



SPARKS



Next Meeting: Thursday, March 29, 2012

Speaker: Steve Conrad, Chief of Louisville Metro Police Department

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:15 pm

Galt House West, Second Floor, Fountain Room



Chief Conrad began his career as a patrol officer and worked his way through the ranks before being named Assistant Police Chief. Career highlights include managing the merger of the Louisville Division of Police and the Jefferson County Police Department, as well as heading the Kentucky Derby Festival. Chief Conrad received a Bachelor of Science degree in Police Administration and a Master of Science degree in Community Development, both from the University of Louisville. He attended and successfully completed the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course and the FBI's National Academy.

Chief Conrad worked closely with staff, residents and business leaders to make Glendale a safer community. Significant accomplishments include improved community outreach and enhanced commitment to crime prevention and control. He successfully planned for and managed a number of high profile sporting events including the Fiesta Bowl and the Bowl Championship Series National Championship game and was the lead police agency responsible for the planning and security during Super Bowl 42.

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May 1 (11:00a - 6:00p)

Cost: \$70 per person

(includes entrance to track, buffet lunch & gratuity)

Purchase tickets online at www.dacdb.com/rotary; click on the 'Calendar' tab and scroll down to 'Day at the Downs' event. There is limited availability (104 tickets / 13 tables of 8). Several tables have been reserved, so don't wait too late! Guests are welcome to attend; however, tickets are sold to Club members only.



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Rotarians Lead by Serving Others

What are you doing to serve?

Birthday Table

Nelson Auge	April 3
Rich Robinson	April 4
Gary Degen	March 29
Jane Burks	March 30
Ralph Johanson	March 30
Doug Conley	March 31

**Please sit at the Birthday table
on March 29!**



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- April 5** — Mike Berry, Executive Director, Kentucky Derby Festival
- April 12** — Dr. Jim Ramsey, President, University of Louisville
- April 19** — Lexington Mayor Jim Gray, *Bluegrass Economic Advancement Movement (BEAM) & Regional Business Development Issues*
- April 26** — Rotary Speech Contest Program
- May 3** — John Asher, Vice President of Communications at Churchill Downs (*tentative*)
- May 10** — Governor Steve Beshear (*tentative*)
- May 17** — Dr. James Bullard, President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
- May 24** — Michael Saag, M.D., Director of Center for AIDS Research, University of Alabama at Birmingham, *30 Years of AIDS ... Where Have We Been & Where Are We Going?*
- May 31** — Peter Morrin, *50th Anniversary & History of Studio Glass*
- June 7** — Ted Smith, Economic Development Director, City of Louisville
- June 14** — Gary Knell, President of National Public Radio
- June 21** — David Bell, Manager of Louisville Bats (*tentative*)
- June 28** — Changing of the Guard
- July 5** — Tom Owen, U of L Professor / Historian, Metro Council Member, *What Was Louisville Like 100 Years Ago?*
- July 19** — Ray Klingensmith, Rotary International President, *100th Anniversary Rotary Club of Louisville Celebration*
- July 26** — Dr. Susan Harkema, Rehabilitation Research Director, KY Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, *Locomotor Training: Helping Patients Walk Away from Paralysis*

CLUB EVENTS

- March 30** — Rotary Night Out, Speed Museum Tour & Dinner at Vincenzo's. This event is now full!
- May 1** — 47th Annual "Rotary Day at the Downs". To purchase tickets online, go to www.dacdb.com/rotary, then select event on the Calendar. Limited availability, so don't delay!
- July 21** — Rotary Club of Louisville's Centennial Event, "Celebrating 100 Years of Service". Purchase tickets online at www.louisvillerotary.org. Open to public!

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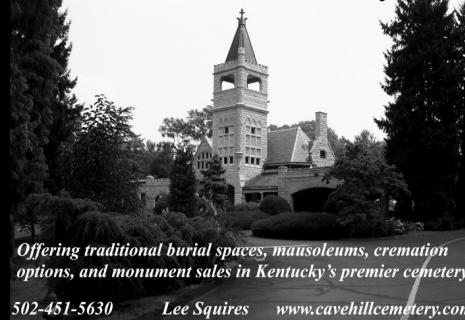
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Rotary Meeting - March 22, 2012

