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Next Week's Meeting...

Sen. **Gex Williams**, R-Verona, represents the 20th Senate District, including Carroll, Franklin, Gallatin and Owen Counties, southern Boone and southwest Kenton counties. He is vice chair of the Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee and co-chair of the Investments in Information Technology Oversight Committee. He also serves as a member of the Senate Education, Families & Children, and Transportation committees.



Williams served one term in the Kentucky House of Representatives from 1991-93 and the Kentucky Senate from 1993-98. He attended the United States Naval Academy from 1970-72 and the University of Florida from 1972-77 where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a Master's Degree in electrical engineering. He is a retired small business owner, software developer and communication/IT consultant.

Gex and his wife Judy married 47 years ago. They have lived on their Verona farm almost 40 years where besides horses, dogs and cats, they raised their six children (David, Mark, Daniel, Sarah, E Gex and Betsy). At last count, they have 14 grandchildren who regularly visit for "cousin camp."

Rotary Dues Reminder

Just a reminder about the current Rotary Club dues being sent via email to members. The Rotary dues notices were emailed to our members for the 7/1/26 to 12/31/26 period with several option to pay: Cash, Check, Money Order, and now Venmo (scan the QR code below)



We thank Amy Nance Snow for speaking to our club today.

Opening Exercise and Greeter August 12, 2026

Opening exercise will be Steve Dooley
Greeter will be Richard Taylor

Rotary Shirts

We are going to try and put together an order for Rotary Shirts. If anyone is interested please go to the Russell Hampton website under Rotary items and look at what shirts they have to offer. If you find one please note the item number, the number of shirts, and the size, then let Paula Rarden know. If we can get a sufficiently large order then shipping won't be as expensive.

Frogatta

We're excited to kick off the end of summer with our 2nd Annual Frogatta on Thursday, September 3, at the Juniper Hills Water Slide (our location has changed since the lazy river is currently unavailable).

We'd love to have you join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition as our frogs race to the finish! The concession stand will be open with snacks and drinks available for purchase.

Whether you're cheering on your frog, purchasing another racer, or simply enjoying the evening with friends and family, we'd love to see you there.

We hope to see you on September 3!

[Here](#) is the link to purchase a frog for \$20 - no limit.

ROTARY IN THE REAL WORLD



by newsletter editor Steve Fry

I’ve been fortunate enough to visit an ever-expanding list of states and countries, and I’m quick to spot the Rotary logo and notice the efforts of other clubs, and I’ll share them with you here as space allows. Any photos I include are mine, unless otherwise noted. Descriptions may include internet research.

The [Railway City Rotary Club](#) musical sculptures are a set of interactive, all-metal tuned instruments located in the children’s play area at the [St. Thomas Elevated Park](#) in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. Unveiled in June 2020 and funded by the RCRC, they were designed and built by local metal artist and blacksmith Scott McKay.

The 13-foot Chime Tower features eight tuned tubular chimes; a smaller five-note chime is nearby, and both include wooden mallets for playing. A “talking tube” sculpture between them called an Aerophone allows sound to travel underground and project through vibrating air.

The Elevated Park is atop a former Michigan Central Railroad viaduct 1,395 feet long and 93 feet above Kettle Creek in St. Thomas. Parking is available nearby on King Street, and the entire park is fully accessible.



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