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Next Week's Meeting...

Reminder that we are back at the American Legion...

Rob Richardson running for second term City Commissioner and Richard Tanner running for re-election 5th District Magistrate.

Rob Richardson was hired in October 2017 as a law enforcement liaison with the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, providing consultation services to Kentucky Office of Highway Safety and training for police agencies across the commonwealth. He served as the Kentucky Drug Evaluation Classification Program (DECP) State Coordinator for 6½ years and has since moved into the Central Kentucky and KSP LEL assisting agencies with their federal grant management.



Rob was elected to the Frankfort city commissioner in 2024 and is running again for a second term on the commission.

Prior to that, Richardson served over 24 years with the Frankfort Police Department. His experience there included key leadership roles in Frankfort's Training & Professional Standards Unit along with operations and support divisions. During his career, Richardson promoted through the ranks and retired in 2017 as Assistant Chief.

Richardson earned a bachelor's degree in police administration from Eastern Kentucky University in 1992 and graduated from basic training at DOCJT in 1994. He also is a graduate of the FBI National Academy (Session 230) and DOCJT Criminal Justice Executive Development. Richardson has been a certified instructor for the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council since 2008 and is a certified Drug Recognition Expert/DRE Instructor.

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Richard Tanner has called Franklin County home for decades and serves as the 5th District Magistrate. He is running for re-election to finish the work he started. A proud veteran, Richard earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Murray State University. He then spent more than 20 years as Executive Director of the



Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners' Association, where he learned how state and local government can work hand in hand. "When we work together for the people, we can accomplish anything," Richard says.

He took office as the county recovered from COVID, and faced problems that had been put off for years. He

rolled up his sleeves and got to work. During his first term, Nitto Manufacturing brought more than 300 jobs to the county, and the Paddocks of Frankfort development got underway off U.S. 127. He also fought for more funding so first responders have modern, well-kept equipment.

In Farmdale, decades of neglect left families without dependable water and sewer service. The Farmdale Water Revitalization project is now nearly complete, bringing safe, clean drinking water to the area. Richard's top priority for a second term is securing the remaining funding to finish the Farmdale Sewer Revitalization.

He supports new affordable housing, including the downtown development taking shape, and helped take the first step toward a new indoor aquatic center. With federal cuts squeezing local budgets and grants, Richard believes experience at every level of government matters more than ever.

He has served on the Franklin County Health Department board and stays active in community service. Richard and his wife, Nancy, have been married nearly 60 years. They have one daughter, Rebecca Tanner Martin, and two grandchildren, and are longtime members of St. Paul United Methodist Church. Richard is a lifelong Democrat.

Upcoming Weekly Speakers

November 4: Friendsgiving luncheon at Thornhill Learning Center.

November 11: District Governor Sherrill Smith club visit and speaker.

Opening Exercise and Greeter for October 28th

Opening Exercises Miranda Marston

Greeter Nicole Fleming

Monthly Board Meeting

There will be a monthly board meeting of the Directors following the Oct. 28 weekly meeting. Any member wishing to attend is welcome.

Board Action

From our District Governor Sherrill Smith

"Frankfort Rotarians, if you are interested in becoming a Rotary Foundation Major Donor, or increasing your Foundation giving, or learning more about these opportunities, we invite you to attend the Rotary Districts 6710/6740 Legacy Reception on Saturday, November 14 at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in beautiful downtown Frankfort. This reception will provide an opportunity to learn more about the lasting impact of supporting The Rotary Foundation. Registration is required; please contact Sherrill Smith by text or email if you would like to attend, and I will be happy to assist you with registration."

Mr. Sherrill Grant Smith

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There was a great turnout at today's ROK'n For Kids Chili Lunch at the VFW.



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The Rotary Club of Frankfort Meets Every
Wednesday at the American Legion Post #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.

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