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## Schedule for November 4, 2024

**Location change:** Walton Branch Library, 1300 Town Center Drive, Walton, KY (Located near Kroger, just off the exit with the new additional turn lane)

- 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

### Off-Site Program: State of the Boone County Public Library

**Location:** Boone County Public Library - Walton Branch 13000 Towne Center Dr., Walton KY, 41094

Join us for a special off-site meeting featuring Carrie Herrmann, Executive Director of the Boone County Public Library, who will provide detailed insights into the resources and services offered by Boone County Public Library, including the successful opening of the new and expanded Walton Library.

**About Our Speaker** Carrie Herrmann brings over 30 years of experience in libraries, with most of her career dedicated to public libraries in Northern Kentucky. As a seasoned Library Director, she offers expertise in:

- Budgeting and management
- Advocacy and program development
- Grant writing
- Electronic resources
- Collection maintenance
- Public speaking
- Interlibrary loan coordination

**Carrie Herrmann,**  
 Executive Director BCPL

Carrie earned her Masters degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky and has served the Boone County Public Library for twenty-five years, including the last ten as Library Director. Her leadership extends beyond the library walls through service on various boards and committees:

- Past-President of the Rotary Club of Florence, KY
- President of the Florence Rotary Foundation
- President of the Boone County Early Childhood Fund
- Former Executive Board member for SWON Libraries consortium
- Former editor of Kentucky Public Library Association's newsletter, IN-FO-CUS

A graduate of both Leadership Northern Kentucky and the Governor's Commonwealth Institute of Parent Leadership,

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

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Carrie leads a library system serving over 140,000 community members.

**Please Note:**

RSVP requested for seating and food planning at: <https://tinyurl.com/rcofky-rsvp>  
Members are encouraged to share this information and invite friends

**Welcome Committee is Team 3 – Rotary Awareness**

**The team focuses on increasing awareness of Rotary programs through media exposure.**

- Team Lead: Neville Buchanan (Until replacement) Members: Will Baker, Neville Buchanan, Brad Hamblen, Carrie Herrmann, Tim Herrmann, Julie Pile, Steve Ellis Welcome Our Visitors

**Upcoming Programs**

- 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)
- 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)

**Reminders**

- Dues for the second half of the year have been invoiced - please pay promptly
- Nominations needed for three Directors (3-year terms from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028)
- President-Elect Designee nominations needed (to follow Mark's presidency)
- 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](mailto:Marcus@mpz.me)

**Happy Dollars & Member Updates**

- Senator John Schickel shared that the Special Olympics Pickle and Wiener Fest raised almost \$40,000, with significant support from Rotarians
- Will Baker has returned from 3 weeks in Europe, where he visited three different clubs
- Marcus Z. shared that his son was inducted into the Fort Myers South Rotary Club





# Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK)



# Featured Article: Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK)

Last week, we welcomed David Hastings, Executive Director of Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK), who shared the organization's mission and impact in our community.

## About HONK

HONK is a faith-based nonprofit organization that helps lower-income families and individuals achieve stable homeownership through education and support programs. Operating in Campbell, Kenton, and Boone counties, HONK has:

- Built 37 new homes
- Rehabilitated 108 existing homes
- Helped 111 families achieve homeownership (soon to be 112)

## Construction and Rehabilitation

HONK's approach combines:

- Professional contractors for specialized work
- Six construction staff members
- Volunteer labor to help keep costs down
- Partnerships with organizations and businesses

A recent success story includes the rehabilitation of a historic one-room schoolhouse in Elsmere, preserving an important piece of African American history while creating modern, affordable housing.

## Path to Homeownership

HONK's unique lease-to-own program helps families transition to homeownership through:

- 12-18 month preparation period
- Monthly payments that mirror future mortgage payments
- Utility management experience
- Maintenance responsibility training
- One-on-one housing counseling

## Group workshops on home maintenance and financial preparedness

## How to Help HONK

- Volunteer for construction projects (Monday-Thursday)
- Share leads on available properties
  - Visit Collection 21 (vintage car collection benefiting HONK)
- Over 250 vintage and antique vehicles
- Open Fridays and Saturdays, 10 AM - 4 PM
- \$15 suggested donation benefits HONK
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For more information about HONK or to get involved, visit [honk.org](http://honk.org) or contact David Hastings directly.

This presentation exemplified Rotary's commitment to supporting organizations that strengthen our community and help create stable, thriving neighborhoods for all.