SPARKS



Next Meeting: February 6, 2014

Guest Speaker: Houston Barber, Ph.D. Title: Principal of The Academy @ Shawnee Topic: *Fern Creek High School's Dramatic Turnaround* Introduced by: Donna Hargens, JCPS Superintendent

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm Galt House West, Third Floor, Cochran Room





Dr. Barber is the current principal at The Academy @ Shawnee. He served as the principal of Fern Creek Traditional High School, a position he held since 2007. Since that time, he has made significant progress toward moving Fern Creek out of turnaround status and beyond. He has served as assistant principal intern at Iroquois High School and as a teacher at Louisville Male High School.

Dr. Barber is a graduate from Marquette University and earned his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Organizational Development from the University of Louisville (UofL). He currently serves on UofL's Board of Overseers and is a past board member of the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft. He has

worked as an adjunct professor at the University of Louisville, Bellarmine University, and the University of Cumberlands. Furthermore, he has recently attended training for the Leadership Institute for School Principals sponsored by the *Kentucky Chamber of Commerce* and *The Center for Creative Leadership*. Dr. Barber is a former state champion coach and runner and held the Class A State Record in the 1600 meters for 18 years in Kentucky.

Dr. Barber is married to Darra Jarrett Barber (a counselor at Chenoweth Elementary in JCPS) and has three children (McLain - 9, Preston - 8, and Kenzie - 5).

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Websites / Contact Info	4	ence room). Contact rotary@rotary45.org w/ questions.	Rick King	Feb 10
Blessingsina		The Sports Committee has selected Saturday, March 1st from 12 noon to 3:00 pm for the next Bowling	Mike McCall Darin Smith	Feb 11 Feb 11
Backpack		Event. The location is KINGPIN Lanes at 9525 Tay- lorsville Road, one mile east of Hurstbourne Parkway in the Jeffersontown Commons.	Please sit at the Birthday Table on February 6.	
with this project. Questions? Contact Karen Morrison:		Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 1. Details to come! Questions? Contact Jeff Hadley at 458-1171.	<u>B</u>Ì<u>R</u>T <u>H</u>DAY	
Karen@ gildasclublouisville.org 371-3054		Bowling		



January 30, 2014 Rotary Meeting

The Rotary Club of Louisville convened on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at The Galt House. The meeting was called to order by Club President Randy Coe. The invocation was given by Theresa Raidy. Joe Speiden, Jr. led the pledge to the flag and also introduced the song Blue Skies. Richard Schiller introduced the birthday table and those present were honored with the singing of Happy Birthday, led by Charlie Castner on the piano.

Several Rotarians introduced guests, followed by various announcements. President Randy also announced that a drawing would be held at the end of the meeting for two tickets to the Louisville Orchestra's Pop Series concert to be held on February 15th.

President Randy then introduced Honorary Rotarian Mayor Greg Fischer, who in turn introduced the guest speaker, Joseph Hinrichs, Executive Vice President & President of the Americas, Ford Motor Company. Mr. Hinrichs was in town to announce Ford's latest investment in the community: an \$80 million capacity expansion, plus 350 new jobs at the Kentucky Truck Plant. Mr. Hinrichs recalled several interesting career mile-



President Randy Coe, Joseph Hinrichs and Mayor Greg Fischer

stones, including a visit to Tianjin, China (a city of 20 million people) during which every intersection was closed as he was driven from the airport clear across the city, along with his Kentucky "roots," which included a year of living in Elizabethtown while working for Ambrake.

As part of his presentation, Mr. Hinrichs also celebrated Ford's extraordinary restructuring, (and thanked state and local officials for their support) much of which has served to benefit Louisville and all of Kentucky. Highlights included the following facts: Ford began manufacturing Model-T's in Louisville in 1913. Today, Ford employs 8,500 workers at Kentucky Truck and the Louisville Assembly plants. In 2007, a collaborative effort started which included former Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher, former Mayor Jerry Abramson, the Kentucky General Assembly and the United Auto Workers and led to the rebirth of Ford in Louisville. Ford produces 700,000 vehicles in Louisville (20% of all North American production). Ten percent of all Ford F-150 Super Duty trucks (best-selling vehicle in North America for 32 consecutive years) are built in Louisville. *Luke B. Schmidt*



Congratulations to Joey & Barbara Bailey on the birth of their first grandson, Grant! Our newest future Rotarian!

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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 . 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. <u>The Rotary Club of Louisville will pay the registration fee for</u> <u>members to attend sessions</u>. 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 rotary@rotary45.org.





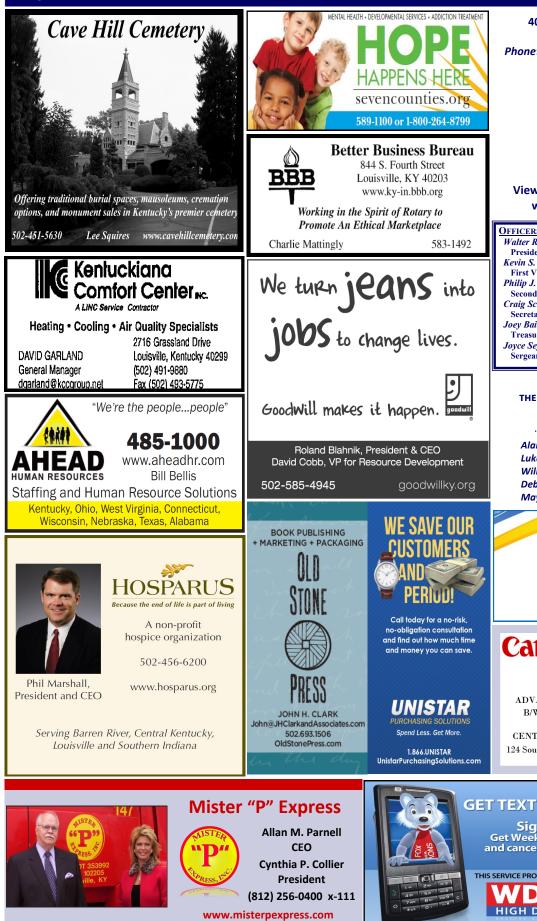
Rotary on the River!

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. This 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.

Save the date for our first 'Rotary on the River'! October 16, 2014!



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