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Next Meeting, Thursday, November 3, 2011

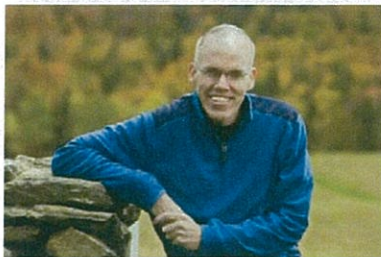
Speaker: Bill McKibben

Topic: The Big Battle-What's at Stake in the Fight over Climate Change

Introduced By: Gail Becker

12:15pm- Buffet opens at 11:30pm

Galt House West, Fountain Room, 2nd Floor



Bill McKibben is an internationally acclaimed environmentalist and scholar who has been writing about climate change and its destructive consequences for a generation. He is the author and/or editor of numerous books on global warming, including *The End of Nature*, *Earth*, and the recently published *GWR: The Global Warming Reader*. His tireless efforts have included an ambitious program of public speaking, publishing, and organizing environmental protection groups. He has also on occasion participated in demonstrations and even civil disobedience. McKibben holds honorary degrees from a dozen colleges and has been awarded both Guggenheim and Lyndhurst Fellowships. He lives in Vermont, where he is Schumann Distinguished Scholar at Middlebury College and organizer of *tarsandsaction.org*. McKibben is also founder of the grassroots climate campaign, *350.org*, which has mobilized students worldwide to join in the demand for clean air. *Time Magazine* called him "the planet's best green journalist," and the *Boston Globe* said in 2010 that he was "probably the country's most important environmentalist."

The Rotary Club of Louisville has partnered with the 2011 Festival of Faiths to present McKibben. The Festival of Faiths is observing its 16th anniversary this year, reaffirming its commitment to come together as many faiths, united in mutual respect for each other, so that we can engage in common action on behalf of our community. This year's focus is on *Sacred Air: Breath of Life*, and the common action will take the form of planting trees, nature's stewards of the air.



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Birthday Table

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| Thom Crimans | Nov. 3 |
| Chuck Eirk | Nov. 4 |
| Chris Johnson | Nov. 4 |
| John Yarmuth | Nov. 4 |
| Dennis Dolan | Nov. 7 |
| Dick Brien | Nov. 8 |
| Bob DeWeese | Nov. 8 |
| Jim Hill | Nov. 8 |
| Tom Hirsch | Nov. 8 |
| Peter Lanham | Nov. 8 |
| Ken Grossman | Nov. 9 |
| Terry Joy | Nov. 9 |

You are expected at the Birthday
Table on November 3, 2011!

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Program Schedule:

November 10-Congressman John Yarmuth

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

November 21-Board Meeting, Noon Rotary Office

WEDNESDAY, November 23-Joint Kiwanis meeting

December 8-Kinsey Morrison, Cancer Survivor, on the Importance of Having a Bucket List

December 15-William Mapother, Actor

December 19-Board Meeting, Noon Rotary Office

December 22-Holiday Music Program

December 29-No meeting for the holidays

January 5, 2012-Steve Schultz, Executive Director, Ohio River Bridges Project

January 12-Mayor Greg Fischer Annual State of the City Program

January 19-Bos Todd Chairman Todd Investments Annual Market Picks

February 2-Dr. John Hale Professor UofL - Great Speakers & Historic Speeches

February 16-Chuck Denny CEO PNC Bank-Trends in Banking and the Economy

Club Events:

November 9-Rotary Night Out! At Sullivan University and Winston's

December 9-Rotary Holiday Party at the Brown Hotel

November is Foundation Month**The Rotary Foundation**

The Rotary Foundation has moved up 14 places in the *Chronicle of Philanthropy's* annual survey of the top 400 fundraising charities in the United States. The *Chronicle*, which covers nonprofit news around the world, ranks the fundraising performance of charities based on cash donations, as well as gifts of stock, real estate, art, medicine, food, and other noncash items.

In the survey, based on fiscal year 2010, the Foundation is 61st on the list of charities that raise funds from private sources, compared with 75th the previous year. Funds raised for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge contributed to the ranking.

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Meeting October 20, 2011

President Maynard L. "Stet" Stetten called the meeting to order and introduced Ken Reutlinger, Jr. for our invocation. President Stet then asked us to pause for a moment in honor of Rotarian Frederic "Fred" Hord, who died on October 16th. Fred was a member for 27 years.

Jay Davidson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then he introduced Michael Bush and the All Star Band for a musical number. Tom Hirsch introduced the three attendees at the birthday table.

We have seven new members as a result of the recent Yearlings Dinner. This new group substantially lowers the Club's average age. President Stet thanked all who planned, donated, and attended de Party for dePaul, another successful Rotary event of which we can all be proud. A big thank you to

Lee Squires for hosting the recent Rotary Night Out! which included a unique tour of Cave Hill Cemetery. The next Rotary Night Out! event is November 9th at the Sullivan University Culinary School with dinner to follow at Winston's. Space is limited to 50 people so make your reservations early. The Habitat for Humanity house dedication is October 29th.

President Stet then turned the meeting over to DeVone Holt to introduce our guest speaker Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent of Jefferson County Schools. Dr. Hargens started off by saying that some people say she has the hardest job in Louisville, and some say she has the biggest job in Louisville. She thinks she has the best job in Louisville. Our community's most valuable asset is our children. While there have been some small positive trends – attendance is up and the drop-out rate is down, we still have significant challenges ahead. Working together with the School Board, Dr. Hargens developed a 90-Day Plan, which included five priorities, the first of which is student achievement. While the development of a long range plan is important, there is an obvious need for short term actions as well.

The biggest challenge is the improvement of reading and math test scores. While the number of students needing improvement is staggering, Dr. Hargens prefers to look at the numbers on a per school average. On average, 117 elementary students, 444 middle school students, and 217 high school students per school need improvement. Dr. Hargens believes that those numbers are not impossible and can be accomplished. Hopefully, Dr. Hargens' positive attitude is contagious.

Jerry Gerichs



President Maynard L. Stetten, M.D., Dr. Donna Hargens, and DeVone Holt.

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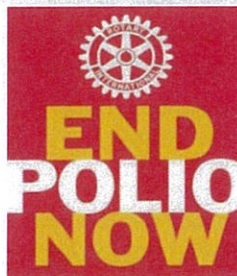
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