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Next Week's Meeting...

Brigadier General (Ret.) **John W. Heltzel** is a nationally recognized leader in emergency management and infrastructure resilience. A Kentucky National Guard officer commissioned in 1979, he later served as Deputy Commander of Kentucky's Joint Force Headquarters and Director of Kentucky Emergency Management (2008-13), overseeing statewide disaster response efforts. In 2016, he joined the Electric Infrastructure Security Council as Director of Resilience Planning, delivering global seminars on Black Sky preparedness and organizational resilience. General Heltzel holds degrees and certifications from Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, the National Defense University, and Tufts University. Today, he focuses on local service through the Community Emergency Food Pantry, First United Methodist Church, and the Sierra Club of Kentucky. He and his wife, Donna, live in Lawrenceburg.



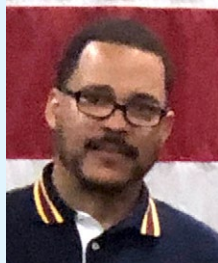
Heltzel

Opening Exercise and Greeter July 30, 2025

Opening exercise will be Kristie Powe
Greeter will be Charlie Geveden

Welcome, New Member!

Name: Tiangelo T. Hill
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Sponsor: Miranda Marston



Pres. Miranda Marston (right) congratulates Bill Scott on receiving his PHF +1 pin.



We thank
**William
Downey** for
speaking
to our club
today.

Board Action July 23, 2025

Attending: Miranda Marston, Kristie Powe, Melony Smith, Grant Smith, Andrew Kent, Bill Scott, Lenin Vera, Dudley Ellis, Steve Dooley, Bill Miller, Lee Troutwine and Paula Rarden.

- Approved the minutes of the June 16, 2025 board meeting with corrections to show Youth Service Director, Andrew Kent and Vocational Service Director, Kelley Anderson. Kristie Powe made the motion, second by Melony Smith,
- Approved Leave-of-Absence for Barry Holder, Jr. from July 2, 2025 to October 1, 2025. Melony Smith made the motion, second by Kristie Powe.
- Finance report for June 2025 will be emailed out once John Avent has completed it, which should be in the next week.
- President-Elect Grant Smith reported that he has most of July and August speakers lined up.
- Club Service Director Melony Smith has a few slots open for the Opening Exercise and Greeter for the weekly meeting.
- Approved getting together a basket from the club to donate to the William Joseph Crisis Nursery fundraiser. Bill Scott made the motion, second by Steve Dooley.
- Community Service Director Kristie Powe reported that this year she will be working to get Rotary's name out in the community at some of the local events, etc.
- International Service Director Bill Miller noted that it would be nice to have our own fellow Rotarian Sherrill Smith speak on his experience at Rotary Conference that was in Calgary.
- Frankfort Rotary Youth Fund president Bill Scott reported that they have got 10 scholarship recipients their checks. He also noted that they have sent out over 200 letters of solicitation for their fundraiser.
- Youth Service Director Andrew Kent reported that he hopes we can have a few students for the RYLA program this year since it's a great opportunity to get a student involved with the International part of Rotary.
- President Miranda Marston noted that the board and members need to be sure to sponsor a frog and get others to buy a frog for our Froggatta Fundraiser. She also reported that there will be trial run for the Froggatta to make sure we have everything needed for the day.
- Scheduled next board meeting for August 20, 2025.



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Join us on
August 28th
5 - 7PM
Juniper Hills Lazy River



Meet Two of Our New Rotary Leaders



RI President
Francesco Arezzo



District 6710 Governor
Dorsey Ridley

Incoming Rotary International President **Francesco Arezzo** of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating qual-

ity production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaella spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

Incoming District Governor **Dorsey Ridley** began his Rotary service when he joined the Rotary Club of Henderson in 2004. During his tenure as Club President in 2017-18, the club celebrated its Centennial Year. To mark that distinction, the club attained a membership of 101, with 100% of the club being recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Dorsey has achieved recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow +4 and is one of the first Charter members of the District 6710 Polio Plus Society. He has also served as a member of several District committees.

A small businessman and economic development professional, Dorsey is the former Executive Director of Emerging Industries for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He is a former Kentucky State Senator (2004-2018) and has also served as Regional Business Development Director and as President of Independence Bank in Henderson. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, where he earned a degree in business and agriculture.

A life-long resident of Western Kentucky, Dorsey and his wife, Glenn Hodge Ridley, have four adult children. They have four grandchildren and are active members of the Henderson Presbyterian Church. Dorsey is excited to serve our West Kentucky District as District Governor for 2025-26.

-Service Above Self-