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Next Week's Meeting...

Katrisha Waldridge A native of Lawrenceburg, Ky however Frankfort has become home for the last 27 yrs with her two boys. Waldridge has served the last 6 years as city commissioner and 4 of those years as Mayor ProTem being the first Black Woman to be Elected to the commission however paying tribute to the First Black Woman who served by appointment Gert Ridgel. Waldridge's career has been marked by her passion for the community as a whole and preparing Frankfort for the future. She has served on several community boards and committees, where she has championed policies and programs that promote fairness and equality. Her leadership extends to advocating for affordable housing, environmental sustainability, economic growth for sustainable future and transparent governance practices that champions community involvement.



Waldridge

As a candidate for mayor in last year's elections, Waldridge was committed to fostering a community where every resident could thrive. She envisioned a future for Frankfort that would inclusive, sustainable, and prosperous for all. Waldridge believes in collaborative leadership and is dedicated to working closely with residents, businesses, community organizations, state



Thanks to our own "RB" Brown for sharing with the club today.

officials, stakeholders and contract advocacies to achieve common goals. Though she couldn't grasp the title, she continues to be a leader in our community and all things KSU and Frankfort. She shares that she wasn't competing against anyone, she was merely offering herself and her talents, dedication and passion to move Frankfort Forward and for the people of Frankfort to have a leader with integrity, compassion and true leadership that always listens and make the best decisions to serve all.

Katrisha though very low key in her works, has been a huge asset to our community through flood efforts. She hosted a resource center with the help of a few volun-

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Rotary Club of Frankfort KY
District 6710



Charitable Gaming # EXE0002992

Join us on
August 28th
5 - 7PM

Juniper Hills Lazy River

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101.7 — 104.9

Waldridge (Continued from front)

teers under Capital City Cares at the capitol plaza hotel that provided over 300 families with clothes, toiletries and other items. She has since moved to Louisville Road where she secured over 85 brand new mattresses for our flood victims and continues to provide food and other items needed in the upcoming stages of rebuilding. Though she doesn't take credit, she applauds the community of coming together, donating and trusting her with distribution.

Waldridge holds level 3 City official status with Kentucky League of Cities. She embraces continuing education as a proud graduate two times from THE Kentucky State University, she makes it a priority to gain the skills and knowledge to be the best Official/ voice she can be for the community while making the best decisions now and for the future of Frankfort. She continues to be a tireless advocate for positive change in Frankfort, striving to create a city where diversity is celebrated, and

everyone has a voice in shaping its future. She is not sure where she will land next, but she shared that this time is being used wisely and she will continue to support our community, KSU, small businesses and organizations however she can. You can take a title away however Real Leadership is instilled in her and the proof is in her works not words.

Opening Exercise and Greeter July 9, 2025

Opening exercise will be Melony Smith
Greeter will be Chuck Dickinson

Raffle

Thanks to John Avent for donating this week's raffle

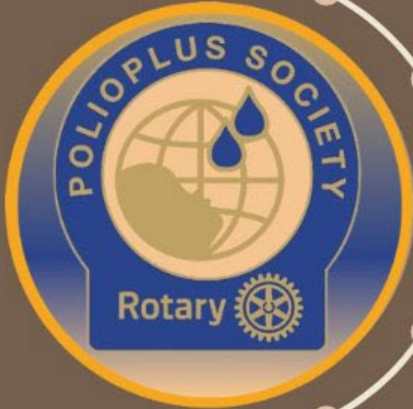

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to fellow Rotarians John Ballard, John Browning, Michelle Early, Dudley Ellis, Judy Mattingly, and LeeAnn Snelling, who celebrate their birthday in July.

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History of the PolioPlus SOCIETY



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Basically each District can establish their own criteria for membership, including the minimum recurring gift, and also their own recognition awards and marketing materials.

2

This is similar to how the Paul Harris Fellow Program was initially set up and we all know how awesome and successful that program has become.

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2012 - The original concept came from Rotarian Harriett Schloer of Bend High Rotary in Oregon, along with then DG Dell Gray of District 5110.

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Recently PolioPlus Chair Nelson Maler reported that they have nearly 800 Rotarians who have signed up as members of the PolioPlus Society.

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The PolioPlus Society is a powerful way for Clubs to meet their \$1500 in annual giving to polio and is also a most excellent membership engagement tool as well.

October 2022 - RI Trustees endorsed the PolioPlus Society as a Club and District-led program and agreed these societies will develop their own donor recognition program.

The Rotary District-led PolioPlus Society recognizes Rotarians, Rotaractors, and friends of the Rotary Foundation who commit to End Polio by giving a recurring amount determined by the criteria set by each District.

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