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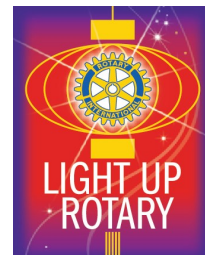
Next Meeting: Thursday, December 18, 2014

“HOLIDAY PROGRAM”

by

Louisville Youth Choir

Archibald Room - Galt House West, 3rd Floor
Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm




Louisville Youth Choir, a nonprofit performing arts organization, was established in 1967 to create a passion for singing among young people. LYC annually draws over 100 auditioned youth from throughout the metropolitan area, and its musical repertoire includes many styles and cultures, including major classics and modern works, often with soloists and orchestras.

Open auditions are held seasonally throughout the year, and weekly rehearsals culminate in more than five public performances annually. The Choir's goal is to enhance musical education and performance experiences for students throughout the region and currently includes stu-

dents from over 60 area public, private and Catholic schools.

Benefits that singers receive are: training in voice and choral technique; development of self-discipline, self-confidence and self-worth and the knowledge of teamwork, leadership, respect and independence; development of individual talent and a respect for the diversity of music and cultures; collaboration opportunities with arts and community agencies; enriching the cultural life of our community; opportunities to perform in top performance venues locally and abroad; touring opportunities to broaden knowledge of diverse cultures and to experience sharing talents with others; premiering new choral music commissioned by the youth choir and other music entities; and, understanding that the arts can go beyond the performance and provide a service opportunity in the community through involvement in LYC's "Arts in Action".

LYC choirs have been heard throughout Europe and North America, including performances in the Dom in Salzburg (2006), Votivkirche in Vienna (2006) and Carnegie Hall in New York City (2003), just to name a few. As a community-based organization from old Louisville to outside of Lexington, LYC offers a choral music experience unique in the region.

<i>Inside this issue:</i>		Remember to bring extra cash this Thursday toward annual \$\$ donation for Galt House servers!		B i r t h d a y T a b l e			
Meet Miss Kentucky at Thursday's meeting!	1	<i>I thought you might like to know that you will have an opportunity to meet <u>Ramsey Carpenter, 2014 Miss Kentucky</u>, at Thursday's meeting. She will be a guest of Rotarian Stacy Funk.</i> 		Kiel Thomson	Dec 22	Michael Vincenti	Dec 28
Prizes for Donations to Support our Club	1			Monty Boyd	Dec 23	Mike Fisher	Dec 30
Upcoming Programs	2	Changing Lives – the Rotary Fund of Louisville SUPPORT THE WORK OF OUR CLUB. Donations over \$100 to Rotary Fund of Louisville received by Dec 31 will be entered into drawings for FREE \$100 RIVUE certificates! Access the DONATION FORM HERE.		Nima Kulkarni	Dec 23	Ed Jerdonek	Dec 30
"That's Entertainment!"	2			David Wood	Dec 23	David Dick	Dec 31
Dec 11 Meeting w/ Eric Gregory	3	Changing Lives – the Rotary Fund of Louisville SUPPORT THE WORK OF OUR CLUB. Donations over \$100 to Rotary Fund of Louisville received by Dec 31 will be entered into drawings for FREE \$100 RIVUE certificates! Access the DONATION FORM HERE.		Bernie Block	Dec 24	Bob Royer	Jan 2
Congratulations to the FY 2015-16 Officers & Directors!	3			Dorn Crawford	Dec 25	Hal Hofman	Jan 3
ONCE Musical at The Kentucky Center	3	Changing Lives – the Rotary Fund of Louisville SUPPORT THE WORK OF OUR CLUB. Donations over \$100 to Rotary Fund of Louisville received by Dec 31 will be entered into drawings for FREE \$100 RIVUE certificates! Access the DONATION FORM HERE.		Mary Michael Corbett	Dec 27	David James	Jan 4
				Brad Hume	Dec 27	Bruce Smith	Jan 4
		Changing Lives – the Rotary Fund of Louisville SUPPORT THE WORK OF OUR CLUB. Donations over \$100 to Rotary Fund of Louisville received by Dec 31 will be entered into drawings for FREE \$100 RIVUE certificates! Access the DONATION FORM HERE.		Bob Michael	Dec 27	René Brown	Jan 6


