



SPARKS

Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 23, 2011

Joint Kiwanis Meeting

Speaker: Lt. Colonel Mark Israel

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

Galt House East, 2nd Floor, Grand Ballroom B & C



Mark Israel was born in Wheeling, WV to Salvation Army Officer Parents. His family moved to Georgia when he was four years old where they lived in several communities during his school years. In 1982, he was commissioned as a Salvation Army Officer. He has a Bachelors of Arts degree from Vennard College and a Masters in Theological Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Mark and his wife, Carolee, (pictured at left) have served together in Salvation Army appointments across the Southern Territory. They have served as Corps Officers in Augusta, Gainesville, Savannah, and Waycross Georgia and St. Petersburg, FL. On June 22, 2011, Mark stepped into leadership in the Kentucky/Tennessee Division as Divisional Commander.

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YEAR**

November is Foundation Month for the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and it is our time to highlight the 'Every Rotarian Every Year' initiative. All members received a letter from PDG Woody Northup requesting a \$100 contribution to the 'Every Rotarian Every Year' campaign. We hope you will respond favorably.



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Friday, December 9, 2011

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Birthday Table

**DUE TO THE JOINT MEETING WITH
KIWANIS ON NOVEMBER 23, THERE WILL
BE NO BIRTHDAY TABLE.**



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 23—Joint Kiwanis meeting

December 1—Nominations Day

December 8—Kinsey Morrison, Cancer Survivor, The Importance of Having a Bucket List

December 15—William Mapother, Actor

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, UofL Professor, Great Speakers & Historic Speeches

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

CLUB EVENTS

December 9—Rotary Holiday Party at the Brown Hotel

December 19—Board Meeting

March 1, 2012—Trade Expo, Galt House East Ballroom

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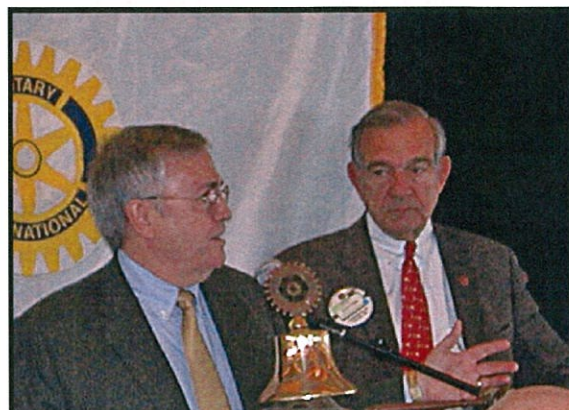
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Club Meeting - November 17, 2011

We met in the Galt House's "Waterford Room" on November 17, 2011. Bill Brantley gave the invocation and Bob Slider led us in saying the Pledge and singing "Shine On, Harvest Moon" accompanied on the piano by Charlie Castner. Our seven guests were introduced and welcomed. We had no visiting Rotarians. Cyndi Caudill recognized four Rotarians at the Birthday Table, to whom we sang "Happy Birthday to You." President Stet Stetten announced these Service Award Anniversaries: Charles Mattingly (15 years), Gail Becker (20 years), Christine Johnson (20 years), and Doug Yates (30 years); and these Rotarians in the news received "shout outs": Roland Blahnik, Charles Smith, David Heintzman, and Tom Williams. President Stet Stetten expressed thanks to our own Patricia Hart, who has agreed to serve as our interim Executive Director.



Al Cross and President Maynard L. Stetten, M.D.

Our next meeting, hosted by the Kiwanis Club, is on Wednesday, November 23 (Galt House East, Grand Ballroom B and C). Our Holiday Party is on Friday evening, December 9, at the Brown Hotel's "Crystal Ballroom." President Stet Stetten next called on Allan Parnell who conducted our second ever Paul Harris Auction. Bringing to bear his craft, cunning, and guile, Allan swiftly auctioned off three Paul Harris Fellowships at full sticker price. Congratulations to the three new Fellows, and special thanks to Allan!

Wayne Perkey introduced Al Cross, a distinguished political reporter and commentator, who now heads the University of Kentucky's Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues. In his spare time, Cross writes political columns for the *Courier-Journal* and comments on KET's election night coverage. What is "rural journalism" now? It is disseminating the basic health information sorely needed in smaller communities. It also is supporting community newspapers stressed by the internet's ubiquity. Shifting to the recent gubernatorial race, which he had hoped to be "one for the ages," Cross expressed his disappointment that the principal candidates gave the public so little of themselves. It was incumbency and fundraising on one side, and rank unpopularity on the other, he said. He addressed other subjects including Sen. Mitch McConnell and state politics, and the possible effects of Everyman's access to redistricting software on the 'net'. Cross then took questions on wealth from the insider trading of elected officials, local option right-to-work, child farm labor, tax reform's future, infrastructure spending, and casino gambling on the ballot.

— Stan Whetzel



ROTATE!



Rotary means 'rotation.' When you attend the next meeting, don't look around for the same group of friends to sit with. Instead, why not look for someone with whom you should become better acquainted, or with a member you have not conversed with for some time? Sit with him/her. If the situation makes you feel a bit uneasy, consider what YOU can do to liven up the conversation, rather than expect him/her to do it. You'll leave the meeting with a sense of personal satisfaction. Then, next week, rotate again and try it on someone else. A Rotarian was heard to say that, were it not for the fellowship at the luncheons, he would not be half as interested in attending.

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