

SPARKS News



Upcoming Meetings

September 10: Gill Holland,

Entrepreneur, Development of Portland

September 17: Scott Martin, Director, The Parklands of Floyds Fork

September 24: Vince Gabbert,

Keeneland Vice President & COO (at the Marriott)

October 1: Eva Kor,
Lecturer and Holocaust Survivor **See recent C-J article and video about Eva Kor here.

October 8: Jack Conway,

Attorney & Democratic Candidate for Governor (at the Seelbach Hilton, Medallion Room)

October 15: Dr. Gary Gregg II, Director, McConnell Center

October 22: Ghislain d'Humieres, Director, The Speed Art Museum

October 29: Kirk Bloodsworth, Exonerated Former Death Row Inmate

November 5: District Gov. Mike Kull, Club Assembly

November 12: Dr. Jay McGowan, President of Bellarmine University

March 10, 2016: Speaker TBD. Meeting location at Speed Museum ... just before it re-opens to the public!)

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Majority Leader and U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell



September 3 Rotary Meeting Topic: Washington Update Grand Ballroom 'A', Galt House East, 2nd Buffet opens at 11:30 Meeting begins at 12:10

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell will provide a Washington update at Thursday's Rotary meeting. Elected to this position unanimously by his Republican colleagues in 2014, he is only the second Kentuckian to ever serve as Majority Leader in the U.S. Senate. Senator McConnell previously served, again by unanimous vote of his colleagues as the Republican leader in the 110th, 111th, 112th and 113th Congresses and as the Majority Whip in the 108th and 109th Congressesmore here)

Member Spotlight

Mike Holwerda is Vice President, Commercial Middle Market, at Fifth Third Bank. He joined Fifth Third's commercial middle market banking group in 2011 as a relationship manager, and has over 25 years of experience in middle market and large corporate banking. During his career, he has served a diverse portfolio of clients in varied industries and throughout fluctuating markets. Mike was Rotarian of the Year in 1999 (at a club in Raleigh NC) and has been a Rotarian since 1997. His dedication and success have led him to live in markets in Indiana, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Kentucky. His success is...(more here)



Mark Hogg is the Founder and CEO of WaterStep, a nonprofit organization that works to save lives around the world with safe water. Since its humble beginnings in 1995 as a small mission-based group, Mark has led the organization through a series of transitions and growth resulting in WaterStep becoming a major player in the international fight against waterborne disease. Under Mark's leadership, WaterStep's team has successfully implemented safe water projects in more than 30 countries and improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of people around the world and in disaster situations. (more here)



We want to meet YOU! Send your profile for SPARKS to include a photo and bio of 200 words or less to rotary@rotary45.org with "Bio for SPARKS" in the subject line.

Service Above Self

Volunteer at WORLDFEST!

September 4 - 7 - Belvedere at Fifth & Main

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Birthdays This Week



Aimee Johnson - Sept 5
Tom Nugent III - Sept 6
Craig Scherman - Sept 6
Billy Scott - Sept 6
Lisa Sutton - Sept 6
Tom Williams - Sept 6
Fritz Parkins - Sept 8
David Ratterman - Sept 8
Michael Faurest - Sept 9
Tony Grant - Sept 9
John Harralson Jr. - Sept 9
Dan Hartlage - Sept 9
Bob Mayhugh - Sept 9

Please join the Birthday Table this week so you can be recognized!

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Volunteer to help at a Rotary information booth at the annual Worldfest during Labor Day weekend, September 4 - 7. This is our chance to tell the community about the great things we do and raise awareness about the important role Rotary plays. Questions? Contact Rick Harned at 439-1826. Sign up and select your time slot online at <a href="https://link.nih.google.com/html/riche/html/

Help The Rotary Foundation Do Good in the World

Select one NFL and one college team; contribute \$5 per win and 10 cents per point.

Win bragging rights, a trophy, and Paul Harris Fellow recognition! Access more details and complete the registration form <u>HERE</u>.



That's Entertainment

Saturday, September 12, 10:30am

Tailgate Party / UofL vs Houston 12 noon game Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe, 2745 Crittenden Drive Only 36 spots left! Complete entry form at THIS LINK before September 3.

Sunday, September 27, 5:00pm

End of Summer Farm Party at Stet Stetten's Springdale Woods Farm

Tuesday, September 29, 12:30pm Tee Off



Rotary Fall Golf Scramble for all Rotarians and guests at Valley View Golf Club in Floyds Knobs, Indiana. \$60/player includes golf, cart, drinks and appetizers afterwards. Email events@rotary45.org or email Gary Noel at gnoel@rhcgroup.com.

