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Next Week's Meeting...

Mark Kopp is in his ninth year as the Superintendent of Franklin County Schools, and this is his 32nd year in the education profession. Prior to being named Superintendent in Franklin County, he served as the Chief Academic Officer/Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services for Hardin County Schools in Elizabethtown (the fifth-largest school district in the state) for six years (2011-2017). Before serving as Chief Academic Officer/Associate Superintendent, Mr. Kopp was the Director of Secondary Instruction, Curriculum, and Assessment for Hardin County Schools from 2009-2011. Mr. Kopp came to Hardin County following a four-year term of employment as the Lead Social Studies Consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education. Before being employed by the Kentucky Department of Education, Mr. Kopp worked as a teacher, coach, and acting athletic director and administrator at the high school level in the state of Florida, and as a teacher and coach at both the high school and middle school levels in the state of Ohio.



Newcomb



Thanks to this week's speaker Randy Newcomb.

Kopp, a native of Waverly, Ohio, is certified as a School Superintendent, as well as a Level 2 Instructional Supervisor and holds a Rank 1 certification in Secondary School Social Studies and Middle School Social Studies. Kopp has also held principal and teacher certification in the state of Florida, as well as teacher certification in the state of Ohio. Mr. Kopp earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from the Ohio State University in 1993, a Master of Social Sciences degree from Ohio University in 2000, and a second Master's Degree (in Educational Leadership) from the University of South Florida in 2005.

Mr. Kopp has provided numerous professional development sessions at both the state and national level. Kopp currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, the Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative, Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, and the Board of Directors for the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA). He also serves on the National Advisory Board for Scholastic Administrator Magazine. Kopp also serves as a "lifetime" member of the Steering Committee for the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies, an organization for which he served as president from 2008-2010. Kopp also has served as the state director of the Atlantik-Brücke program (2006-2009), and has served on the board of directors of the Economics of Prevention Grant through the University of Kentucky, the board of directors of Kids Voting USA, Kentucky Branch, and has served as a member of the Program Faculty for the University of Kentucky Social Studies Education Initial Teacher Certification Graduate Program.

Mr. Kopp and his wife of 29 years, Carrie, live in Frankfort, and their 20-year-old daughter, Ava, is a senior at Transylvania University majoring in History.

Opening Exercise and Greeter October 22, 2025

Opening exercise will be Barry Holder, Sr.
Greeter will be Sherrill Smith

Welcome New Member

Name: Patience Edziah (*pictured below, with sponsor Terry Shockley*)

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Sponsor: Terry Shockley



Board Action Oct. 15, 2025

Attending: Miranda Marston, Grant Smith, Sherrill Smith, Bill Miller, Dudley Ellis, Steve Dooley, Bill Scott, Kristie Powe, Lee Troutwine, Mary Saks, John Avent, Patience Edziah, and Paula Rarden.

- Approved the minutes of the September 17, 2025 board meeting with correction to the year to be 2025. Kristie Powe made the motion, second by Bill Scott.
- Approved the proposed 2025-2026 Rotary Budget. Steve Dooley made the motion second by John Avent.
- President Miranda updated the board on the “ROK’n for Kids” chili fundraiser will be 11/5/25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be a donation only -- no set amount. She also noted that she needed around 10 volunteers that day to help with this project. Steve Dooley said he would have a sign-up sheet at this coming week’s Rotary meeting for members.
- President Miranda also asked for any board member that could come to the “Queen of Hearts” draw 11/16/25 a little early to go through Flood Relief

application would be a great help. We need to get the flood victims the help they need.

- President-Elect Grant Smith reported that he has several speakers booked and gave the programs and date they would be speaking.
- International Service Director Bill Miller thanked the club for their donation to the UN Day program which will be 10/27/25 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Louisville, KY. He reported that if any member could watch it on zoom.
- Director of Public Relations Kristie Powe said if anyone has anything to promote for the club to contact her and she is going to get in touch with the State Journal to cover the Chili Luncheon.
- President Miranda discussed that we need to have more backups for the Facebook page to record the weekly meetings. She will work on getting some members signed up.
- Scheduled next board meeting for November 19, 2025.

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**The Rotary Club of Frankfort Meets Every
 Wednesday at the American Legion #7,
 164 Versailles Rd. from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.**

NEIGHBORING CLUBS		
Monday:	Eminence-Henry County Public Library	12:00 noon
	Owenton-Smith House	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday:	Lexington Sunrise-Shriners Hospital	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-Galvin's on Main (Downtown).....	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Methodist.....	12:00 noon
Thursday:	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Co. Extension Ofc.....	12:00 noon
	Lexington-Fasig Tipton.....	12:00 noon
	Louisville-Galt House.....	12:10 p.m.

Frankfort Rotary Club website:
www.frankfort-rotary.org
 District website
www.rotarydistrict6710.org
 Rotary International
www.rotary.org/

YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Barry K. Holder	51 Years	John Avent	13 Years	Angela Bullock	4 Years
Terry Shockley	44 Years	Richard Watkins.....	12 Years	Gary Stratton	4 Years
Bill Miller	43 Years	Dudley Ellis	12 Years	Diane Dehoney	2 Years
Sherrill Smith.....	42 Years	Don Dampier.....	12 Years	Tish Shade.....	2 Years
Barry K. Holder, Jr.....	40 Years	RB Brown.....	10 Years	Melony Smith	2 Years
Ed Dance	36 Years	Mary Saks	10 Years	Kristen Cantrell	1 Year
Lee Troutwine	38 Years	Richard Taylor	8 Years	Andrew Kent	1 Year
Bob Bullock.....	38 Years	Sallie Lanham	8 Years	Miranda Marston.....	1 Year
David Weller.....	28 Years	Gordon Saks.....	8 Years	Grant Smith.....	1 Year
Steve Dooley	28 Years	Tim Pennington.....	5 Years		
John Loyd	13 Years	Charlie Geveden.....	4 Years		