

SPARKS



Next Meeting: January 23, 2014

Guest Speaker: Ricky L. Jones, Ph.D.

Professor/Chair, UofL Pan-African Studies

Program: "Martin Luther King, Jr."

Introduced by: Barbara Sexton Smith

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm

Galt House West, Third Floor, Archibald Room



Dr. Ricky L. Jones is Professor and Chair of the University of Louisville's Department of Pan-African Studies. He is also Director of the University's "Center on Race and Inequality" (CRI). A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Jones was educated at the U.S. Naval Academy, Morehouse College, and the University of Kentucky (where he was only the second African-American to receive a Ph.D. in Political Science).

His books include: *"Black Haze: Violence, Sacrifice, and Manhood in Black Greek-Letter Fraternities"* (2004) and *"What's Wrong with Obamamania?: Black America, Black Leadership, and the Death of Political Imagination"* (2008). He has also written scores of scholarly and magazine articles, book chapters, and opinion columns.

Dr. Jones has served as a local, national, and international social and political analyst across various media including appearances on "Democracy Now with Amy Goodman", HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel", CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360", a variety of NPR and PBS programs, BET, E! Entertainment, Al Jazeera in English, The Katie Couric Show, and others.

He is also a columnist for Louisville's most popular alternative weekly paper, the "Louisville Eccentric Observer." His monthly column, "Keeping Up With The Jones", is a three-time winner of the Best Minority Reporting Award from the Louisville Society of Professional Journalists. Among many other professional recognitions, he has been named one of [DIVERSE Issues in Higher Education's "25 to Watch" in Academia.](#)

MARIE HUMPHRIES, longtime Rotarian of our Club, will be honored in Frankfort on March 18 at the 50th Anniversary of the KY Commission on Women!



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Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is designed for Rotarians who have the potential and willingness to engage in future club leadership (not necessarily as Club president) to provide them with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills so important in voluntary organizations. The leadership skills you will obtain at an RLI event will help you not only in your Rotary career, but will apply to your leadership efforts professionally as well.

RLI sessions are a sequence of three one-day sessions held regionally several times per year. The Rotary Club of Louisville will pay the registration fee for members to attend sessions. Upcoming sessions and registration information listed below:

February 15, 2014 (8:30a-3:00p) — RLI Sessions I, II & III in Lexington, KY
View more details about the Lexington RLI at [THIS LINK](#).

February 22, 2014 (8:30a-3:30p) — RLI Sessions I, II & III in Carmel, IN
View more details about the Carmel RLI at [THIS LINK](#).

Questions? Contact Nancy Jo Trafton at 765-532-8129, or Debe at 589-1800.



Birthday Table

Ron Sturgeon	Jan 23
John Whitty	Jan 23
Calvin Rasey	Jan 24
Benton Keith	Jan 25
Richard Roth	Jan 26
Amanda Stormont	Jan 27
Lelan Woodmansee	Jan 27
Larry Sloan	Jan 28
Connie Cheak	Jan 29

Please sit at the Birthday Table on January 23.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 30 — **Joseph Hinrichs**, Executive Vice President and President of the Americas for Ford Motor Company

February 6 — **Houston Barber, Ph.D.**, Named as new Principal of The Academy@Shawnee (Effective January 1 2014)

February 13 — **Carol Gunderson**, Director of the Food Literacy Project, 'Growing Healthy Communities: The Farm-to-Family Initiative'

February 20 — **Eli Capilouto, Ph.D.**, University of Kentucky President

February 27 — **Ted Bishop**, President of PGA of America

March 20 — **Roberto Bolli, M.D.**, UofL Director of Division of Cardiology and Institute for Molecular Cardiology

March 27 — **Unsung Heroes Program**

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February or March, 2014 — **Toyota Tour!** Details to follow.

