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Next Week's Meeting...

Rob Henry is beginning his 15th year as the Kentucky State University head baseball coach. During his tenure, the Thoroughbred baseball program has achieved several notable milestones on and off the field. In his first year as a collegiate head coach, Henry led the program to 14 wins, the most in 12 years, and the student-athletes were also honored for their performances in the classroom. Kentucky State was named the 2013 All-Academic team for having the highest average grade point average in the SIAC. Since then, the Thoroughbreds have earned the American Baseball Coaches Association Team Academic Excellence Award in the 2021-22 and 2025-26 years.

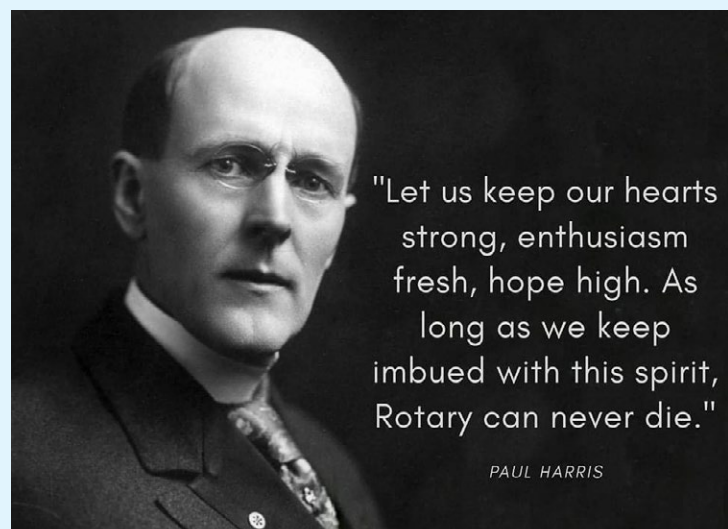


Coach Henry became the all-time wins leader in KSU baseball history with a 20-10 victory over Alice Lloyd College on February 28, 2019. Black College Nines named Coach Henry as its 2019 HBCU Small College Coach of the Year on the strength of the Thoroughbreds 27-18 won-loss record, their best mark in over 30 years. The 2022 Breds capped off a 25-24 record by winning the Division II bracket of the Black College World Series.

In 2023, Breds first baseman Joe Esparza was named SIAC Player of the Year on the strength of his 16 home runs and 73 RBI, which lead all of NCAA Division II. Outfielder Collier Higgs was the 2023 KSU valedictorian and SIAC Man of the Year.

The 2026 Thoroughbreds lead the entire NCAA with 223 stolen bases in 49 games. Their average of 4½ stolen bases per game also leads the NCAA.

Prior to arriving at KSU, Henry served as an assistant coach at Asbury University, Cleveland State University, Spalding University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, and Daviess County High School.



"Let us keep our hearts
strong, enthusiasm
fresh, hope high. As
long as we keep
imbued with this spirit,
Rotary can never die."

PAUL HARRIS



Thanks to Fred Deaton for speaking at our club meeting today.

During his tenure, Henry has coached multiple All-Americans and draft picks, coached the 2003 NAIA Player of the Year, and coached in the NAIA World Series three times (2002, 2003, 2005). In January, 2026, he presented at the American Baseball Coaches Association Youth Clinic.

A Lexington native, Henry earned a bachelor's degree in History and Secondary Education from Kentucky Wesleyan College and a master's in History from Western Kentucky University. He currently lives in Lexington with his wife Tricia, a learning support specialist at Midway University; and son Joshua, who plays ice hockey at EKU.

Opening Exercise and Greeter September 9, 2026

Opening exercise will be Chuck Dickinson
Greeter will be Andrew Kent

Rotary Food Drive

Our second annual Frankfort Rotary Food Drive – Because the Need is Year Round is coming up on Saturday, September 19, and we truly need your help. We are once again seeing record numbers of families — many with children — turning to our all-volunteer, all donations-based Emergency Food Pantry for support.

If you can volunteer for a shift on the 19th, it would make a real difference. If you have already signed up, many thanks. If you can help, please send me your name, email, and the shift or shifts you'd like to work.

Thank you for being part of our team. – John
John Heltzel
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Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to fellow Rotarians Miranda Marston, Paula Rarden, Sherry Sebastian and Richard Taylor, who celebrate their birthday in September.



Honor Flight

Sixty-one veterans of the Honor Flight flew out of Lexington to Washington D.C. on Saturday, Aug 29. Frankfort’s very own John Presley (left) and Lee Troutwine were among those honored on that day.

According to honorflightky.org, “Our mission is to fly World War II, Korean, and Vietnam War veterans to Washington DC for a one-day, all-expenses-paid visit to the National memorials that are dedicated to honoring their service. Our goal is to fly as many Veterans as we can from Central, Eastern, and Southern Kentucky. We currently have several hundred Veteran applicants on our waiting list.”

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The Rotary Club of Frankfort Meets Every
Wednesday at the Capital Plaza Hotel,
405 Wilkinson Blvd. 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.

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www.frankfort-rotary.org

District website
www.rotarydistrict6710.org

Rotary International
www.rotary.org/

YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Bill Miller	45 Years	Richard Watkins.....	12 Years	Gary Stratton	4 Years
Terry Shockley	44 Years	Don Dampier.....	12 Years	Melony Smith	3 Years
Sherrill Smith.....	43 Years	RB Brown.....	10 Years	Tish Shade.....	3 Years
Barry K. Holder, Jr.....	41 Years	Mary Saks.....	11 Years	Diane Dehoney.....	2 Years
Bob Bullock.....	39 Years	Richard Taylor	8 Years	Miranda Marston.....	2 Years
Lee Troutwine	38 Years	Sallie Lanham	8 Years	Grant Smith.....	2 Year
David Weller.....	28 Years	Gordon Saks.....	8 Years	Kristen Cantrell	1 Year
Steve Dooley	28 Years	Angela Bullock.....	6 Years	Andrew Kent	1 Year
John Avent	15 Years	Tim Pennington.....	5 Years		
Dudley Ellis	14 Years	Charlie Geveden.....	4 Years		