

## December 17, 2015 Rotary Meeting

The last meeting of 2015, January 17, was led by President-elect Alice Bridges. President Greg was out of town at the Star Wars Premiere in California, at the invitation of Carrie Fisher. Grand Ballroom A was full of Rotarians and guests who came to hear our special guest speaker, Tori Murden McClure, spouse of Rotarian Mac McClure. The invocation was provided by Cyndi Caudill, and the Pledge and Rotary 4-Way Test was led by Karen Morrison. Guest soloist Carly Johnson, accompanied by Charlie Castner at the piano, entertained with a familiar holiday song, *'Chestnuts roasting on an open fire ....'*

President-elect Alice announced the upcoming membership competition. Our club is competing with other Rotary Clubs (Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Lexington and Columbus) to gain the most new members from January 1 through March 31. Losing clubs will each donate \$100 to the winning club's Foundation. And, the loser's Executive Director and President-elect must make a video wearing the jersey from the winning club's sports team while singing the team's fight song. Alice encouraged Rotarians to invite other leaders in the community to a meeting in January, and to help keep her and Debe from humiliation!

The Birthday celebrants were congratulated by Amy Luttrell. The next meeting will be on January 7 of 2016, with speaker/Rotarian Bob Bordogna, Chairman of Todd Asset Management LLC. This is a popular annual meeting when stock market predictions will be presented. Alice thanked Past Pres. Stet Stetten for hosting the Shooting Event. Kevin Lynch and volunteers were thanked for installing anti-fatigue mats at the Supplies Over Seas headquarters. Members were informed about the preferred payment method 'Automated Recurring Billing', and the fact that this will free up a good amount of time each quarter for office staff. Prizes were presented to Jean West Losavio and Bill Kelly, Jr., winners of the Holiday Ugly Sweater and Tie contest. Congratulatory shout-outs were given to Kevin Wardell (recently named Secretary/Treasurer of Leadership Louisville Board of Directors), Jeff Underhill (named Business First 'Small Company Business of the Year'), Christen Boone (Fund for the Arts named Business First 'Nonprofit Organization Business of the Year' Finalist), Ed Jerdonek (great Business First article), Laura Douglas (to provide introduction at Who's Who Louisville: 2016 African American Profiles reception), and to Barry Denton (heartwarming C-J article about the Blue Santa Program sponsored by the Louisville Metro Police Foundation Board of Directors – police were handing \$50 to individuals selected at random until a total of \$10,000 had been given away).

Past President Randy Coe give an announcement promoting donations to the Rotary Fund of Louisville. Jeff Hadley announced the upcoming Bowling Event at Kingpin on Saturday, January 9. Past President Randy Coe introduced guest speaker Tori Murden McClure. Her presentation was entitled 'Peace, Goodwill and Rotary', with a segment including the history of Rotary with an audio of founder Paul Harris, followed by info about Islamaphobia, and ending with a moving, unanimous standing ovation in honor and support of Dr. Babar. It was clear that we hold Babar in high regard and



admire and appreciate his stand for peace in this troubled world. Tori has kindly provided her presentation script which also includes the PowerPoint slides, available in its entirety at [THIS LINK](#).