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2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
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4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**Who have YOU invited to Rotary lately?
Invite someone to join you this Thursday!**



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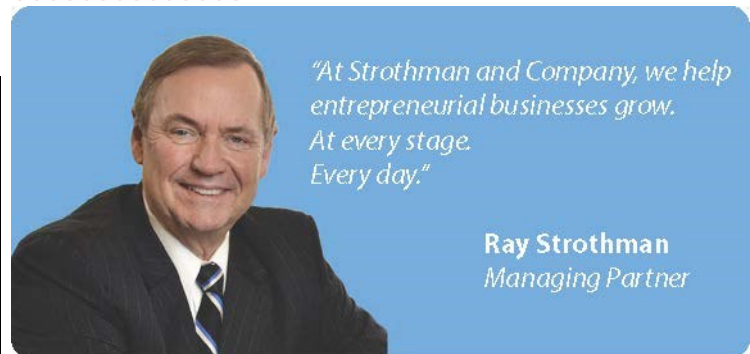
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January 16, 2014 Rotary Meeting

Our annual meeting with the Mayor was held at Churchill Downs in the beautiful Triple Crown Room. Nelson Auge provided the invocation and Barbara Collins led the pledge of allegiance and introduced Cindy Collier who brought the house down as she sang the National Anthem *a cappella*. (FYI: The C-J's website included a portion of her singing in a video, which can be viewed at [THIS LINK](#).) SiDonna Cox congratulated the birthday celebrants, and included Mayor Fischer's birthday two days prior.

An inspirational video was played which demonstrated how one person helping another can make a big difference. It was the perfect segue for the next portion of the program — the Lifetime Service Award presentation. President Randy had asked Joyce Seymour (as a Board officer) to help present the 2013-14 Lifetime Service Award. She was standing by as Randy listed numerous, impressive accomplishments achieved by the recipient without revealing the winner's name. Eventually, Joyce realized that he was referring to her! She very graciously accepted the Lifetime Service Award as the crowd gave her a well deserved standing ovation.



Mayor Greg Fischer and President Randy Coe

President Randy introduced Mayor Greg Fischer who presented the State of the City Address. He began by reminding the crowd of his administration's achievements in volunteerism, education and jobs progress. But his focus was on the city's future and exciting plans for our community in the next 25 years.

Mayor Fischer concentrated on the future of cities, jobs and economic development and Louisville's competitive place in the future. He mentioned Oklahoma City, Nashville, Austin and Indianapolis as the cities that we are competing against. These cities are making great strides with incredible improvements in their communities. The Mayor stressed the fact that "*people don't follow jobs—jobs follow people.*" And people want to live where the quality of place is high (i.e., good schools, the arts, reasonable cost of living, beautiful natural environment as well as a modern, diverse built environment). He stressed the importance of LIFT (Local Investments for Transformation), his top legislative priority, and he ended the presentation by encouraging everyone to contact Frankfort. Check out what LIFT is about at [THIS LINK](#). - Debe Skidmore



Rotary on the River!

All aboard! For the first time in the history of our Club, the October 16, 2014 Rotary meeting will be held on the Ohio River on the River Queen riverboat. It will be the week that Louisville plays host to a six-day (October 14-19) festival "Centennial Festival of Riverboats". The Belle of Louisville's 100th birthday celebration will include a river parade of boats, live music, fireworks, boat races, etc.

Exciting plans are also being made for a Rotary Night Out on the river during the Centennial Festival week! So, save the date for 'Rotary on the River' — October 16, 2014!



LIGHT UP ROTARY

The 2014-15 theme has just been announced! The **LIGHT UP ROTARY** theme chosen by RI President-elect Gary C. K. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."

He added, "There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing...." **Get involved today! Let's light up Rotary!**

It's down to the Broncos and the Seahawks on the field — But Bronco fans are the winners in our pool!



Jay Davidson	Louisville	Denver Broncos	\$246.30
Jeff Underhill	Louisville	Denver Broncos	\$246.30
Cindy Collier	Alabama	Denver Broncos	\$245.20
Ken Middleton	Alabama	Denver Broncos	\$245.20
Allan Parnell	Alabama	Denver Broncos	\$245.20
Alice Bridges	Texas A&M	Denver Broncos	\$243.10
Patrick Welsh	Boise State	Seattle Seahawks	\$200.30

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