## **SPARKS**



Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2013 Guest Speaker: Julie LaValle "Valle" Jones CEO of Mayin, LLC Topic: *"Whiskey Row Lofts and Main Street Revitalization"* Introduction by: David Dunn Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:15 pm Kosair Shrine Club - Ballroom at 812 South Second Street





Julie LaValle ("Valle") Jones has over 28 years of experience in real estate development and finance in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Massachusetts. She has developed urban mixed use, multi-family and single family residential, office, retail and special purpose buildings, including historic renovations and new construction.

Jones has valuable experience in developing real estate and finance, providing contract development services to profit and nonprofit entities in North Carolina and Kentucky, in addition to serving on various nonprofit boards.

Currently, Valle works through her own company, Mayin, LLC, developing real estate and providing contract development services to profit and not-for-profit entities. Recent ongoing projects include co-developing five his-

toric buildings on the "Whiskey Row" block (111-119 West Main Street) in downtown Louisville. With her brother, Stephen, and architect, Bill Weyland, Valle owns and developed Whiskey Row Lofts, a 120,000 sq. ft. mixed use historic development which includes five restaurants, 35 rental apartments, and four unique special event spaces, seldom found in downtown historic renovations. Valle will speak about the value of historic preservation and economic development, as well as contributions created by the Whiskey Row project toward downtown revitalization.

TWO MEETINGS OFF-SITE!   NOTE: The March 7 and March 14 meetings will be held in the ballroom at the KOSAIR SHRINE CLUB at 812 South Second Street. Convenient/free parking!			WANTED Visionary Leaders Very Much Alive	<u>May 17</u> & <u>May 17 &amp; May 17 &amp; May 17 &amp; May 17 &amp; May 17 &amp; <u>May 17 &amp; May 17 &amp; <u>May 17 &amp; May 17 &amp; <u>May 17 &amp; May 17 &amp; May</u></u></u></u>	ay <u>18</u> TES
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Serve as Committee Chair/Vice Chair	1		the life of our Club! <u>WANTED</u> : Leaders who can think strategically, value collaboration, and will commit the time needed to make great things happen. <u>TURN YOURSELF IN:</u> <u>Email Pres-Elect Randy</u> Coe (wc1503@gmail.com or rotary@rotary45.org) to be considered for next	Marta Miranda	Mar 10
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## February 28, 2013 Rotary Meeting

President Stuart opened the meeting with welcome and introduction of Ed Galloway, Attorney at Tilford Dobbins Alexander, who provided the Invocation.

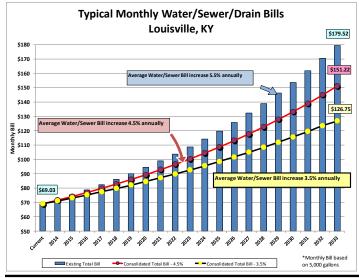
Jim Baker, President of Baker Commercial Real Estate, led the pledge AND followed by participating in the Rotary Band with a version "Have You Ever Seen the Rain." Visitors were then welcomed and guests of Rotarians were introduced. Cyndi Caudill, VP and CPA, Harding Shymanski & Co., introduced the birthday table celebrants.

President Stuart gave several announcements, not the least of which was more important than the fact that the meeting next week will be at the Kosair Shrine Club at 812 South Second Street. The meeting contained several references to a special appeal for funds for the Rotary Promise Scholarship donations in order for us to "maxout" our matching funds. (See article with special message below for details.)



John Huber, Greg Heitzman and President Stuart E. Alexander, III

John Huber, Municipal Water Service, introduced our guest speaker, Greg Heitzman,



President/CEO of Louisville Water Company. Greg's presentation focused on the potential merger of Louisville Water Company and MSD, complete with the task force findings as directed by Mayor Fischer. The task force held ten public meetings which resulted in 15 recommendations. The entire "evaluation process" to determine whether consolidation can be achieved will be completed by October of this year.

If a GO; a possible timeline for making all of this happen will occur in phases from 2013 to 2017. If all proceeds according to his outline, "ONE WATER" will provide numerous benefits to the community: improved water quality, health and safety, service levels, financial and operating position, water/sewer/ drain rates, and excellent community value.

After a lively period of questions and answers, President Stuart adjourned the meeting. – Otto G. Feddern



## Fellow Rotarians ...

Our new \$1 million permanently endowed Louisville Rotary Promise Scholarship has provided hope for many lowincome students at Western High School. In fact, the Scholarship has generated a record number of Freshmen enrolled at Western this year (400+ vs. 300 last year).

Much has been accomplished this year at WHS with Rotarian involvement. We have established a first ever Interact Club at Western High School (led by our Interact/ Rotaract Committee). Western had their first ever Career Fair (led by our own Vocational Services Committee). Five Rotarians (from our Youth & Education Committee) commit their time to the Junior Achievement Real Jobs Real World training program for freshmen students (LRP Scholars). President-electelect Kevin Wardell connected WHS to Norton Healthcare's Job Shadow Program and employment opportunities.

Today, we are in the midst of raising our second million dollars for the second of the four lowest performing JCP Schools. And, we have had many wonderful gifts from Rotarians for this second million phase. While we all get pulled in many directions for gifts, this opportunity is one worth great consideration: We have, again, an opportunity to get another \$250,000 match from KCTCS (the parent organization of our Jefferson Community & Technical College) this year.

That window closes March 29, which is

earlier than past years because of the elevated statewide competition with 16 other colleges in the KCTCS system.

To reach our goal this year, we have two extraordinary incentive matches: from Henry Heuser, Jr, who will continue matching Rotarian's gifts AND Kosair Charities which is also matching Rotarian's gifts.

<u>I hope you will consider a gift for the</u> <u>Louisville Rotary Promise Scholarship</u> now to take advantage of the generous <u>matching opportunity</u>. This will help place us halfway to our next million dollar endowed Louisville Rotary Promise Scholarship school. Thank you.

Stuart Alexander

President

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