



SPARKS

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 2012

Program: Speech Contest

Topic: "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

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

Galt House West, Second Floor, Daisy-Sunflower Room



Rotary District 6710's respective champions will face off in the 14th Annual East Regional Speech Contest. Members who have witnessed these competitions in the past can attest to the vitality, spirit and oratory ability of the contestants. This year's topic is also the 2011-12 Rotary Theme, "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity." You'll be inspired and challenged ... and you will also learn more about Rotary and how it continues to make a difference throughout the world.

The contestants are high school students from public and private schools. Each contestant is sponsored by one or more Rotary Clubs in the area, and none are children of Rotarians. They will be required to speak without notes for a period of five to eight minutes, and will be judged on delivery, originality and content.

This annual Speech Contest always generates much enthusiasm, as the students are competing to attain one of three top positions at the District 6710 finals where cash prizes are awarded (1st place— \$1,000; 2nd place— \$400; 3rd place— \$200). The top winner will have received a total of \$2,200, including the preliminary contest awards! The presentations by these students are impressive, as well as entertaining. You won't want to miss this on the 26th!

July 21, 2012

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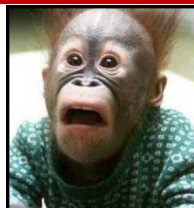
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rate Roster. Your cooperation is crucial!**

***If you don't have five minutes for this, ask your
assistant or your spouse to do it for you!***

Birthday Table

Robert English	April 26
Tony Zipple	April 26
Turney Berry	April 27
Deborah Brown	April 27
Donald Kohler	April 27
Gary Noel	April 28
David T. Allen, M.D.	April 29
Boyce Martin, III	April 29
Bussy Short	April 29
Hatch Jones	April 30
Judy Lambeth	April 30
John Fischer	May 1
Bob L. Maddox	May 2
Jerry Clanton	May 3
John Hampton	May 3

***Please sit at the Birthday table
on April 26!***



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 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

- 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 ... or call the office. Just a few available tickets remain!!
- May 3** — Deadline to submit your 'Rotarian of the Year' nominations.
- May 12** — Shooting Event (10:00 am - 2:00 pm) at Springdale Woods Farm. RSVP to lukas.dwelly@louisville.edu or call Lukas at 235-1003.
- June 20** — "*Rotary Day at the BATS*"
- 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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Rotary Meeting - April 19, 2012

Our meeting today was held in one of our least favorite rooms, the Daisy-Sunflower Room in the Galt House West. Tony Coffey gave the invocation. John Anderson led us in the Pledge and singing, accompanied by Charlie Castner at the piano. Sidonna Cox hosted our birthday table of three celebrants. Craig Scherman made a request for us to submit our "Rotarian of the Year" nominations by May 3rd. Due to a recent food bill in excess of \$2,000 which resulted in only six new members, President Stet announced that, effective May 1st, the "free lunch for first-time guests program" will end. Randy Coe introduced our newest member, Stacy Funk, President of the National MS Society.

President Stet then turned the meeting over to Mayor Greg Fischer who introduced Jim Gray, the mayor of Lexington. Like Mayor Fischer, Mayor Gray comes to government office bearing many talents learned during his time in the business world. He said that in order to be a good mayor, you need to love your city, its people and its problems. It was evident that Mayor Gray is excited that Louisville's 21C Museum Hotel recently chose Lexington as the next city in which to open a boutique hotel. The hotel traditionally uses a red penguin as their symbol, but in Lexington they will use a blue penguin, and both penguins were on display at the meeting. He found it especially fitting that the hotel chose to locate itself in the historic former First National Bank building.



Lexington Mayor Jim Gray and
President Maynard 'Stet' L. Stetten, M.D.

Mayor Gray believes that good design is especially important for cities now more than ever. Quality of life and place is a big deal in cities because people in today's mobile and technology-driven society have more choices about where they can live. Putting this concept into action, Lexington has decided to revitalize Rupp Arena and the area surrounding it into an arts and entertainment district. Given that 25 of the 46 acres on which Rupp Arena is located consists of surface parking lots, there is much precious space that could be repurposed if parking garages were constructed instead. While ingress and egress to Rupp Arena is often lauded by fans, Mayor Gray noted that the NCAA does not often choose such venues to host tournaments since it is looking for destination sites where fans want to come and do other things while in the city. He noted that Louisville's Yum Center fits the definition perfectly. He noted with consternation Mayor Fischer's statement that Lexington currently has a bad case of "arena envy." — John S. Lueken (To view Mayor Fischer's interview with Charlie Rose which aired on KET recently, [CLICK HERE.](#))



"Rotary Day at the BATS"

June 20



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

Questions: 502-226-0973

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MAY 12 SHOOTING EVENT!

10:00 am—2:00 pm

\$20 (lunch/earplugs/targets, etc. provided)

Location: President Stet's farm (Springdale Woods Farm) at 6020 South Highway 53, Smithfield, KY 40068.

Please RSVP to Lukas Dwelly at:
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Submit your nominations before May 3!

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