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Schedule for September 16, 2024

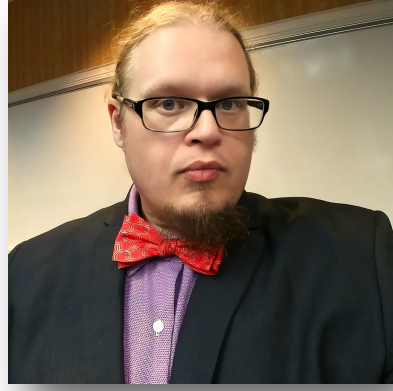
Location: Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD), 22 Spiral Drive, Florence, KY

- 11:45 am – Lunch Buffet opens (\$13/person)
- 12:00 pm – Meeting Begins, Greeting, Prayer-Reflection-Inspiration, Pledge & 4-Way Test
- 12:15 pm – Program Begins
- 1:00 pm – Meeting Adjourned

Program Speaker

Dr. Michael Carr, PhD AI - Professor at Thomas More University

The Rotary Club of Florence is pleased to announce our upcoming guest speaker for Monday, September 16, 2024: Dr. Michael R. Carr II, who will be presenting on the topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI).



About Our Speaker

Dr. Michael R. Carr II brings a diverse background to his presentation:

- Assistant Professor and Director of the Marketing program at Thomas More University
- Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of the Cumberlands
- MBA from the University of Cincinnati
- Former adjunct instructor at the University of Cincinnati
- Industry experience as Vice President of Marketing & Advertising at Sky Systemz
- Marketing Consultant for Cincinnati and Northern KY small businesses

Interestingly, Dr. Carr is also an accomplished musician, known professionally as "One Man Electrical Band" or "OMEB." He has opened for renowned acts such as KISS, Motley Crue, Journey, and STYX.

Anticipated Topic

While the specific content of Dr. Carr's presentation is not yet known, we anticipate an engaging discussion on Artificial Intelligence. Given his background in marketing and education, Dr. Carr may touch on AI applications in these fields, but the exact focus of his talk remains to be seen.

To submit content for the Newsletter a week prior (Monday 7PM) to nevillewbuchanan@gmail.com. Please note that our meetings may be live streamed.

Member Birthdays	
List, Karralea	2 /7
W., Mark	19/7
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Moore, Gary	25/7
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Why Attend

AI is rapidly transforming various aspects of our lives and businesses. This presentation offers an opportunity to:

- Gain insights into AI from an expert with both academic and industry experience
- Learn about potential applications of AI in business and education
- Engage in a discussion about this cutting-edge technology

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Michael R. Carr II and hearing his perspectives on AI. Join us for what promises to be an informative and thought-provoking session.

Welcome Committee is Team 4

Team Lead: Michelle Owens

Members: Ian Addington, Susan Annear, Duane Froelicher, Wayne Hartke, Janey McEntyre, Mary Price

Upcoming Programs

- Sept 23 - Jarred Payne, Secretary - Brain Injury Alliance of Northern KY (Team 5)
- Sept 30 - Citizen of the Year will be at the Florence Nature Event Center (Team 1)
- Oct 7 - Jack Givens, 1978 University of Kentucky Men's Basketball champion and MVP (Team 7)
- Oct 14 - No meeting (Team Meeting, Community Service, & Meet a Member Week)
- Oct 21 - Karen Brown, League of Women Voters (Team 6)
- Oct 28 - David Hastings, Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK) (Team 2)

Signature Upcoming Events

- Sept 30th - Citizen of the Year Celebration
- Oct 4th - Annual Golf Outing
- May 15-17, 2026 - District Conference at the Radisson (Save the date for Greg Palmer, District Governor next year)

Reminders

- October 4th - Sponsor or find sponsors for Hole Sponsor or Teams for Annual Golf Outing
- October 8th - Project Heart Restart Press Conference 1 pm Florence Nature Park
- Meet up with fellow Rotarians for coffee, lunch, or breakfast; send pictures to Julia Pile
- Share club info via Social Media and email
- Invite friends to meetings
- Share Happy Dollar moments with the club
- For DACdb training, contact Marcus@mpz.me
- 3rd Quarter collection for Seniors – Be a Santa to a Senior Wishlist in conjunction with NKADD
 - * Tumblers * Large Print Word Search * Large Print Crossword Puzzles * Adult Coloring Books * Blankets and Throws * Body Wash * Deodorant * Shampoo * Socks * Candy & Snacks

Notes

- New member pinning ceremony planned
- Reminder about the Special Olympics Pickle and Wiener Fest on September 28th, 12-5 PM





Special Olympics Northern Kentucky

Making a Difference in the Community

The Rotary Club of Florence welcomed Mark Staggs, Volunteer Program Director for Special Olympics of Northern Kentucky, as their guest speaker on September 9, 2024. Staggs provided an inspiring overview of the organization's impact and upcoming events in the Northern Kentucky area.

A Personal Journey

Staggs, who has been involved with Special Olympics since 1990, shared his personal connection to the organization. As a father of three special needs children, he understands firsthand the importance of the programs offered by Special Olympics. His experience has taught him that individuals with intellectual disabilities find joy in the simple things that many take for granted.

Northern Kentucky Program Overview

Special Olympics of Northern Kentucky has been serving the community for over 50 years. The program currently offers 14 different sports and activities for more than 900 special Olympic athletes in the Northern Kentucky area. These sports include softball, bowling, skiing, basketball, flag football, cheerleading, fishing, track and field, soccer, roller skating, swimming, and golf.

Athletes compete at local, state, and sometimes national and international levels. Remarkably, the Northern Kentucky program covers all costs for their athletes, including uniforms, transportation, nutritional needs, and event fees.

Funding and Volunteerism

Operating on an annual budget of \$65,000, the Northern Kentucky program relies entirely on volunteers and local fundraising efforts. Two major fundraisers support their activities:

1. The annual golf outing hosted by Joe Walter
2. The upcoming "Senator John Schickel's Pickles and Wieners" event on September 28th

Staggs emphasized that every penny raised goes directly to supporting the athletes and their activities.

Upcoming Event: Pickle and Wiener Fest

Senator John Schickel, a long-time supporter of Special Olympics, introduced the upcoming "Pickle and Wiener Fest" fundraiser. The event will take place on September 28th from noon to 5 PM at Relyance Bank. Highlights include:

- Free admission
- Food available for donations
- Bourbon tasting by New Riff Distillery
- Raffle prizes, including \$500 worth of gas

Get Involved

Staggs encouraged Rotary members and the community to get involved by:

1. Volunteering at events (check the Special Olympics of Northern Kentucky Facebook page for opportunities)
2. Becoming a sponsor for events
3. Attending the Pickle and Wiener Fest on September 28th

As Staggs concluded, "Special Olympic athletes show us what is possible. They inspire us to do greatness for them and give us more than we ever gave them."

For more information or to get involved, visit the [Special Olympics of Northern Kentucky](#) Facebook page or contact [Mark Staggs](#) directly.