Please sit at the Birthday Table on December 18.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- December 25** — *(No Meeting)* Enjoy the Christmas holidays!
- January 1** — *(No Meeting)* Happy New Year!
- January 8** — **Bob Bordogna** (Chairman of Todd Asset Management) 'Annual Stock Market Predictions'
- January 15** — **Coach Dan McDonnell** 'Louisville Baseball'
- January 22** — **Scott Colosi** (President of Texas Roadhouse)
- January 29** — **Mayor Greg Fischer** 'State of the City Address' (Location: New South-west Library on Dixie Highway)
- February 5** — **Jonathan Wolff** (Louisville Native and Seinfeld Composer) 'I Got a Call From This Comic Named Jerry ... Louisville to Hollywood and Back Again'
- February 12** — **Ted Smith** (Chief Economic Growth & Innovation, Louisville Metro Govt) 'Institute for Healthy Air, Water & Soil'
- February 19** — **Wil James, Jr.** (CEO, Toyota Georgetown) 'Toyota'
- February 26** — **Ralph de Chabert** (Brown-Forman Chief Diversity Officer)
- March 5** — **Ray Burse** (KY State University President / Recently Featured on NBC Brian Williams) 'Making a Difference'

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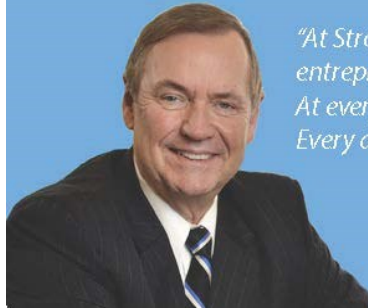
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 **"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"**

January 14, 2015 (Wednesday) — **Horseshoe Casino** \$45/person (includes tax & gratuity) 6:00 Bar / 6:30 Buffet — Free Valet — Free \$10 token for each attendee. Tour facility afterwards or hit the tables. Your guests are welcome.

January 21, 2015 (Wednesday) — Award-winning Musical **"ONCE"** at the Kentucky Center! Optional Bristol dinner before the musical. Additional details/reservations at **THIS LINK**.

May 12, 2015 (Tuesday) — **FUNdraiser Event** at Copper & Kings (Details to follow.)

2015 Date to be Announced! — **Louisville City FC Soccer "Opening Night"**

December 11, 2014 Rotary Meeting

The Rotary meeting was held in the Waterford Room on the 25th floor at the Galt House, with President Kevin Wardell presiding. The meeting began with a moment of silence for Rotarian Sam Swope who passed away on December 9. Sam was among our region's most beloved and best known leaders, widely recognized for his business acumen, civic and volunteer responsibilities, and philanthropy. The invocation was given by Don Kohler. Aimee Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of the Rotary Four-Way Test. The Rotary Rockin Band rocked it out with "White Lightning" and "Whiskey River", in anticipation of today's topic, *Bourbon*.

Members introduced their guests, including a visiting Rotarian, Dill Battle, President of the Rotary Club of Charleston, West Virginia. He and President Kevin exchanged flags. Dill advised that 100 years ago Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Louisville visited Charleston and were instrumental in getting their club started. Dill invited everyone to come to Charleston to help them celebrate their club's 100th year. Cyndi Caudill recognized the birthday celebrants.



Thom Crimans, Eric Gregory
and President Kevin Wardell

Dan Mason reminded members to donate to the Rotary Fund of Louisville before the end of the year. Archives Committee Chair Rick Harned shared some interesting and comical details about our club's history. President Kevin introduced and congratulated the club's 2015-16 newly elected officers and directors (see details below). He also announced that members had mentioned their dilemma ... it was very difficult to make voting decisions since all the candidates were so impressive.

Thom Crimans introduced Eric Gregory, President of the Kentucky Distillers Association, and he shared an abundance of interesting facts about the bourbon industry. The KDA now has 27 members, the most since the repeal of prohibition. The association began welcoming craft distillery members in 2011. 'Established' members have 100 or more barrels in inventory of Kentucky produced spirits. A recent economic impact study reported that the workforce for the bourbon industry, now a \$3 Billion industry, has doubled in the past two years. The 'bourbon boom' has brought an explosion of economic impact. Since 2012, the number of licensed distillers has increased 210%. Gregory said, *"We're entering the golden age of bourbon. It's not just a fad. This is a legitimate trend that's great for the commonwealth."* He stated that nearly 60 percent of every bottle of spirits in Kentucky goes to taxes. He also said that distillers hope to get laws changed that he says limits the potentially even greater growth of the industry. Eric reported that there are one million more barrels of bourbon aging in Kentucky than people (5.3 million barrels versus 4.3 million people)! In 1999, the KDA created the KY Bourbon Trail to give visitors a first-hand, intimate and educational experience into the art and science behind crafting the world's finest bourbon. More than 2.5 million visitors from all over the world have taken the tour in the past five years! Each visitor spends an average of \$978 during their trip. Eric ended by giving small and full-sized bottles of bourbon to several very appreciative Rotarians!

Congratulations FY 2015-16 Officers & Directors!



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Join other Rotarians and guests for dinner at the Bristol followed by award-winning musical 'ONCE' at the Kentucky Center. For further details and to make reservations, check out [THIS LINK](#).

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