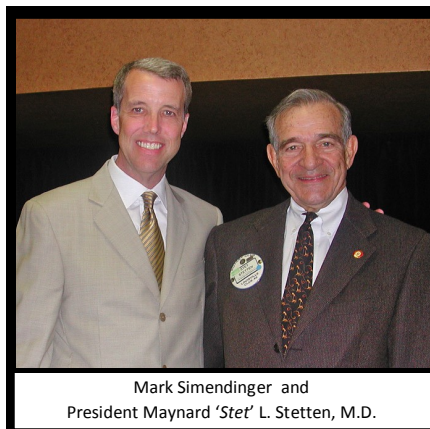
On March 22, 2012, we and our many guests met in the Galt House's Daisy-Sunflower Room. President Stet welcomed us, and Susan Zepeda gave a thoughtful invocation. John Evans led us in the Pledge. The Club's "Rocket 88" Singers serenaded us (and Lucille) with "My Merry Oldsmobile," accompanied by sterling Charlie Castner on the upright. President Stet announced the death of Lois Gray, mother of our honorary member Jim Gray, Lexington's mayor. We had 23 guests. Alice Bridges announced five Rotarians at the Birthday Table, and we sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

President Stet gave shout-outs to Julie Ann Gregory and Thom Crimans for their respective articles in the 3/16/12 edition of *Business First*. We applauded Craig Scherman and Jim Smith for their stellar work in the "Unsung Heroes" program. President Stet pumped for our Rotary Centennial Celebration on July 21, our 47th Annual Rotary Day at the Downs on May 1, and the Rotary Night Out on April 18. Our March 29 meeting will be in the Fountain Room, and the new LMPD Chief, Steve Conrad, will speak. Greg Braun then introduced our newest member, Heather Whelan, Sponsorship & Advertising Coordinator for Fort Knox Family & MWR.

President Stet then announced that the Club's centennial project, the Rotary Promise Scholarship Project, had received two important gifts of \$25,000 each. The first gift is from Kosair Charities, of which Randy Coe is President. The second \$25,000 gift is from the Jefferson Community and Technical College, of which Tony Newberry is President. Tony's wife, Nancy Newberry, and the group of Kosair Charities guests and dignitaries looked on as we stood and applauded in thanks and appreciation for their generous donations.

Glen Stuckel introduced guest speaker, Mark Simendinger, General Manager of Kentucky Speedway, Kentucky's newest, important sports enterprise. Mark first confessed that he no longer hoped for a standing ovation, as the price tag was too high, then launched into an informative chat about Kentucky's entry into the world of VROOOOM! -- NASCAR, Sprint Cup racing, celebrity drivers, teams, and their backers. Establishing a new NASCAR racetrack is a zero-sum competition. To be viable, a new track must take an event away from another track. Fan interest in Speedway is intense. Only the Daytona 500 beat Speedway's Kentucky debut. Last year's Quaker State 400 fan response utterly overwhelmed Speedway's capacity. The Speedway has responded with an additional 175 acres of parking, a pedestrian tunnel, and new traffic lanes. This time, the Speedway will be prepared for its success.

— Stan Whetzel



Mark Simendinger and
President Maynard 'Stet' L. Stetten, M.D.

Annual Commonwealth Rotary Golf Challenge



May 11, 2012
Juniper Hills Golf Course
Frankfort, KY

Cost: \$75/player
Limit to 18 Rotary Teams

Registration begins at 11:30 AM (EDT), with shotgun start at 1 PM.

Price includes entry into all events: 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch and door prizes. This annual Rotary event benefits the Frankfort Rotary Club Youth Scholarship Fund. Traveling banner AND net registration proceeds shared with the winning club! (Golf attire is required: collared shirt & soft spikes only.)

- 4-player teams counting 3 best scores each hole
- Longest drive contest
- Closest to the pin
- Hole-in-One — New Car
- Rotary Club Members Only—No Ringers

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After registering online, make your \$300 check payable to:
Frankfort Rotary Youth Fund, P.O. Box 93, Frankfort, KY 40602

The next billing for dues is on April 1st. If you have not yet paid your January dues, they must be received in the Rotary office by Friday, March 30, or you will be charged late fees! Thanks for your help!



we need you.



On Wednesday, **April 4**, Rotary volunteers will answer phones to take pledges during **Public Radio's Spring Membership Drive**.

A three-hour commitment is all that is required. Sign-up sheets will be available at Thursday's meeting.

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