



SPARKS



Next Meeting, Thursday, December 1, 2011

Nominations Day

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

Galt House West, Third Floor, Cochran Room



It's time again to nominate officers and directors for our Club. Your Nominating Committees have been hard at work securing a slate of officers and directors to present this week. Be there, learn who the candidates are, and choose your team to lead our Club in 2012-2013.

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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.



Rotary Holiday Dinner Dance

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Crystal Ballroom
335 W. Broadway

Friday, December 9, 2011

*Make your reservations before November 30 at:
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Birthday Table

Charlie Oberst	December 1
Bill Buckaway	December 3
Jeanne Curtis	December 5
Bob Slider	December 5

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Please sit at the Birthday Table this Thursday.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 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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Club Meeting - November 23, 2011

For our annual joint meeting with the Kiwanis Clubs of the Louisville area, we met in the Galt House East's Grand Ballroom on November 23, 2011, hosted by the Kiwanians. Their President, Ralph Barringer, welcomed all of us; and their George Graham gave the invocation. Kiwanian Jimmy Griffin led us in saying the Pledge and Rotarian Jeanne Curtis led the singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," accompanied by our own Charlie Castner on the piano. President Barringer then introduced our President "Stet" Stetten, who in turn introduced the Rotary officers present: President-Elect Stuart Alexander, Treasurer Phil Tamplin, and Sgt-at-Arms David Dunn. Also introduced were our interim Executive Director Patricia Hart and Debe Skidmore, administrative assistant. Our visiting Rotarians stood and our two newest Rotarians were recognized. President Stet then announced our next meeting date and location, and reminded us of the upcoming Rotary Holiday Party on Friday, December 9 at the Brown Hotel's "Crystal Ballroom."



Pictured from left to right: President Maynard L. Stetten, M.D., Kiwanis President Ralph Barringer, Lt. Colonel Mark Israel and Jim Oetken.

President Barringer introduced the Kiwanis officers present: V-P Kevin Muench and Treasurer Keith Cole, and directors George Graham, Graham Honaker, Jenny Hyland, Dan Maclean, Irv Stumler, Lisa Echner, Mike Nantz, Brenda Smith and Al Sturgeon. President Barringer introduced Administrative Secretary Rose Smith, and other Louisville Kiwanis presidents and members. The next Kiwanis meeting is noon, November 30, at the Kosair Shrine Club, the Christmas Banquet is on December 4 at Hurstbourne C.C.

President Barringer called forth the Kiwanis Poet Laureate, Jim Oetken, he of the unfortunate rhyme, slanderous couplet, and injured metric foot, to deliver his annual "Ode." We were reminded that the Kiwanis/Rotary Salvation Army bell-ringing season starts on November 30. President Barringer introduced our speakers, Lt. Col. Mark Israel and Maj. Mike Hawley of the Salvation Army.

Col. Israel's theme was "Do something!" Our lives are mediated by the illusion of community facilitated by technology and social networking, all of which is fast, efficient, convenient. And yet, he said, we continually re-discover our need for each other. Dispel the illusion, he said. Do something. Families are in crisis, and our youth are adrift. Many of us are addicted. Googling "volunteer" yields 306 million hits; "caring" gets 261 million. With our clubs' support, the Army shelters 130 people daily, feeds 6000 families at Thanksgiving, and 13,000 children receive Christmas gifts. Maj. Hawley encouraged us to continue our rivalry to do more than "something" for those in need.

— Stan Whetzel

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