# **SPARKS**



Next Meeting: Thursday, December 20, 2012
Guests: St. Xavier Tiger Chorus

Program: Holiday Program Introduction: Perry Sangalli

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:15 pm Galt House West, Third Floor - Cochran Room





The St. Xavier Tiger Chorus, a choral ensemble of 14 singers, will provide a Holiday Program at Thursday's meeting. It is sure to be an inspiring performance. Perry Sangalli, the principal of St. Xavier (www.saintx.com), will introduce the group.

This past June, the Tiger Chorus took a trip of a lifetime as they participated in an 11-day Choir Pilgrimage to Italy, Austria and Germany. Led by German teacher and Choir Director, Rick Knoop, the group sang for the Papal audience and served as the principal choir at the Festival Mass of Corpus Christi in St. Peter's Basilica.



### **ROTARY INVOICES WILL BE EMAILED**

For time efficiency and cost savings, the Board has approved to email invoices every six months. Invoices will be emailed to all members within the next two weeks for membership dues (January-June, 2013).

Of course, members without an email address will continue receiving invoices by regular mail.



# Who deserves the next Lifetime Service Award?



Each year we recognize a fellow Rotarian for their achievements within Rotary and our community. Please nominate a Rotarian who excels in lifetime service to our community.

Look through your Rotary roster and you'll discover that there are many who fit this category! Nominees must be a Rotarian for at least ten years. When considering an individual, seek input from their spouse, friends or family to obtain information about achievements, of which you may not be aware. Criteria/guidelines are listed on the form at the link below.

CLICK HERE to access the form. Submit by 12/20 at 1:00pm. Each year we convey special appreciation and thanks to the Galt House servers with a monetary gift. A small gift bag will be on each table at this Thursday's meeting.

Please come prepared to place a cash donation in the gift bag at your table. All money collected will be divided among the servers. Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

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FYI: No meeting on December 27.

# Birthday Quotation

"Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. Sometimes age just shows up all by itself."

Tom Wilson

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## **Birthday Table**

Lora Tucker	Dec 21
<b>Kiel Thomson</b>	Dec 22
Monty Boyd	Dec 23
Nima Kulkarni	Dec 23
<b>David Wood</b>	Dec 23
David Anstey	Dec 24
Bernie Block	Dec 24
Dorn Crawford	Dec 25
Mary Michael Corbett	Dec 27
Brad Hume	Dec 27
<b>Bob Michael</b>	Dec 27
Michael Vincenti	Dec 28
Mike Fisher	Dec 30
David Dick	Dec 31
Bob Royer	Jan 2
Please sit at the Birthday Table on December 20.	



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**December 27** — No meeting.

January 3 — Bos Todd, Chairman, Todd Investments, 'Annual Stock Picks'.

January 10 — G. Keith Alvey, Regional CEO Kentuckiana Region, American Red Cross. 'Emergency Preparedness & Report on Hurricane Sandy'.

January 17 — Rick Bell, Author, 'Louisville's Historic Waterfront'.

January 24 — 'Rotary Neighborhood Barbecue' with Mayor Greg Fischer, 'State of the City Address' - (At KY Center for African American Heritage, 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd. - Free Parking)

January 31 — Robert P. Friedland, MD, Rudd Chair & Professor University of Louisville Dept. of Neurology, 'Alzheimers, Dementia and Aging'.

February 7 — Les Waters, Artistic Director, Actors Theater of Louisville.

February 14 — Bruce Broussard, President, Humana

February 21 — Christen Boone, Director, Greater Louisville Project '2012 Competitive City Update Report'.

February 28 — Greg Heitzman, President Louisville Water Company, Executive Director MSD, 'One Water - Consolidation of MSD & LWC'.

March 21 — Unsung Heroes Program.

March 28 - Dr. Lyle Roelofs, President of Berea College

April 4 — Fr. Clyde Crews, Bellarmine University Historian & Archival Coordinator 'Religious History of Louisville'.

April 11 — Terry Brooks, Executive Director of KY Youth Advocates, 'National Child Abuse & Awareness Month'.

April 18 — Jeff Bringardner, Humana KY President, and Steve Hester, Norton Healthcare Chief Medical Officer; 'Update on Health Reform & The Affordable Care

May 9 — Rotary Speech Contest District Fi-

May 16 — Rotary Fundraiser / Compassionate Louisville

June 6 — Charlie Mattingly, President & CEO, BBB of Louisville, Southern Indiana & Western Kentucky, 'BBB 100th Anniversary and Update'

June 13 — Maria Hampton, Co-Chair Vision Louisville & Federal Reserve Bank Vice President, 'Vision Louisville'

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 23 — Meet at MEAT, Membership Party with YPAL.

February 13 — Rotary Night Out - 'Million Dollar Quartet' Broadway Musical.

April 30 — 48th Annual 'Rotary Day at the Downs'.



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# **Rotary Meeting - December 13, 2012**

President Stuart Alexander called the meeting to order. Kevin Connelly gave our invocation. We honored the memory of Jack McIntyre, who died on December 11. Barbara Collins led us in the pledge and introduced young Matthew Zolla, who sang two songs. President Stuart welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests. Connie Cheak hosted our Birthday Table.

President Stuart thanked Cliff Elgin and the Entertainment committee for arranging the fine Holiday Party at the Pendennis Club. Jeff Hadley announced our Bowling event scheduled for January  $5^{\rm th}$ 

Rick Harned urged members to submit nominations of one of our members as a potential recipient of our Rotary Lifetime Service award. Stet Stetten introduced two new members, Mark Cowherd and Todd Lanham.

Ken Grossman then introduced our two speakers, Mike Veach, special collection consultant at the Filson Club, and Bill Samuels, Chairman Emeritus of Makers Mark Distillery. Mike spoke on the history of the Bourbon industry, focusing on the impact of Prohibition. He noted that passage of the Income tax law made it



Ken Grossman, Mike Veach, Bill Samuels, Jr. and President Stuart E. Alexander, III

possible to have this restrictive law because, up until then, whiskey taxes provided half of federal tax revenue. He recited a number of the unintended consequences of Prohibition, including health hazards of some bootleg liquor.

Bill then reflected that in the old days his grandfather might have been considered a whiskey baron, but when Prohibition put him out of business he failed, as did some others, in attempts at other business ventures.

Today Kentucky bourbon has emerged as the 'cool' beverage among young professionals around the world. We are just starting to feel the benefits of this surge in demand. Only six counties make Kentucky bourbon He noted a bushel of grain is worth \$6.50 but is valued at \$600 when converted to whiskey. Bill believes bourbon is the only manufacturing company in Kentucky that has expanded these past four years. Micro distilleries is a new phenomena, with 350 start-ups in the last few years. Only six of them are in Kentucky, largely because of our punitive annual ad valorem tax.

- Bos Todd



## VIPS Children — Kaleidescope Field Trip

The blind and visually impaired preschoolers had the most wonderful time experiencing the Galt House exhibit on December 6. Rotarians who joined them were Ed Binford, Barbara Collins (who gave each child a sugary treat), Jay Davidson and John Hubbuch. As you can see from their expressions, the trip was a big hit with the children!





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