested in raising the Rotary Flag or participating in the parade.
- We are seeking a signature event to raise funds. Please share any ideas with Duane.
- The President's objectives: (1) Amplify community impact, support two areas with club's resources. (2) Expand membership by 10% & reactivate Interact Club. (3) Foster engagement, bring back in-person meetings & identify a hands-on project.
- ROTARY MEMBERSHIP: JOIN ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES.** We are accepting new members. If you are interested membership, please complete this linked [New Member Form](#) or ask Carrie for a printed copy.
- Exciting opportunities to speak at our club! Contact Don Volland for available slots. Our programs are top-notch, and you can view them if absent. Please inform the Welcome Desk to record attendance. Click to "CATCH UP" [facebook.com/RotaryClubFlorenceKY/videos/](#) or [YouTube](#)
- Kindly submit your volunteer hours at the Welcome Desk
- Need a new badge? Fill out this [form](#).
- KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS SIGNUP:** [Click to your local Kroger Store and use "The Florence Rotary Foundation, Inc." Won't affect Reward points.](#)
- Join a committee today! Options include: Community Engagement and Honors, Community Service, Club Service, Membership, International, Next Gen, and Weekly Meetings (Welcome Desk).
- Interested in advertising through Florence Rotary's media? Gain exposure for \$100/year while supporting our club (Welcome Desk). Ad Buttons sponsors include Jim Ferguson, Master Provisions, Jacob Brooks, Don Volland, New Perceptions, Mike Crane, Gary Griesser, Brad Hamlen, Forcht Bank, Dennis McEvoy, New Day Ranch, Brad Shipe, and Dottie Dawson. Meal Sponsorships also available at \$100/quarter. If your name or ad isn't listed, contact [NevilleBuchanan@Gmail.com](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

- 6/5 BOARD MEETING
- 6/10 CLAY SHOOT
- 6/24 BASEBALL FLORENCE YALL
- 7/10 PASSING THE GAVEL
- 10/6 GOLF OUTING

Member Birthdays

- Carroll, Shawn 4-May
- Dawson, Dottie 18-May
- Brooks, Jacob 19-May

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Presidential message

May 2023

I believe it is a time in our world for brave, courageous, intentional leadership.

Last month, in this column, you heard from my dear friend Anniela Carracedo. She is an amazing member of our Rotary family, and as a past Interactor and now Rotarian, she is this kind of leader.

Anni shared a very personal story about coping with a panic attack, something that I have also experienced. The outpouring and response to this story have been tremendous and punctuate how critical it is that we acknowledge not only our strengths but our vulnerabilities too.

When we talk about finding space for one another — creating comfort and care within Rotary — we're describing a club experience where we can all feel comfortable sharing like Anni did, and we can all empathize with and support one another. Whatever we are facing in life, Rotary is a place where we know we're not alone.

We spend so much time helping our world, whether it's working to end polio, cleaning up the environment, or bringing hope to communities that need it most. Sometimes we can lose track of the need to apply some of our energy and care to our fellow members and partners in service.

The comfort and care of our members is the single greatest driver of member satisfaction and retention. We need to ensure that it remains a priority — and that we further strengthen these bonds by performing service that helps reduce the stigma of seeking out mental health treatment and expands access to care.

That is why I'm so heartened by President-elect Gordon McNally's wonderful vision to help improve the global mental health system, not only for Rotary members, but for the communities we serve.

When Gordon announced our focus on mental health at this year's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, he reminded us that helping others benefits our mental health by reducing stress and improving our mood. Studies show that performing acts of kindness is an effective way to improve your own mental and physical health. Rotary service brings hope to the world and joy to our lives.

Our new focus on mental health will take some time to do right, and yet it builds on something that has been part of who we are for 118 years. We are People of Action, and behind that action is care, compassion, empathy, and inclusion.

Becoming champions of mental health is not only the right and kind thing to do, it is a tool that can Create Hope in the World, Gordon's inspiring theme for his upcoming year as president. If we serve our members, we serve our communities, and if we can meet people where they are and lift them up, they will imagine Rotary in a new light and come to fully understand our value and our infinite potential.



Jennifer Jones,
President 2022-23

