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Next Week's Meeting...

Katrisha Waldrige is a proud mother of two boys and a dedicated advocate for Frankfort and all residents who call Frankfort home. She has served six years on the City Commission, including four years as mayor *pro tem*; moreover, her commitment to Frankfort extends beyond title or position. Following the devastating flood that affected community members, Katrisha spent a year working alongside residents and addressing their needs without holding a formal leadership title. For her, public service is not simply a position—it is a responsibility to be present, listen, help, and follow-through.



A proud graduate of THE Kentucky State University, she received a BA in Education and an MPA focusing on nonprofit management, HR and grant writing. Katrisha's career background includes higher education at UK and KSU, as well as state government and the nonprofit sectors. Wherever Katrisha lands she serves with vision, compassion and integrity. Katrisha values being informative and intentionally immerses herself in areas that can educate, clarify and provide more facts to get answers and provide resources and tools for issues that arise in our community. She is a frequent speaker and volunteer across our community and our commonwealth. She has served on many boards while volunteering in the community, acting as a conduit to bring organizations and people together. Her breadth of experience and leadership within all such missions reflects her unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of others and her community. Her consistent work and dedication to our community is a testament to the values she lives by: service-leadership, compassion, transparency, and the drive to create meaningful impact. Katrisha believes every day on earth is a day for her to give back and do for others while loving as God Loves Us All!

Opening Exercise and Greeter for October 7, 2026

Opening exercise will be R B Brown

Greeter will be Melony Smith



Thanks to
this week's
speaker
Katima
Smith-Willis.



District Governor Sherrill Smith is pictured with our club's RYLA group, who stuffed bears for foster children this past weekend. A handwritten note with a heart was put inside the bears, which will be given to foster children in Kentucky.

Rotary Shirts

We're going to try and put together an order for Rotary shirts. If anyone is interested please go to the Russell Hampton website ([HERE](#)) under Rotary items and look at what shirts they have to offer. If you find one please write the item number down the amount and the size then let Paula Rarden know. If we can get enough shirts to order then shipping won't be as expensive.



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)



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Olayinka “Yinka” Hakeem Babalola
Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria
President, Rotary International
Sherrill Smith, Frankfort
Governor of District 6710

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.

Frankfort Rotary Club website:

www.frankfort-rotary.org

District website

www.rotarydistrict6710.org

Rotary International

www.rotary.org/

YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Terry Shockley	45 Years	Richard Watkins.....	12 Years	Gary Stratton	4 Years
Bill Miller	45 Years	Don Dampier.....	12 Years	Melony Smith	3 Years
Sherrill Smith.....	44 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		

The Rotary Foundation Current Paul Harris Fellows

John Avent +1	Charles Geveden	Tim Pennington	Stephen Sutley
Pat Badgett	George Gill +3	Paula Rarden	Richard Taylor
Karen Bearden	Polly Green +2	Brenda Rice	Mary Thomas
RB Brown +2	Teresa Hockensmith	Christine Richards	Christopher Thompson +2
Angela Bullock +7	Barry Holder, Jr. +1	Jim Richardson +1	Lee Troutwine +2
Bob Bullock +8*	Barry Holder, Sr. +8*	Bill Scott +1	Tom Utterback
Kristin Cantrell +*8	Joyce Honaker +8*	Michael Scrivner +1	Dennis Van Horn +1
Ron Christopher	Joe Johnson	Tish Shade	Dick Watkins +3
Dustin Cole	Arthur Kelly +1	Len Sherrill +8*	Dave Weller +8*
Don Dampier +2	Harry Kirch +2	Terry Shockley +6*	Presley Winner +3
Ed Dance +2	Walter Wm. Leroy, Jr. +5	Grant Smith	Jim Wolcott +1
Chuck Dickinson	John Loyd +1	Ruth Smith	Orman Wright
Steve Dooley +1	Ann Maenza	Sherrill Smith	Paul Yancey
Don Dykman +1	Sam Marcus	Frank Sower +8*	
Dan Egbers +1	Bill Miller +8*	John Sower	
Duane Ellis +1	Don Nunnelly +1	Steve Stewart +6	
Dudley Ellis	Wayne Onkst	Maree Barney-Sutley	

*Major donors

–Service Above Self–