

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

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Next Week's Meeting...

There will be no weekly meeting for November 26, 2025. The board hopes that everyone will have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

American Legion Kitchen Closed

Please be aware that the American Legion's kitchen is going to be closed for the first three weeks in December for upgrades, so members will need to make alternative arrangements for lunch if they want to have food at our meeting.

Welcome New Member!

Name: Steve Varriano

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Classification: Cemetery - Counselor

Sponsor: Grant Smith



We thank Greg Horne for speaking to the club today.

Board Action Nov. 19, 2025

Attending: Grant Smith, Melony Smith, Kristie Powe, Andrew Kent, Steve Dooley, John Avent, Bill Scott, Sherrill Smith, Lee Troutwine, and Paula Rarden.

- Approved the minutes of the October 15, 2025, board meeting. Kristie Powe made the motion, second by Melony Smith.
- Listened to the October 2025 financial report from John Avent.
- Approved the amendment to the budget for \$350 to pay the club yearly membership to the Frankfort Area Chamber of Commerce for 2024-25 and 2025-26. John Avent made the motion, second by Bill Scott.
- President-elect Grant Smith gave report for President Miranda Marston on the Flood Relief Project and Grant money. Miranda noted that she along with Kristie Powe and Melony Smith had been working on the applications for help. Most of the applications will be receiving Walmart gift cards with in the amount of \$300 to \$600. There are some that have qualified for more help.
- Approved the allocation for the Flood Relief money and Grant. Steve Dooley made the motion, second by Bill Scott.
- Director of Public Relations Kristie Powe reported that she is still posting weekly about the Queen of Hearts for the FRYF. Also, she noted that if we want speaker information to get in the State Journal she will need it a little over a week before the speaker will be at the club.
- Powe also let the board know that on Dec. 7 at the Church of the Ascension there will be a FORR (Focus on Race and Relations).
- Paula Rarden gave report for International Service Director Bill Miller. She reported that Bill has all of the speaker lined up for February 2026 weekly meetings.
- Approved the cancelling of the weekly club meetings for Nov. 26, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31. Grant Smith made the motion, second by Melony Smith.
- President Elect, Grant Smith reported that he has the first and second week of December's speakers scheduled for the club.
- Vocational Service Director Andrew Kent reported that this year's RYLA program was a success and he is starting to work on this next year's speech contest and if anyone would like to help let him know.
- Frankfort Rotary Youth President, Bill Scott reported that he along with Steve Dooley have been working on the Youth Funds new webpage and it should be completed and up at the first of 2026.
- Scheduled the next board meeting for Dec. 17, 2025.



Cram the Cruiser and Operation Full Plate 2025: Be Part of the Solution!

We Need YOU!

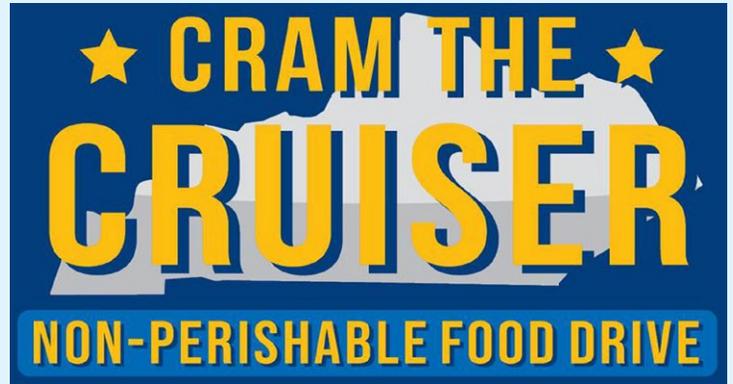
Cram the Cruiser and Operation Full Plate is the Emergency Food Pantry's largest and most important food collection event of the year – and we can't do it without your help. This three-day, county-wide effort is made possible through the incredible support of the Kentucky State Police, Frankfort Police Department, and Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Together, we make sure no one in our community goes hungry.

Event Dates:

Friday, Dec. 5 w/Kentucky State Police
 Saturday, Dec. 6 w/Franklin County Sheriff's Office
 Sunday, Dec 7 w/Frankfort Police Department
 Location: Both Kroger stores (East & West)
 Time: 10am - 4pm daily

How You Can Help

We're looking for friendly faces to greet shoppers as they enter and collect donations as they leave. It's simple, fun, and incredibly impactful.



Shift Options

We're planning three shifts: 10am to noon, noon to 2pm, and 2pm to 4pm. Each store has two doors, and we aim for three volunteers per door — that's six volunteers per shift, per store. Just two hours of your time can make a world of difference. And yes, you're welcome to sign up for more than one shift!

To sign up, email John Heltzel at jwsh57@gmail.com

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 2025-26

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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		