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Next Week's Meeting...

Roni Robinson and "Bridging the Gap"

If you are involved in sports in Frankfort, you have likely heard the name Roni Robinson and know about all the work he puts into the community.



Born and raised in Frankfort, Roni was the third of four children. He has a sister named Ramona, and then two younger brothers, Dale and Nathan. He is married to Amber Robinson, who is track coach at Second Street School. At age nine, he started playing sports and that continues to be a huge part of his life to this day.

He went to Franklin County High School. He was a top high school athlete — up for Mr. Football and Mr. Basketball two years in a row. One year, he was in the Top 5 for Mr. Football and placed second in Mr. Basketball. He was leaning toward playing football and basketball at University of Tennessee, basketball at Syracuse or basketball at Nebraska. However, he did not pass the ACT test and made some bad choices along his life which are in the past now.

He created Just Grind seven years ago. Along with individual and group youth athletic training, he offers trainings for adults, advertising, marketing and so much more. He does something called "Roni Round Town." For about an hour, he volunteers time to work at a specific business. All the income he brings goes straight to the company, and all tips go to his nonprofit, Bridging the



Gap. He has volunteered at places such as GiGi's Kitchen, Main Street Diner and Trifecta.

For Just Grind, he has training sessions Monday-Thursday at Thorn Hill Education Center. On Monday and Wednesday, group trainings are from 5:30-6:30 p.m.



On Tuesday and Thursday, trainings are from 4:30-5:30 p.m. A training session costs \$25 or \$150 per month.

He also organizes an adult basketball league that plays on Sundays at Thorn Hill Education Center.

He created Bridging the Gap in June 2022. For the nonprofit, Roni coordinates events between Frankfort/Franklin County and KSU. His first event was a Bengals fundraiser called Sunday Funday at KSU. There was 3-on-3 basketball, a food truck festival, a motorcycle festival, a bourbon auction, food vendors and giveaways. "This is all about Franklin County's growth," he said.

He has worked with vendors and donors such as GiGi's Kitchen, GURU fitness (owned by his brother, Dale), Cracker Barrel, and the Frankfort fire and police departments. Other sponsors, organizations and businesses include Frankfort Youth Bengals, KSU 4H, Mr. & Mrs. KSU, ACLU, Michael Mueller, Kate Bennett and Sonya Sanderson.

Opening Exercise and Greeter July 24

Opening exercise will be Barry Holder, Sr.

Greeter will be Richard Taylor

Raffle

Thanks to fellow Rotarian Steve Dooley for donating this week's raffle item.



Thanks to Drew Underwood with the Capital City Airport for speaking to our club today.

Board Action July 17, 2024

Attending: Gary Stratton, Nancy Kirkwood, John Avent, Grant Smith, Miranda Marston, Kelley Anderson, Andrew Kent, Sherrill Smith, Bill Scott, Kristie Powe, Dudley Ellis, Lee Troutwine, and Paula Rarden.

- Approved the minutes of the June 19, 2024 board meeting. Miranda Marston made the motion, second by Nancy Kirkwood.
- Listened to the June 2024 financial report from John Avent.
- Sergeant at Arms Dudley Ellis reported that Steve Dooley is working on some different ideas for the "Happy Stash."
- Club Service director Grant Smith reported that he has a list being passed for volunteers for Opening Exercise and Greeters.
- Community Service director Kristi Powe reported that she will be working on ideas for the club to get involved with our community.
- Vocational Service director Kelley Anderson reported that our club can use the Thorn Hill Learning Center

for club activates and she would be working on ideas for her avenue of service.

- International Service director Bill Miller reported that he has most of the speakers lined up for February 2025 month and the International Committee is meeting to discussed this year dinner.
- Youth Service director Andrew Kent reported that his hoping to have our club sponsor two students for the RYLA program this year.
- Public Relations director Nancy Kirkwood stated that if the club needs any items on the radio to give it to her and expressed the need for the club to have a sign on the west side of Frankfort interstate exit like the one on the east side of town.
- Rotary Youth Fund director Bill Scott reported that there will be an article in the State Journal with the 12 students that received Youth Fund Scholarships.
- In new business, Kristi Powe and Kelley Anderson discussed the possibility of having a "Fall Bash" for the youth.
- President Gary reported that the ROK event will be October 25, 2024.
- Scheduled the next board meeting for August 21, 2024.

BACK TO SCHOOL

BASH AND FAMILY DAY SUPPLY LIST



- Pencils
- Pencil case
- Erasers
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Markers
- Crayons

- Colored pencils
- Folder
- Highlighter
- Notebook
- Ruler
- Backpack
- Box of tissues
- Hand Sanitizer

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