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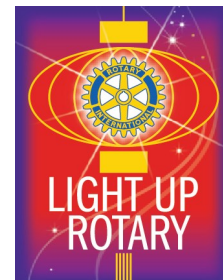


Next Meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2015

**Republican Gubernatorial Primary
Panel Discussion**

Archibald Room, Galt House West, 3rd floor

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm



Matt Bevin

James Comer

Hal Heiner

Will Scott

The Kentucky gubernatorial election will take place on November 3, 2015, to elect the Governor of Kentucky. The race is heating up, with the primary election only a month away on May 19. For the first time in Club history, on April 23 we will host a Gubernatorial Primary panel discussion with the four Republican candidates. To provide ample time, the meeting will be extended until 1:30 pm.

The candidates and running mates are: **Matt Bevin** - Jenean Hampton, **James Comer** - Christian McDaniel, **Hal Heiner** - K.C. Crosbie, and **Will Scott** - Rodney Coffey. Please email (askrotary@gmail.com) any questions that you would like the candidates to address. Due to time restrictions, we will not single out specific candidates with individual questions.

To plan for food/seating at Thursday's meeting, it's important that you complete the RSVP survey to let us know if you will be attending, as well as any guests you will have. You should have already received an email last Thursday with the survey link. If you haven't yet RSVP'd via the survey, please do so at [THIS LINK](#). Your questions will be presented at the meeting by members of the Speakers Committee. A timekeeper will be present, ensuring that each candidate is given equal time. As stated in our Club's Constitution, this club does not endorse nor recommend any candidate for public office.

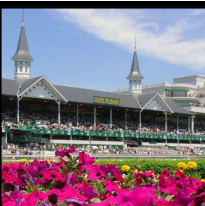
50th Annual Rotary Day at the Downs

Tuesday, April 28 11:00-6:00 Millionaires Row

\$77 (track entrance, program, lunch buffet & gratuity)

GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

Contact the office at 589-1800 to register.
Don't delay! Only a few tickets remain!



Memorial Service for Life & Memory of Ben Jennings

Ben Jennings, son of Rotarian Robin Jennings and brother of Rotarian John Jennings, passed away on April 16. Visitation on April 23 (4:00-7:00) and the Memorial Service on April 24 (2:00) will be at [St. Francis in the Fields](#). Their family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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Business Synergy Kickoff Event

May 21 5:30-7:30

Join other Rotarians at the new 8-UP Restaurant at 350 West Chestnut Street for this kickoff event planned by the Rotary Business Synergy Committee. Enjoy a great evening, meet other Rotarians, and share info about your business.

Questions? John Jennings (489-6455 / johnj@uscky.com)

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BIRTHDAYS !

To provide additional time for the program on April 23, this week's birthday celebrants were acknowledged at the April 16 meeting.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE


- April 30 — John Asher** (Vice President, Racing Communications, Churchill Downs)
- May 7 — John Walczak** (Director of Louisville Zoo)
- May 12 at 5:30pm — FUNdraiser Event!**
- May 14 — Dennis Petrullo** (General Manager of KFC YUM! Center) *Tentative*
- May 21 — Wil James** (President, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc.)
- May 28 — Raza Ahmad Rumi** (Pakistani Policy Analyst)
- June 4 — Ray Burse** (President of Kentucky State University)
- June 25 — Rotary Leadership Turnover Extravaganza!** *You won't want to miss this one!*
- Nov 5 — District Governor Mike Kull** (District Assembly)

POT O' GOLD FUNDRAISER



The Pot O' Gold total is growing! But you can't win if you don't play! Each entry is only \$1, so bring plenty of \$\$ to Thursday's meeting! The winner splits the pot with the Rotary Fund of Louisville.

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Questions? Email rotary@rotary45.org

"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

- May 12, 2015 (Tuesday)** — **FUNdraiser Event** at Copper & Kings; fundraiser for 'Rotary Fund of Louisville'; \$75/person; incredible auction items; this will be an exciting, fun evening. All guests are welcome!
- May 21, 2015 (Thursday) 5:30—7:30** — **Business Synergy Event** at 8-Up Restaurant, 350 West Chestnut Street
- May 30 (Saturday)** — **Garden Party** at Boone Gardiner (jazz band, food, etc.)
- June 16 at 7:00 pm (Tuesday)** — **Rotary Evening at the Ballpark** — FREE tickets! Only 32 available. Dinner is on your own.
- July 15 (Wednesday)** — **Zoo After Hours Event** at Louisville Zoo for a 'behind the scenes' tour led by Director John Walczak
- September 27 (Sunday)** — **End of Summer Farm Party** at Stet Stetten's Springdale Woods Farm (*Details coming soon.*)

April 16, 2015 Rotary Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Wardell, followed by the invocation from Tom Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-Way Test by Tom Bohnert. Glenn Price introduced the song, 'New York New York' performed by the talented Music Committee. President Kevin introduced Mike Brumleve, Metro Louisville Speech Contest Coordinator, who provided contest guidelines/rules before introducing Contestants 'A' and 'B'.

