

# Rotary

Club of Louisville



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## CLUB CALENDAR



### WHAT TO DO when you bring A GUEST to ROTARY

Pre-register your guest at the [louisvillerotary.org](http://louisvillerotary.org) website. Scroll down to the 'Make a Payment' button. Thank you!

## Birthdays

*These birthday celebrants  
will be recognized at the  
May 5 Rotary meeting!*

J R Curtin - May 5  
Terry Tyler - May 5  
Will Barber III - May 6  
Tony Kemper - May 7  
Sydney Goetz - May 9  
Paul Herrington III - May 10  
Chambers Moore - May 11



## Upcoming Meetings

**MAY 12**  
**Bob Couch, MD**  
*President*  
*Greater Louisville  
Medical Society*



## JOHN ASHER

Vice President Communications Churchill Downs  
May 5, 2016 Guest Speaker

**Title: The Kentucky Derby**

**Galt House West, Archibald Room, 3rd Floor**  
**11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting**

John Asher, vice president of Racing Communications at Churchill Downs Race Track ("CDRT"), has worked in the Thoroughbred racing industry as an award-winning journalist and publicist for more than 30 years. He joined Churchill Downs, home of the world famous Kentucky Derby and the flagship operation of Churchill Downs Incorporated ("CDI"), in January 1997 and has served in his current position since March 1999.

As a radio journalist at WHAS-AM and WAVE-AM in Louisville, Asher earned five Eclipse Awards for "Outstanding National Radio Coverage of Thoroughbred Racing." Other horse industry honors include the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners' Warner L. Jones Jr. Horseman of the Year award in 2006; the Charles W. Engelhard Award for excellence in media coverage from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders; the Dean Eagle Award from the Knights of Columbus Bishop Spalding Council No. 2761; and a media award from the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association. Access John's complete bio [HERE](#).

## DAY AT THE DOWNS TICKET DRAWING

Congratulations to **Jim Watkins**, winner of the drawing for two free tickets!

## May 5 Rotary 'Derby' Meeting • Join the Fun!

Continuing the tradition, all attendees at Thursday's May 5 meeting will receive a Derby glass. Also, don't forget to bring a couple extra dollar bills to enter your predictions for first, second and third place Derby finish positions and first place time (min:sec). The Rotarian with the most accurate predictions will win \$100, and the Rotarian in second place wins a special bottle at the May 12 Rotary meeting.

And ... to add to the May 5 meeting festivities ... judges will select and award prizes for the Best Derby Hat, Best Tie, Best Outfit and Best Crazy Outfit. Come attired to join in the fun, and you just might win a great prize!



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

If your bio has not yet been posted in a SPARKS newsletter, please email it to [webmaster@rotary45.org](mailto:webmaster@rotary45.org). Thank you.

## MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

### Congratulations New Members! Celebration Dinner & 'Love the Hungry' Project

Congratulations to new members who received



**MAY 19**

**Eric Flack**

*WAVE-TV Troubleshooter  
Reporter*

**MAY 26**

**David Taliaferro**

*Director of Microfinance  
KIVA Fellow*

**JUNE 2**

**David Ray**

*"USSS in Age of Terrorism:  
31 Years Protecting  
Presidents"*

**JUNE 16**

**Father Ron Knott**

*"Change is Inevitable, Growth  
Intentional: Living  
Deliberately, Consciously and  
On Purpose"*

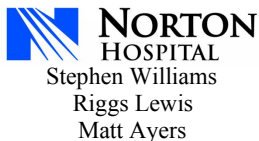
**JUNE 30**

**Rotary Leadership**

**Turnover Extravaganza - "A  
Bridge to the Future"**

**JULY 28**

**Rotary 'EVENING' Meeting  
at Germantown Mill Lofts**



their Rotary pins on April 25 at the New Member Celebration Dinner. As shown here, President Greg Braun and President-Elect Alice Bridges congratulated each new member, from left to right: **Alvin Fletcher, Kasey Maier, Marisa Midkiff Neal, Denise Jerome, Melissa Marvel Buddeke and Matt McCubbin. Carolee Allen** also received her Rotary pin.



The New Member Celebration was held at the 'Love the Hungry' headquarters. The 50's style music contributed to an upbeat, energetic atmosphere while Rotarians and guests assembled 7,000 meals in a very short time period. The meals include ingredients that are a scientifically-proven blend of

21 vitamins and minerals to reverse malnutrition. Each prepared bag can feed six people. The meals prepared on April 25 will be sent to Ecuador to help feed children and families affected by the recent earthquake. Thank you to all who participated in this Celebration combined with a purpose. It was a great evening!

## **Repair Affair Volunteer Day is Saturday, May 14 (8a-1p)**

Repair Affair is a community wide program organized by New Directions Housing Corporation to provide basic home repairs to low income and elderly homeowners. Rotary will provide a team of volunteers to make repairs for a participating homeowner. Participating homeowners are screened and selected by New Directions Housing Corporation. We will provide further details once we receive our assignment from New Directions Housing Corporation.

