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## Schedule for October 21, 2024

Location: Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD), 22 Spiral Drive, Florence, KY 41042

- 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

### Today's Program: League of Women Voters of Northern Kentucky

Immediate Past President Julie Pile will introduce our speakers:

Karen Brown ([karen.brown@lwvky.org](mailto:karen.brown@lwvky.org))  
 Julie Kugler-Ackley ([julie.kugler-ackley@lwvky.org](mailto:julie.kugler-ackley@lwvky.org))  
 Learn more about the League of Women Voters at <https://www.lwvky.org/>

### Welcome Committee

**Team 6 – Next Generations** Team Lead: Dave Wolfer (Until replacement found) Members: Margaret Lee, Mark Looy, Julie Pile, Cathy Stavros, Jordan Dallas Turner, Matt Turner, Matt Webster

### Interview a Member: Gary Wilmhoff

Gary Wilmhoff shared his journey to Rotary, growing up in Greene County off Mineola Pike. He attended Boone County High School, pursued forestry at UK, and worked in Alabama before returning to Kentucky. Gary and his brother Steve became owners of Florence Hardware. He joined Rotary in 1983, took a break, and rejoined in 2007, finding joy in membership and service.



Gary's Rotary Moment: "Rotary isn't just about networking or community service; it's about being part of something bigger than yourself. When I rejoined in 2007, I realized that Rotary offers a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact on both local and global levels. The camaraderie among members and the shared commitment to 'Service Above Self' creates an environment where we can truly make a difference. That's what keeps me coming back and why I'm proud to be a Rotarian."

### Upcoming Programs

Note: Regular meetings are held at NKADD unless otherwise specified.

- Oct 28 - David Hastings, Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK) (Team 2) - Julie Out
- Nov 4 - TBA (Team 3)
- Nov 11 - No Meeting (Team Meeting & Community Service Week)
- Nov 18 - Hasan Davis, Deputy Commissioner for Juvenile Justice (Team 4)
- Nov 25 - Salyers Scholarship Celebration, Duane Froelicher (Team 5)

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

Member Birthdays	
Crane, MIKE	5-Oct
Hamblen, BRAD	5-Nov
Zillman, MARCUS	7-Nov
Gutzeit, PAT	10-Nov
Palmer, GREG	16-Nov
Sample, LEON	22-Nov

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- Dec 2 - No Meeting (Team Meeting & Community Service Week)
- Dec 9 - TBA (Team 6)
- Dec 16 - Holiday & Club Assembly (Team 7)
- Dec 23 - No Meeting (Holiday)
- Dec 30 - No Meeting (Holiday)
- Jan 6 - Sal Picente, President, Universal Game Protection Development, Inc (Team 1)
- Jan 13 - Gary Moore, Judge Executive (Team 2)
- Jan 20 - No Meeting (Team Meeting & Community Service Week)

### Welcome Our Visitors

- Chuck Session: Former employer, Northern Kentucky Port Authority
- Kevin Palmer: Working with Fidelity on stock options and plans
- Isaac Merriman: Former Rotary exchange student to Japan in 2004
- Tommy Baker: Pastor at First Church of Christ in Burlington
- Patrick Mason: Music director, UK basketball fan
- Jim Williams: From American Home Tech, former Rotarian (1989-1994)

### Reminders

- Three Directors needed. Will serve a 3 year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028 (Nominations due by 10/31/2024)
- Nominations needed for President-Elect Designee, 2026-2027 (following Mark's presidency)
- 10/24 Thursday: 2024 Kenton County Golf Ball Drop. \$10/ball, 30% prize. Click QR Code to the right.
- Meet up with fellow Rotarians for coffee, lunch, or breakfast; send pictures to Julia Pile
- Share club info via Social Media and email
- Greeting cards are available (let members know you are thinking about them)
- Invite friends to meetings
- Share Happy Dollar moments with the club
- For DACdb training, contact [Marcus@mpz.me](mailto:Marcus@mpz.me)

### VISITING ROTARIANS

**Julie Pile** joined us today from the [Rotary Club of Florence, Kentucky](#). Florence is located just 10 miles south of Cincinnati. **Julie** is the immediate past president of her club which has about 55 members. Her classification is "Educational Services and Marketing". She is vacationing in Las Vegas and decided to join us for lunch today. She brought a banner from her club and exchanged banners with **Pres. Bruce**. Thanks for coming and please join us anytime you are in town.



