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Next Meeting: Thursday, January 24, 2013

Guest Speaker: Mayor Greg Fischer

Program: "State of the City Address"

Introduction: President Stuart Alexander

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:15 pm

Kentucky Center for African American Heritage - Great Hall

1701 Muhammad Ali Boulevard



Greg Fischer was elected Louisville's 50th Mayor on November 2, 2010. Greg is an entrepreneur, businessman and philanthropist who started several businesses including SerVend International and Iceberg Ventures, a private investment. He also co-founded bCatalyst, the first business accelerator in Louisville. Past chairman of the Young Presidents Organization as well as past chairman of the Louisville Science Center, Greg helped raise \$25 million to modernize the facility. He co-founded Louisville's Center for Quality of Management and has served on numerous nonprofit boards with current roles on the University of Louisville Board of Overseers and the Waterfront Development Corp. Greg is a graduate of Trinity High School and majored in Economics at Vanderbilt University. He is married to Dr. Alexandra Gerassimides, and they have four children.

This year Mayor Greg Fischer is reaching out to the community with his annual 'State of the City Address' to the Rotary Club of Louisville at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage. Mark's Feed Store is catering this 'community barbeque' at one of the most interesting venues in our hometown. We hope you will join us for what promises to be one of our best attended and most exciting meetings of the year. There will be plenty of parking and easy access to the Center at 1701 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard.

January 24 Meeting w/ Mayor Greg Fischer at African-American Heritage Center!

The Jan 24 Rotary meeting will be held at the African-American Heritage Center located at 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd. Mayor Fischer will present the annual 'State of the City' address. **Send questions for the Mayor to: askrotary@gmail.com by Wednesday, January 23.**

Directions to Center from Galt House: West on Main Street; left onto 6th Street; right onto Muhammad Ali Blvd. Center is on your right. **CLICK HERE** for map.



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January 24 — PARKING

The Center's large parking lot is free. Additional free parking is nearby at 1812 Muhammad Ali Blvd (*old Jay's Cafeteria*) and 1901 Muhammad Ali Blvd (*Quinn Chapel parking lot*).



Membership Event
Meet @ MEAT - Wednesday, January 23
 1076 East Washington Street
 TIME: 5:30—7:30

All Rotarians who bring a prospective member will receive two free drink tickets. Our co-host is YPAL. MEAT is on the 2nd floor above The Blind Pig. Go to the rear and up the stairs. The menu incorporates KY bourbons and more than 30 original cocktails, with a seasonal drink menu. Drinks International rated MEAT as one of "The World's 50 Best Bars". It's also one of only twelve American bars bestowed with the honors.



View Rotary meetings at:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/LouisvilleRotaryClub>

No Birthday Table

No birthdays will be acknowledged at the January 24 meeting.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 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, *'Humana: Simplicity to Achieve Sustainability'*
- 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 7** — Julie LaValle 'Valle' Jones, CEO of Mayin LLC.
- March 14** — Christopher 2X, Community Activist, *'Metro Violence; Healing & Re-birth'*.
- 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 25** — Mitch Nichols, President of UPS Airlines
- May 2** — John Asher, Vice President, Racing Communications of Churchill Downs
- May 9** — Rotary Speech Contest District Finals
- May 16** — Rotary Fundraiser / Compassionate Louisville
- May 30** — Jeff Bringardner, Humana KY President, and Steve Hester, Norton Healthcare Chief Medical Officer; *'Update on Health Reform & The Affordable Care Act'*
- 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'*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 23** — Meet at MEAT, Membership Party with YPAL.
- February 2** — 3rd Annual Billiards Tournament at Pendennis Club.
- February 13** — Rotary Night Out - Dinner at the Bristol & The Kentucky Center *"Million Dollar Quartet."* [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets.
- April 30** — 48th Annual *'Rotary Day at the Downs'*.
- June 26** — Rotary Day at the BATS game.

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January 17, 2013 Rotary Meeting

President Stuart called the meeting to order followed by the invocation delivered by Bill Baker. The prayer of humble gratitude for all we have been given led us to a history lesson of our wonderful community.

A moment of silence was observed for former member Amy Bordogna Price who passed away on January 11. Amy is the daughter of member Bob Bordogna. The Rotary band performed 'Green River' by Credence Clearwater Revival, again as a lead-in to our guest speaker's topic.

Seven guests were introduced and Patrick Just of Hilliard Lyons Investment Banking was introduced as a new member. Wednesday, January 23 at 5:30 pm – Meet @ MEAT, is a Rotary new member promotion event. See you there! February 13 is a Rotary Night Out. Consider taking your Valentine to dinner at the Bristol, followed by a performance at the Kentucky Center. Our next regular meeting, January 24, will be Mayor Fischer's State of the City address to be held at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage.



Chris Roberts, Rick Bell and President Stuart E. Alexander, III

Introduced by Chris Roberts, writer and historian Rick Bell gave a 235-year perspective of Louisville in 20 minutes! Lots of very interesting facts and figures flowed. The Falls of the Ohio is the only natural impediment to navigation on the Ohio/Mississippi waterway in 2,000 miles. Louisville was the busiest river port in the U.S. in the 1850's with over 3,000 steamboat landings per year. Louisville's Portland Canal handles more tonnage than any other canal in the world. The most famous ferry service across the Ohio was Fontaine's ... a name many of us recognize and remember later in the amusement park, Fontaine Ferry Park.

One of the big issues facing Louisville in 1852 was where to build two new bridges. At that time, a big political debate was community merger, only between Louisville and Portland. Hmmm ... do these issues sound familiar?

Throughout the last two centuries plus, Louisville's riverfront has evolved to reflect the needs and desires of each generation. From an untamed river, to a bustling steamboat capital to heavy industry, to today's park and community meeting mecca, the river is the first impression of many of Louisville. Soon, we will all be enjoying perhaps the crowning glory to recent redevelopment efforts—conversion of the Big Four Bridge to a pedestrian walkway. - Don Cherrie

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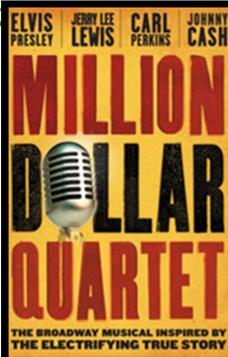
Saturday, February 2 at High Noon
Pendennis Club

RSVP to Mike Shackelford by January 30
michael.shackelford@ikmcapital.com



Message from Sports Committee Chair, Lukas Dwelly: "All levels of skill are encouraged to attend, and this event is gender neutral. So, if you're a backroom hustler like Paul Newman from 'Color of Money', or someone like me who holds the back-to-back record for 'Louisiest Break—2011/2012 Respectively', we need you. Lastly, any side bets made are subject to a 10% house fee (I jest ... sorta)."

"The game of billiards has destroyed my naturally sweet disposition."
- Mark Twain.



Feb. 13 Rotary Night Out

5:30 pm The Bristol
7:15 pm Kentucky Center (meet in lobby)



Dinner at the Bristol followed by Broadway play 'Million Dollar Quartet' at the Kentucky Center. Meet the cast/crew afterwards for a private Q&A! (Bristol dinner only: \$31.00)

	Show Only	Show & Dinner
Orchestra Rows D-F:	\$59.75	\$90.75
Grand Tier Rows G-H:	\$38.00	\$69.00

Tickets: www.EventUsher.com
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