Join us on May 14 from 8am to 1pm. No special skills are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Mike Fallot: 400-3011 / [mike.fallot@ecomtek.com](mailto:mike.fallot@ecomtek.com)

\*The June 4 previously scheduled date has been changed to May 14.



## **2016 District Conference at Louisville Marriott East - June 10-11**

**Kevin Wardell, District Conference Chair**



Kevin Wardell and his committee have planned for a great conference! This will be the largest District event of the year. Don't miss out!

The keynote speaker is Rotarian, author and motivational speaker Michael Angelo Caruso. Michael is a valued communication consultant to companies and organizations all over the world. [CLICK HERE](#) for a two-minute video. We look forward to

see many of you at the Louisville Marriott East on June 10-11. Noon is the start time on Friday, ending at 5:00 pm on Saturday.

**CONTEST:** Register for the conference by May 9th to be entered to win one of two Paul Harris Fellows and 30,000 Marriott Reward Points, enough for free room nights, room upgrades or for travel or gift items! Here's a link to register. You'll be asked to enter District # '6710'. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

All Rotarians and guests will enjoy a fun-filled, educational day and a half, and there will be something of interest for all! The package price for reception and all meals and breaks is only \$129 for both days, and individual pricing for either Friday or Saturday is also available for those that can only join us for part of the excitement. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

## **Food Literacy Project Volunteer Day is June 25 (10a - 1p)**

**Location: Oxmoor Farm**

Mark your calendar and save the June 25 date. Rotary volunteers will harvest from the farm, and make pizza using some of the vegetables they have just harvested. More details to follow soon!



### Club Officers

Greg Braun • President  
Alice Bridges • President-Elect  
Kevin Wardell • Past President  
Dick Brien • Vice President  
Ken Middleton • Vice President  
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John Jennings  
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### Club Website

[www.louisvillerotary.org](http://www.louisvillerotary.org)



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## APRIL 28 MEETING RECAP

### Charles "Skip" Miller

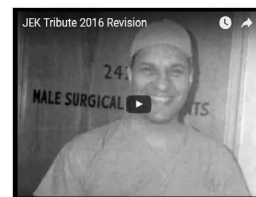
The Rotary Club of Louisville meeting of April 28, 2016 was called to order by President Greg Braun. The invocation was provided by Carl Thomas. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary Four Way Test was led by Abby Drane. The Club enjoyed a wonderful piano concert given by our own Charlie Castner, who performed Shout for Joy. Several guests were introduced. Carolee Allen introduced the birthday celebrants. President Greg made several announcements. The Club's next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5th, at The Galt House in the Archibald Room (Rivue Tower). Our guest speaker will be John Asher, Vice President for Communications at Churchill Downs, who will give his annual Derby preview address. President Greg recognized the efforts of Walt Kunau and Rotarians who volunteered earlier this week as mentors at Western High School. To read the entire meeting notes ... [Click Here](#)



## IN THE NEWS

### Kudos to ...

- **Dr. Joseph E. Kutz** - World renowned hand surgeon Dr. Kutz announced his official retirement on April 28. He had co-founded Kleinert Kutz Hand Care Center (now part of KentuckyOne Health). Dr. Kutz and his colleagues performed the first hand transplant resulting in long-term success. View the article at [THIS LINK](#). You won't want to miss a great tribute prepared by KentuckyOne Health. Just click on the photo here to view the video.
- **Kirk Alliman** - Eight page article in Kentucky Monthly magazine about Kirk's 740-mile biking adventure throughout Kentucky in search of the best burgers. You will enjoy this article and his discovery of some great KY burger joints ... access it at [THIS LINK](#).



## STAY IN TOUCH

### Contact Members While They Are Away

TJG Lukas Dwelly began his year term of U.S. Navy service in Djibouti, Africa. His address is:

Lukas Dwelly  
PSC 831, BOX 4905  
FPO AE 09363

If you would like to send anything to Lukas, his request is: "Please do not send me any contraband or food. Boxes are x-rayed here and the food will melt. Also, do not put Djibouti or Camp Lemonnier on the address - I will not receive the packages. Normal mail is about four weeks. Priority mail is around 2 weeks. The country address is United States if asked. My wish list are koozies, t-shirts from different parts of the country (size L) and paperback/soft cover books on Marine and Naval history, the Middle East/Islam and the South." [Click Here](#) to access Lukas' entire message.

Check out [THIS VIDEO](#) from Luke provided by Past President Randy Coe.

## JULY 28 • OFF-SITE 'EVENING' ROTARY MEETING

In lieu of a lunch meeting, the July 28 Rotary meeting will at 5:30 pm off-site at the **Germantown Mill Lofts** on Goss Avenue. The address is **946 Goss Avenue**, and there will be free parking.

With over 250,000 square feet, this former textile mill is the catalyst for the revitalization of the neighborhood and should be fully finished by August. The plan for July 28 is to have a very short program/remarks followed by tours and food/bar/fun. The facility has both an indoor and outdoor gathering space and a southern-style restaurant with a beer garden opening soon that could cater heavy hors d'oeuvres and beer/wine plus perhaps a "signature" drink for the evening. This will primarily be a walking/talking



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[M.DACDB.COM/ROTARY](http://M.DACDB.COM/ROTARY) on  
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