### Stay Connected

Check out our Google calendar: <https://florence Rotary.org/calendar/>. Follow us on social media: @FlorenceRotary

## Project Heart ReStart Expands to Northern Kentucky

The Rotary Club of Florence is proud to announce the launch of Phase 3 of Project Heart ReStart, a life-saving initiative that places Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in police patrol cars. This expansion brings the project to Northern Kentucky, following the successful implementation of Phases 1 and 2.

### Project Highlights:

- Phases 1 and 2 raised over \$460,000, resulting in 230 AEDs placed in police patrol cars.
- Phase 3 aims to equip 30 agencies with 138 AEDs in Northern Kentucky.
- The goal is to make Boone, Campbell, Kenton, and Pendleton Counties the first Heart Ready Counties in Kentucky.
- St. Elizabeth has generously pledged \$150,000, covering more than half of the fundraising need.

Our ambitious target is to complete fundraising by the end of the year. This expansion will significantly improve emergency response capabilities in our region, potentially saving countless lives.



The Rotary Club of Florence encourages all members and community partners to support this vital initiative. Together, we can make Northern Kentucky a safer place for all residents. (For the full press conference click here <https://youtu.be/Wr7bsN092aY>).



## Our Recent Rotary Speaker: Jack 'Goose' Givens - From Wildcat Legend to Basketball Ambassador



## Featured Article: Jack "Goose" Givens - A Kentucky Basketball Legend

Givens, famous for his 41-point performance in the 1978 NCAA championship game against Duke, took us on a journey from his early days in Lexington to his current role as a broadcaster. He fondly recalled his time at UK, including living in Holmes Hall and the team's pre-game rituals, giving members a glimpse into the life of a college athlete during that era.

One of the highlights of Givens' talk was his analysis of the current UK basketball team under new coach Mark Pope. He emphasized Pope's deep understanding of Kentucky basketball tradition, noting how the coach is instilling this legacy in the new players. Givens expressed optimism about the team's potential, despite the challenges of having an entirely new roster.

Givens also discussed the evolution of basketball strategy, comparing the style of play from his era to the current approach. He noted the increased emphasis on three-point shooting in today's game, with the current UK team aiming to attempt 35 three-pointers per game - a stark contrast to the style of play in the 1970s.

The basketball legend also shared insights from his new book, "They Call Me Goose," which chronicles his life from growing up in inner-city Lexington to his basketball career and beyond. His stories of overcoming adversity and the importance of community resonated deeply with our members.

Givens' visit was not just a trip down memory lane but also a forward-looking discussion about the future of Kentucky basketball. His passion for the game and his alma mater was evident throughout his talk, leaving our members inspired and excited for the upcoming basketball season.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jack "Goose" Givens for sharing his time, stories, and insights with our club. His visit was a reminder of the rich basketball tradition in Kentucky and the power of sports to bring communities together.



### Message from District Governor Xandy Stewart

Wow! If time truly does fly when you're having fun, then I am evidently having a wonderful time, which I am. It seems it was only days ago that we published the last newsletter. Here we are pushing out a new one. What a great time it is to belong to Rotary. Our district is growing membership, we are giving to The Rotary Foundation and our community needs, we are engaging prospects for new clubs, and we are being visible as we perform community service. Thank you all for what you do for Rotary.

September has been packed with Rotary activity. Some district members attended training during the Zones 30 & 31 Conference in Huntsville, Alabama during the first week of the month. Several others attended RLI in Lexington on September 14<sup>th</sup>, with four graduating from the robust, three-level education into all aspects of Rotary. Several clubs held festivals or community outreach activities throughout the district, and grant money became available for worthy projects. I am actually anxious to see what comes next when clubs concentrate efforts in October to raise funds for polio eradication.

I am thrilled to see the many clubs that are choosing to do Rotary differently in order to engage new members within their communities, and also make the club experience more enjoyable. This is great work which aligns with Rotary's Action Plan and expresses the willingness to embrace change. Finally, earlier in the month we sent invitations through club and district leaders for nominations to be our District Governor in Rotary Year 2027-2028. If you are interested in experiencing Rotary at the next level then please pursue the nomination process through your club leadership or district representatives. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Rotary in a leadership role. You won't regret having lived this experience.

Thank you for all you do.

Rotary On!

