



**Age-Friendly Louisville
Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion
Meeting via ZOOM
November 10, 2020**

8 Attendees: Chris Clements Terri Thomas
Rita Morrow Shirley Fuqua-Jackson
Avery Crews Marji Pilato
Sandra McGuire Kim Cordell-Fife

Welcome/Introduction: There were no new attendees for this Domain Session although it was later learned that the Zoom link provided was incorrect one and a few members stated they would have joined if they had correct link. At 2:10 PM, Rita Morrow welcomed everyone and then had each person introduced him/herself and say what organization they are with and how the method they voted this Presidential Election.

Highlights from October 2020 Meeting: Rita provided an overview of the October meeting. There were 16 attendees at last session. The guest speakers were three representatives from Louisville Urban League. The three speakers were 1) Dr. Kisit Cumi Price, Director of Education & Policy, 2) Rodney Webb, Youth Specialist, and 3) Christopher Fletcher. They included nice overview as well as many possible “intergenerational” opportunities that could be possible for this domain. Of interest is Chess Club and Photo/Video collaboration project. Also noteworthy of mentioning were the Halloween/Fall parade that was set for October 29th and Halloween Costume Contest event with the three Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana with that was planned for October 30th. And finally, the partnership that was created with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana in putting together 300 care package for Veterans known as Veterans Bag event which was done with Kentuckiana Veteran Community Integration Coalition (KVCIC) and was set to be given out on Nov. 10th.

2020 Progress Report for “Age Friendly Louisville” Recap: Avery Crews shared about the most recent “Age Friendly Louisville 2020 Progress Report” that took place on October 26th. Just under 50 persons listened and participated in the event hearing about the progress that all four domains had made this past year as well as hearing from guest speakers with Louisville Forward as well as on the Age Friendly national scene representatives with perspectives of things going on successfully in Pittsburgh, PA and Columbus, Ohio. These included Danielle Arigoni, Director of Livable Communities of AARP, and joint presentation by Christopher French and Heather Pollock from Louisville Forward on the LDC Reform Project. A recording of the nearly two-hour session can be found at <https://www.agefriendlylou.com/>

Halloween/Fall Season Drive By Parade (Intergenerational focus with Senior Housing areas in Highlands)

Recap: Chris Clements shared the success of the most recent parade that was done in and around senior housing in the Highlands area on October 29th (Thursday). The parade started near Knights Hall on Bellarmine University and then went by Nazareth Home, UofL Peace Hospital, Highlands Court Apartments, Highlands Nursing and Rehabilitation, Mariposa Place, and Day Spring Baxter. Each stop had great group of staff,

seniors, and others greeting and waving as the parade passed by. Although the weather was bit rainy and not ideal over half dozen vehicles participated and everyone made the best of it. Whas 11 Local TV news did interview with Chris Clements and got images of for their evening news and then the next morning news. Avery Crews showed a PowerPoint Slide show of the photo images as well as the 40 second news clip of the parade. It certainly brought Halloween Spirt to those in surreal time.

Halloween Costume Contest & Event with Boys & Girls Club of Kentuckiana Recap: Rita Morrow talked about the three planned Halloween Costume Contests at the three BGC of Kentuckiana (Shawnee, Parkland and Newburg). There were over 60 entries from the three sites and total of 8 winners chosen in categorized age groups and that 10 intergenerational judges of various ages were able to join Zoom link and be apart it.

Veterans Day Bag GiveAway event and Update: The actual Veterans Bag day event happened today (November 10th) from about 11 AM to 1 PM. None of the facilitators or attendees of today's meeting went to it but will provide update and how it went for the next Domain session in December.

Veterans Day Parade (Tentative Plans): Under the leadership of Terri Thomas with the help of Chris Clements a Veterans Day Parade is planned for tomorrow, November 11th, which happens to be Veterans Day. The parade will start at or around 12:15 PM near ElderServe on Breckenridge Street (near the former Krogers off of 2nd Street) in downtown Louisville (Old Louisville/Spalding University area). The parade will then pass by Hotel Louisville, Thornton's Gas Station on Broadway, Metro United Way, Franciscan Kitchen/Shelter House, Youthbuild, St. Vincent De Paul Society Preston Street Campus, Volunteers of America (VOA) Unity House, Salvation Army, and WellSpring. The hope is to have a fire truck lead it and maybe even media cover the event. However, the theme is to recognize Veterans especially those whom may be Homeless and get help and support from key organizations/providers.

Guest Speaker and Presentation about Middle School Talent Show: The guest speaker or presenter was supposed to be Ricky Owens with TJ Middle School to discuss and share about Talent Show planned for December 11th that would feature students from three Newburg area Middle Schools (TJ Middle, Newburg Middle and DuBois School). Also Tihisha Rawlins with AARP was to give update too. However, both Avery Crews and Chris Clements whom have been involved shared what they knew. The talent show could showcase various artistic talents and the video to do it for the "intergenerational" judges would need to be 90 seconds in length. The categories of talent would be based on creativity and stage presence. AARP is going to help cover the prizes for it along with assisting with the "Flip Grid" component that is being used. More will be shared at December 8th domain meeting and hope for many of the attendees to be judges too.

Items for Next Meeting (December): Update and reflection on the Veterans Appreciation in Bag Event in November will be shared as well as the Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Louisville; Winter Season Holiday Parades for Senior Sites in December will be planned and set and both attendees, Marji Pilato and Kim Cordell Fife will help plan and lead this parade; Update and finalize plans for the Middle School Talents Show; also update and future plans with Louisville Urban League will be shared with the group.

New Business and Updates: As for new business, it was shared about a webinar coming up on November 17th (Tuesday) from 1 PM – 2 PM. Its called the Importance of Social Connection for Older Adults during COVID 19. This was shared by Sameer Jackson of WellCare. A link for the webinar will be shared with the group. Avery Crews also reported that a person known as "McClaire" would be an extra person that be joining this Domain as well as another one (Transportation) to help and assist. This person is UofL Social Work Practicum student. The person should be at next Domain meeting. It was noted by Rita Morrow, that this person could help us more with our mentoring focus area and something that will be explored in 2021.

The next Age Friendly Louisville Social Participation, Inclusion and Respect Domain will be on December 8th (Tuesday) from 2 PM to 4 PM. The same ZOOM link will be used and communication phone numbers of 312-626-6799 and 646-876-9923 will be provided.