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# SPARKS

Next Meeting, Thursday, October 20, 2011

Donna Hargens, Superintendent Jefferson County Public Schools

Introduced by DeVone Holt, JCPS

NOON—Buffet opens at 11:30pm

Galt House West, Fountain Room, 2nd Floor



Donna M. Hargens is the Superintendent of the Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, Kentucky, having been selected for that position effective August 2011. Prior to her appointment, she served the Wake County Public School System in Raleigh, North Carolina for 22 years in a variety of positions that included Chief Academic Officer, Interim Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Area Superintendent, and principal of two high schools.

Among her educational qualifications are graduating *summa cum laude* with a B.A. from Marquette University (WI), earning an M.Ed. in educational administration and supervision from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and being awarded an Ed.D. in educational leadership, management and policy from Seton Hall University (NJ).

A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Dr. Hargens began her career as a teacher of Spanish and English. Married, with two adult children, she is a voracious reader and a proponent of physical fitness.

As superintendent of JCPS, Dr. Hargens' focus is on raising student achievement for all children, and she is relentless in expecting staff to collect and analyze data in order to inform their decisions. Her leadership style is grounded in collaboration, and she devotes extensive time to listening to staff, parents, and community to gain their perspectives and insights before making recommendations that will impact the operation of the district and the performance of its students.

Dr. Hargens will discuss the current state of the school system in terms of academic strengths and weaknesses and actions taken in her first two months to move the district forward. She will outline her vision for improving public education in Jefferson County and give a progress report on her first 90 Day Plan. She will detail the impact of the Curriculum Management Audit and Central Services Organizational Audit that are currently underway within the district.

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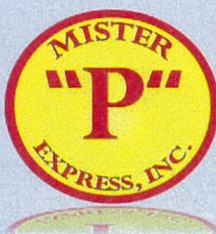
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Ken Hays	Oct. 22
Rod Russell	Oct. 23
Mark Lieberfreund	Oct. 24
Julie Schmidt	Oct. 25
Barney Sutton	Oct. 26

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**Program Schedule:**

**October 27-** Susan Williams, President of Indiana Sports Corporation

**November 3**—Bill McKibben, author and educator

**November 10**—Congressman John Yarmuth

**November 17**—Al Cross, UK Director of Institute of Rural Issues and CJ Political Columnist

**WEDNESDAY, November 23**—Joint Kiwanis meeting

**December 15**—William Mapother, Actor

**December 29**—No meeting for the holidays

**Club Events:**

**October 17**—Yearling Dinner, Galt House, 25th Floor, Waterford Room

**October 18**—Golf Championship at Hurstbourne Country Club

**October 19**—Rotary Night Out! Cave Hill Cemetery and dinner at August Moon

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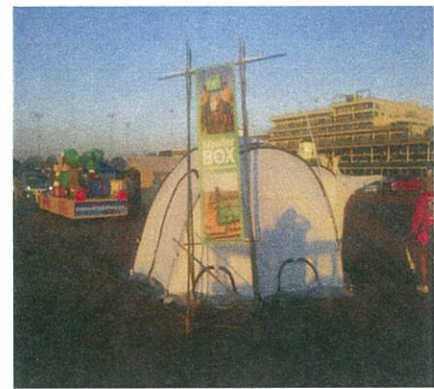
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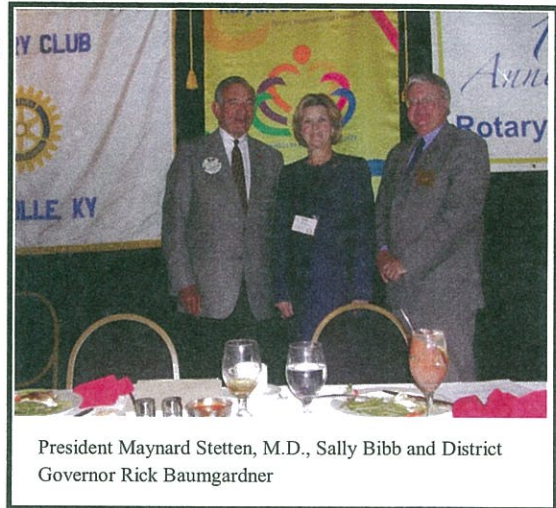
## Meeting October 7, 2011

On what might be the first ever Friday meeting for our Rotary Club, President Stetten called the meeting to order. The meeting day was changed to coincide with the District 6710 meetings held here in Louisville. Bill Receveur III provided our invocation and Gordon Costley led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Stet introduced our birthday table and also reminded us of opportunities for the Jamborama and Habitat House, and the upcoming deParty for dePaul.

President Stet then introduced Rick Baumgardner, District 6710 Governor, who thanked our Club for hosting the District 6710 meetings. Terry Shockley, a Past District 6710 Governor, introduced Sally Bibb, a representative of our Rotary International President. Sally has traveled the world representing Rotary, spreading our current mission of "Reach Within to Embrace Hu-

manity." Rotary International has emphasized three areas: families, building on what we do best and change. She commented on the fact that our mission to completely rid the world of polio is now down to four countries, and despite our heroic efforts to improve access to clean water, there remains 1.1 billion people who still lack access to it around the world.

Lelan Woodmansee introduced our guest speaker, David Laird, President and CEO of Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare. David spoke about the pending merger of his hospital with University Hospital and St. Joseph Health System of Lexington. David utilized our Rotary Four Way Test to demonstrate the fairness and reasons for the merger of these three unique entities given that one is Jewish based, one is Catholic based, and one is University/public based. The key to a successful and strong merger is respecting the beliefs of the other partners. The merger of faith based hospitals is not new to Jewish Hospital, as it had previously taken over the Caritas Catholic Hospitals of St. Mary's and Our Lady of Peace. Despite the media's portrayal of significant change in the practice of healthcare if this merger were to happen, Mr. Laird indicated that healthcare practices would not change after the merger. One of the key cost savings to this merger is in the area of information technology, and the merged entity will save hundreds of millions of dollars due to this factor alone. Overall, the combined entity will be able to cut costs 8% from current levels.



President Maynard Stetten, M.D., Sally Bibb and District Governor Rick Baumgardner

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