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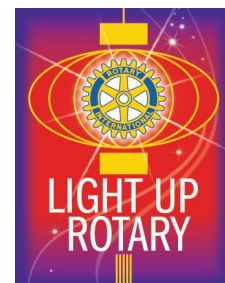


Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2015

Guest Speaker: Ray Burse
President, Kentucky State University

Introduced by: Robin Jennings

Archibald Room, Galt House West, 3rd floor
Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:05 pm



Raymond M. Burse was named 14th president of Kentucky State University on October 24, 2014, after serving as interim president since July 1, 2014. A native of Hopkinsville, Ky., Burse has a long record of achievement in academics, athletics and community service. As president of KSU from 1982 to 1989, he oversaw record enrollment, more than \$60 million in capital improvements and significant enhancements in the academic and financial operations of the institution, including the establishment of the Whitney M. Young College of Leadership Studies.

He later became an executive at General Electric Company, retiring in 2012 after 17 years. Burse initially served as GE Appliance's senior counsel and then became a corporate officer as vice president and general counsel. Before joining GE, he was a partner in the law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs in Louisville, Ky.

Burse received his law degree from Harvard Law School, and a bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics from Centre College, where he was on the dean's list for four years. He also excelled in sports from high school through college. He was named to the All-College Athletic Conference Football Team as well as Centre's Most Valuable Offensive Player in football.

A recipient of numerous awards, he also received honorary degrees awarded by Kentucky State University in 1989 and by Centre College in 2007. Burse serves on numerous boards, such as Centre College, Alabama A&M University, and St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, to name a few.

He is married to Kim Burse, who serves as vice president of administrative services for Goodwill Industries of Kentucky. They have three sons, Raymond Jr., Justin and Eric.



Interested in ROTARY DAY AT BREEDERS CUP on Friday, October 30, 2015?

A Reservation Survey was emailed to all members on Saturday. Tickets go on sale to the public on March 4, so it's very important that you respond to this survey by noon on Tuesday, March 3!

If you haven't already taken the survey, you can access it at [THIS LINK](#).

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You will soon receive via email a COMMITTEE PREFERENCE SURVEY for FY 2015-16. Please complete the survey ASAP. Your committee selections will become effective as of July 1, the beginning of our club's next fiscal year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please join the Birthday Table on March 5.

Katie Hoy	Mar 5
Paul Oberst	Mar 5
Bob Ewald	Mar 8
David Garland	Mar 8
Skip Miller	Mar 8
Mike DeHart	Mar 10
Patricia Hart	Mar 11



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

March 12 — Brendan McCarthy (Managing Editor, KY Center for Investigative Reporting)

March 26 — Unsung Heroes Program

April 2 — Kevin Flanery (President, Churchill Downs)

April 9 — Tom Jurich (University of Louisville Director of Athletics)

April 16 — Speech Contest

April 23 — Jamie Comer (Commissioner of Agriculture & Candidate for Governor)

April 30 — John Asher (Vice President, Racing Communications, Churchill Downs)

May 7 — John Walczak (Director of Louisville Zoo)

May 21 — Wil James (President, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc.)

June 25 — Rotary Leadership Turnover Extravaganza!

POT O' GOLD FUNDRAISER



The Pot O' Gold total is growing! But you can't win if you don't play! Each entry is only \$1, so bring plenty of \$\$ to Thursday's meeting! The winner splits the pot with the Rotary Fund of Louisville.



Attend the Rotary Leadership Institute in Louisville at the Indiana Wesleyan University (1500 Alliant Ave near Blankenbaker & I-64) on Saturday, March 7 (8am-3pm). NO cost! Your breakfast and lunch are provided. (\$70 fee paid by the Club.) Email Debe at rotary@rotary45.org



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February 26, 2015 Rotary Meeting

President Kevin rang the bell to begin the meeting, and David Reed followed with the invocation. Club Secretary Craig Scherman led the Pledge and 4-Way Test.

Rotarians introduced their guests and Tony Kemper introduced the birthday celebrants. President Kevin reminded members to attend the March 7 Rotary Leadership Institute at Indiana Wesleyan University at 1500 Alliant Avenue close to Blankenbaker & I-64. Well deserved recognition and thanks were given to Matt Gardiner and Laura Crahan for a very successful Rotary Evan Williams Bourbon Experience.

Susan Zepeda announced winners of the Foundation Football Fundraiser. Winners were: Grand Prize winner Alice Bridges received next level PHF and \$150 in gift cards; Second Place winner Steve Eggers received \$100 in gift cards; Third Place tie winners were Michael Shackelford and Tuck Tinsley, one received a KY crafted magazine rack with sports magazines and the other a \$50 gift card. Even the Rotarian in last place, Rick Harned, received a box of chocolates (*Susan reminded him to eat them responsibly*)! Special thanks to all who participated for a total of \$4,242.70 raised for The Rotary Foundation (Rotary International). Ironically, next on the meeting agenda was the 'Diabetes/Obesity' health snippet presented by Susan Zepeda.



President Kevin Wardell, Cathe Dykstra and Cynthia Knapek



Board member Dick Brien welcomed back Bill Smithwick, a recently reinstated former club member, and three new members, Kelly Kirby, Chris Stevenson and Patrick Yates (*photos at left*).

Cynthia Knapek introduced guest speaker Cathe Dykstra who presented information about the Family Scholar House and how lives, families and communities are being changed. She shared details of FSH's successes to end the poverty cycle and transform communities by empowering families and youth to succeed in education and achieve lifelong self sufficiency. Cathe also provided details about additional Scholar House facilities and the plans for the next Louisville campus, a 34-acre 'Norton Commons style' development. Greg Braun ended the meeting w/ the Pot O' Gold fundraiser game. Mac McClure's name was drawn, but Mac did not select the winning cards so the pot \$\$ continues to grow!

Behind the Scenes Tour
Did you ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes at the Louisville Zoo? Join other Rotarians and guests for a special tour led by Louisville Zoo Director & Rotarian John Walczak on Wednesday, July 15.

FUNdraiser!
MAY 12 at Copper & Kings
A FUN event with a purpose!

SAVE THE DATE!
Exciting details coming soon!

Annual Rotary Day at the Ballpark!
June 17
Details coming soon!
Contact Joey Bailey:
joeybaileycpa@gmail.com

"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

2015 (Date TBA) — Louisville City FC Soccer "Opening Night"

May (Date TBA) — Garden Party at Boone Gardiner

May 12, 2015 (Tuesday) — FUNdraiser Event at Copper & Kings; fundraiser for Club's 501^c3 'Rotary Fund of Louisville';

July 15 (Wednesday) — Zoo After Hours Event at Louisville Zoo for a 'behind the scenes' tour led by Director John Walczak

September (Date TBA) — End of Summer Farm Party at Stet Stetten's Springdale Woods Farm

November (October 30) — Rotary at Keeneland for Breeder's Cup! Interested? Respond at [THIS LINK](#) by Tues Mar 3!

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