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'HOLIDAY EDITION'

NO Meeting on December 29, 2011



From Our Home to Yours,

*Happy holidays and many good wishes for a new year of happiness and prosperity. May the warmth of hearth and home fill your hearts with joy this holiday season!*

President Stet and Nancy Stetten

*In case you haven't completed your year-end contributions, please consider the following*

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LOUISVILLE is the preeminent forum of Greater Louisville area business, civic, religious and professional leadership, with a single humanitarian purpose: working together for "Service Above Self." Beyond this, it is among the most respected and dynamic Rotary Clubs and service organizations in the world!

### ROTARY CLUB OF LOUISVILLE WAYS TO GIVE:

**LOUISVILLE ROTARY PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP:** Our Club is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in July 2012 with the creation of the Louisville Rotary Promise Scholarship. We share the vision of the Greater Louisville Project and 55,000 Degrees with Jefferson Community & Technical College and Jefferson County Public Schools to double the number of bachelor's degrees and increase the attainment of associate degrees, diplomas and certificates by 2020. Achieving these goals will move the community into the top tier among peer cities and enhance the quality of life for all.

**ROTARY FUND OF LOUISVILLE, INC.:** Similarly, the Rotary Club of Louisville has its own charitable, humanitarian fund, the Rotary Fund of Louisville, endowed through local contributors. Thousands of dollars in grants have been awarded annually to a wide range of non-profit, charitable endeavors in the Greater Louisville community and within the Club's geographic District.

**THE 1912 SOCIETY:** While the Rotary Fund of Louisville has a rich history of receiving gifts and bequests to its Foundation (Rotary Fund of Louisville), 2006-2007 President R. Wood Northup initiated a multi-phased endowment building effort during his leadership year. In January of 2007 Past President Woody put into place three phases of the Rotary Club of Louisville Endowment Building Project, The 1912 Society. Phase I - All living past presidents were asked to give \$10,000 or more. This level is the "Charter Member of the 1912 Society." Phase II - "Founding Members" were asked to contribute \$5,000 or more. Phase III - \$1,000 - \$4,999 "1912 Society Member."

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**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

- December 29** — No meeting for the holidays.
- January 5** — 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-Veredus Asset Management, LLC, *Economic Forecast for 2012*
- January 26** — John Savona, Ford Louisville Assembly Plant Manager, *Growth at Ford & Impact on Local Economy*
- February 2** — Dr. John Hale, U of L Professor, *Great Speakers & Historic Speeches*
- February 9** — Lloyd "Pink" Gardner, Kentucky Colonels Trainer, *History of the Kentucky Colonels*
- February 16** — Chuck Denny, CEO, PNC Bank, *Trends in Banking and the Economy*

**CLUB EVENTS**

- January 11** — Rotary Night Out, American Printing House for the Blind
- March 1** — Trade Expo, Galt House East Ballroom

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## Club Meeting - December 22, 2011

President Stet Stetten opened our last meeting of 2011 in the Grand Ballroom. President-elect Randy Coe gave a most inspiring invocation particularly suited to Rotary [contact the Rotary office if you would like a copy]. Barbara Collins led us in the pledge and introduced our soloist, Erin Keesy, who sang a Christmas song. Joe Ferguson hosted our birthday table.



The Louisville Master Chorale

Fred Cowan introduced new member Ed Henson, of Henson Media; Tom Howell introduced Amy Letke of Integrity HR, Inc; and Kevin Wardell introduced Richard King of Eaton Corporation. It's great to have three new members today.

Phil Tamplin introduced Mark Walker, director of the newly formed Louisville Master Chorale, who led his 22-member chorus in singing excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" and other Christmas songs. The pianist was Philip Brisson. Phil reports that 650 people enjoyed their concert at the Cathedral of the Assumption last Sunday.

Mark your calendar for our Rotary Night Out on January 11<sup>th</sup> for a tour of American Printing House for the Blind followed by dinner across the street at Volare's. — Bosworth Todd

*The Galt House servers extend their gratitude and thanks to each of you for the generous donations given at the luncheon meeting yesterday!*

### GIVING OPPORTUNITIES (continued from page 1)

#### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WAYS TO GIVE:

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION:** This is a not-for-profit corporation which provides humanitarian grants to improve the quality of life throughout the world. Conceived as an endowment fund in 1917, it also supports international ambassadors of goodwill through educational awards to university students and teachers and through international exchanges of business and professional people. Among the Rotary Foundation programs are: International Ambassadorial Scholarships; the unprecedented global PolioPlus Program; Health, Hunger and Humanity Program; Group Study Exchanges; and Rotary Peace Programs. Your Rotary Foundation is the only charitable organization funded by contributions from Rotarians, for programs and projects identified by Rotarians, and administered by Rotarians at the project site. The Rotary Foundation is YOU.

**EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR:** When you contribute \$100 or more each year to the International Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, you become a *Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member*. When your gifts total \$1,000, you may request a Paul Harris Fellow Award. Your generosity enables Rotarians to work together across oceans and vast terrain to find innovative solutions to complex problems that plague villagers in remote areas as well as city dwellers.

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS:** Undoubtedly, the most important step to promote voluntary giving to The Rotary Foundation occurred in 1957, when the idea of Paul Harris Fellow Recognition was first proposed. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary, 1905. Although the concept of making \$1,000 gifts to the Foundation was slow in developing, by the early 1970's it began to gain popularity. Paul Harris Fellow Recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of The Rotary International Foundation that build goodwill and understanding in the world.

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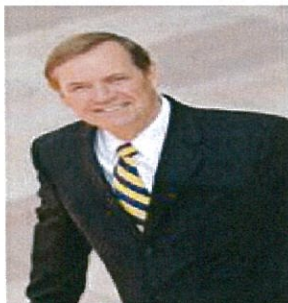
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