Contestant A shared about her involvement with a program entitled the 'Kentucky United Nations Assembly' where young people from all over the state join together each year for a mock U.N. assembly, representing and debating proposals as ambassadors of various countries. She learned that the two most common prevalent issues are starvation and contaminated water. During her trip to India last year, she observed extreme poverty and she decided that she wanted to make a difference. Soon thereafter, she discovered 'Helping Hands', an organization that takes children in off the streets of India. She ended her speech by expressing her desire to be among the 34,000+ Rotary Clubs throughout the world to let her light shine and help make a difference.



Mike Brumleve, Gatlin Newhouse, Niki Rajendran and President Kevin Wardell

Contestant B began his speech listing current world issues and the fact that media only shares the bad news. He said it seems as if there are only bad, self-centered people; however, he shared that there are many good people doing amazing things for their communities. He shared about his involvement with the 'Do Something Club' (entirely self-organized by 30 students of his school) that raises funds to give back to their community and to financially help different countries in need. The students' only incentive is to help others. He shared how we can all take steps to make our community a better place and, after this has been done, we will see our world become a better place. He said, *"The only thing standing between you and lighting up the world is yourself!"* After listing numerous Rotary projects and achievements, worldwide and locally, he stated that Rotary acts as a beacon of light and that no act is too small. He stated that each one of us can make a difference, and quoted Martin Luther King Jr. who said: *"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that."* Contestant B ended with a challenge: *"Let us all be the light that drives out the darkness of this world."* Both contestants delivered impressive speeches. It would be a tough decision for the judges!

Guests were welcomed and introduced. Sean Letwat introduced the birthday celebrants. Among those present celebrating 92 years of age was Bussy Short, a Rotarian for 46 years! Also celebrating 86 years was Bill Kelly Jr, and this is Bill's 50th year in Rotary! Special congrats, thanks and appreciation to Bussy and Bill for their longtime Rotary service!! President Kevin announced the April 23 meeting when we will host a panel of four Republican candidates running for Governor of Kentucky. President Elect Greg Braun encouraged everyone to attend the fundraiser for the Club's foundation on May 12. Second Vice President Julie Schmidt introduced new members, Marianne Butler (LG&E Community Initiatives Manager) and Mark Grundy (Partner at Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP). President Kevin presented new Paul Harris Fellow Dan Mason with his new pin, thanking him for his generous support to TRF (The Rotary Foundation). He also presented new PHF pins with added gemstones (representing multiple donations) to President Elect Nominee Alice Bridges and District Governor Elect Michael Kull. Mike Brumleve announced the winner of the Regional Speech Contest, presenting the first-place \$500 prize to Gatlin Newhouse, North Oldham H.S. Senior, who plans to attend Reed College in Portland, Oregon to study computer science. Receiving the second-place \$300 prize was Niki Rajendran, a Franklin County H.S. Freshman, and she plans to be either a doctor or a lawyer. Ken Grossman lost the Pot O' Gold, so the total has now risen to \$591.

President Kevin Wardell Interviewed on Louisville Life TV Program!

President Wardell shared info about the **Rotary Promise Scholarship Project** in an interview which aired on April 3 & 4. [VIEW IT AT THIS LINK](#). It will air again multiple times on the **KET KY Channel** (also on KET's website, featured on the American Graduate Education section).

Rotary Club Service Day and Outdoor Lunch with Food Literacy Project - Saturday, May 30 at 10 am

Bring family/friends for a fun morning of Rotary service on an agricultural oasis between Oxmoor Country Club and I-64. This project connects underserved children with fresh foods, the people who grow it, the land, and each other. Angelique Perez, MPH, FLP's assistant director said: *"Through these direct experiences, they are empowering themselves with skills to make a lifetime of healthy choices."* Please volunteer to maintain the farm's 'outdoor classroom' (mulching, weeding and harvesting). **Enjoy lunch — Individual pizzas prepared in FLP's cob oven, using ingredients that you pick from the field!**

Contact Alice Bridges (alicebridges@kentuckyonehealth.org) or 502-587-4603.

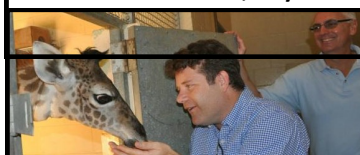
Annual Rotary Evening at the Ballpark Tuesday, June 16, at 7pm A few FREE tickets left!

Contact Joey Bailey
joeybaileycpa@gmail.com



Behind the Scenes Tour

Join Rotarians/guests for a 'behind the scenes' tour led by Louisville Zoo Director/Rotarian John Walczak on **Wed., July 15**.



JOIN US at the ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE in PADUCAH MAY 15-17

This year's conference coincides with the Lower Town Arts and Music Festival and conference organizers are working hard to make sure there is plenty of free time for you to enjoy the festival and other things that Paducah offers, as well as making the conference interesting and relevant. **Our own Club's Past President Stuart Alexander will preside over the Awards Brunch on Sunday!**

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