Tuesday, October 6, [time/location TBD] Membership Cocktail Reception

Thursday, October 29, 5:30-7:00pm

Business Synergy Event at USA Image Technologies (email events@rotary45.org)

Saturday, December 5, 6:00pm

Rotary Holiday Party at historic Nunnlea House on Hurstbourne Parkway. Make your reservation for this year's holiday party! Live music, great food, and holiday spirit for just \$50 per person.

RSVP for these activities by emailing: events@rotary45.org

Member Engagement

Members and Guests Enjoy Business Synergy



It was a great evening of fellowship and networking for 45 Rotarians and guests at the Office Environment Company on August 27. The event was hosted by Rotarian Kelly Burke, EOC Chairman. Special thanks to Kelly and Tricia Burke, as well as Ken Grossman, Business Synergy

Committee Chair, for a successful event! Check out the photos on our <u>Facebook page</u> here.

The next Business Synergy event will be at Tyler Allen's company, USA Image Technologies, on October 29 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Bring guests and prospective members for a fun evening that will include complimentary light bites and cocktails. USA Image Technologies is located at 2109 Watterson Trail. To register for this free event, email events@rotary45.org.





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Get your badge scanned!

Several members are slipping through the entrance at Rotary without getting their badge scanned. This is important for attendance records, so please be sure your badge is scanned when you attend each week. Thanks!



Ugly Holiday Sweater and Ugly Holiday Necktie MONTH

Fun and prizes are planned for each Rotary meeting in December. Judges will determine winners for the Ugliest Holiday Sweater and Ugliest Holiday Necktie on Dec 3, 10 and 17. You have three months to plan your wardrobe for December!

Connect with Social Media

Connect to fellow members using our Club's social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Your participation will make it dynamic! Join in on discussions, post photos, and celebrate fellow Rotarian's accomplishments. LinkedIn is for members only to allow private discussions and can be found by searching "Louisville Rotary Club" in the category "Groups." Then click the yellow "join" button. You can also send photos, articles, featuring Rotarians and other news to Executive Director Debe Skidmore at rotary@rotary45.org and to Ashley Brauer at Ashley@guthriemayes.com. We need members who want to post, too! If you'd like to help, please contact Ashley orDebe.

Join the Member Marketplace

Join our Club's new virtual Marketplace and showcase your business or organization through this new member's-only service. There are three options:

Basic Listing (No Charge): Includes the member's name, title and the name of his/her organization (company or nonprofit organization), email address (hyperlinked), and office and mobile phone numbers. While this listing is free, members must submit their information to webmaster@rotary45.org to be included.



Deluxe Listing (\$300/year): Includes everything listed above plus your logo and hyperlink to your website.

Premium Listing (\$500/year): In addition to the features above, this includes a short description of the services provided by the member's company/nonprofit organization (up to 500 characters).

To showcase your business, click here for details.

Know Someone Who Would be a Good Rotarian?

Bring them to lunch and invite them to stay afterward for a brief "What is Rotary?" session, held immediately after every Thursday Rotary meeting around 1pm at a designated table in the meeting room. It's easier than ever for you to invite a friend or colleague. Check out our membership criteriahere.

August 27 Meeting: Heroin Epidemic Report

Thursday's guest speakers, Sen. Whitney Westerfield and State Rep. John Tilley, provided information about new legislation recently implemented to address the heroin epidemic in Kentucky. The new law enacted in March of 2015 provides more treatment options for addicts and tougher penalties for traffickers. Tilley provided astounding statistics... heroin overdose deaths rose from 22 in 2011 to 233 in 2014. The Centers for Disease & Control and Prevention reported that, thanks to heroin users, Kentucky now has more cases of Hepatitis C virus than any other state in the U.S. Westerfield explained



how implementation of the *needle exchange* is saving lives by reducing the spread of Hepatitis C and HIV. (<u>read more</u>)

Other Opportunities & Events

"Communication Across Generations" is a three-hour class offered FREE to the first 20 Rotarians who register. The location is Sullivan University's Residence Hall at Gardiner Point (old Holiday Inn near YUM! Headquarters) on Monday, August 31 (1pm-4pm) and there is no charge to Rotarians. (New trainers are being trained and this will be a live practice for them.) To register, email Dick Brien (rbrien@sullivan.edu) if you would like to attend.

"Gene Therapy, Diet & Biology of Neurodegeneration" is the topic presented by Dr. Robert Friedland at the University Club on September 9 at 11:30. Cost is \$17, and includes lunch! Register online HERE!

The unveiling and press conference for the **Connect/Disconnect Exhibition** (the featured topic at a recent Rotary lunch meeting) is **Friday, September 28 at 11am,** followed by a celebration at 6pm. The site is west of the Belle of Louisville and the Belvedere, north of Kentucky Peerless Distillery and near mile marker 2 on the Loop. Public parking is at 8th & Washington Streets (\$5) or on-street parking along 10th Street or Rowan Street. (http://louisvilleky.gov/government/public-art)