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Club Calendar Link



HAVE YOU TAKEN THE 'NEW BADGE' SURVEY?

You must confirm that your info is current for your new customized badge! Check out the article in this newsletter.

EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2016

GUEST Lunches Only \$30 Per Person

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 28 Mayor Greg Fischer State of the City Address

February 4 Jim Allen

CEO, Hilliard Lyons "Leadership"

February 11 David Brown

National Trust for Historic Preservation

February 18 Bill Lamb

Leadership / Media

February 25 Kate Latts & Andy Shapira

"Heaven Hill Brands ... The Nation's 6th Largest Distilled Spirits Supplier"

March 3 Anthony Smith

CEO, Cities United

March 10 Speed Museum Tour Location: Speed Museum

(prior to public re-opening)

January 21, 2016

Dr. James Ramsey UofL President

TOPIC: "State of the University"

Galt House West, Archibald Room, 3rd Floor Buffet opens at 11:30 - Meeting begins at 12:05

The University of Louisville has undergone a dramatic transformation under the leadership of its 17th president, Dr. James R. Ramsey. President Ramsey has worked aggressively to move the university toward its goal of becoming a "premier, nationally recognized, metropolitan research institution," as mandated by Kentucky's Postsecondary

Education Reform Act. Since 2002, the quality of UofL's freshman class has improved each year, with the average ACT score of incoming freshmen climbing from 23.3 in 2002 to 25.3 in 2014. The university's graduation rate has increased more than 60 percent and the number of doctoral degrees awarded has more than doubled since 2002.

Dr. Ramsey has created a university culture focused on research and innovation that seeks to improve the quality of life for people in Kentucky and beyond. The approach already has led to major milestones in healthcare, business and the environment. UofL's research funding is more than double what it was a decade ago and faculty members have received international acclaim for their research work in regenerative medicine and spinal cord injuries. <u>More Here</u>

New Badges - Have you taken the survey yet?



We are thrilled with the look of the new badges, customized w/ your name, title and business (classifications will be used for retirees). Kudos and Special Thanks to Rotarian Ray Schuhmann for taking this great photo of the Louisville skyline!

If you haven't taken the 'New Badge' survey yet, please do ... But BEFORE you take the survey, you must verify that the info we have on file for you is current/accurate.

Find your name, title and business in the list at THIS LINK. Then scroll down to the link at the bottom of that list to access the Badge

Survey.

The initial badge order will be paid by the Club. Cost of future changes (name/title/business, etc.) will be \$10 per badge.

Member Spotlight



TRACEY CLAYTON, Community Transformations
Coordinator for e3 Partners (www.e3partners.org) - If you see
Tracey at a Rotary meeting or function, please introduce yourself. She
would love to hear your story! Here is a bit of hers. Tracey is currently
working with the Sudan team (https://www.facebook.com/e3sudan/) to
implement grass-roots community transformation projects that can be
"taught and reproduced by the indigenous population (the locals). Tracey
empowers local church leaders to utilize their local resources to
collectively make their communities better in ways that pour out the love
of Jesus Christ to others. Community Transformation groups create
projects around water, health, education, social justice and economic

development issues. All projects serve the community as a whole and are catalysts for new Community Transformation groups to form. When she is not in South Sudan, she works with ... (more here)



WINSTON CHURCH, Realtor at Naples Realty Inc. - Winston's experience is varied (John Y. Brown for Governor Campaign Director in 1979; Sales/Service Manager at Hufnagel & Stivers Insurance Inc.; Director of Commonwealth of KY Revenue Cabinet Field Operations Division; President/Owner of Winston & Company Benefits Inc; and Realtor). His social activities and community involvement are extensive.

March 17 **Michael Gritton**

Executive Director, Kentuckiana Works

> March 24 **Unsung Heroes** Kevin Smith

March 31 **Rand Paul**

U.S. Senator & Presidential Candidate

April 7 Karen Wunderlin

"Generational Differences at Work"





Williams Kevin Wardell Matt Ayers





Coe

Brinkley Alice Bridges Rick Smith



Greg Braun 817-8224

Birthdays Joe Ackerman - Jan 21

Scott Childers - Jan 21 Phil Scherer III - Jan 21 Dennis Riggs - Jan 22 John Whitty - Jan 23 Benton Keith - Jan 25 Richard Roth - Jan 26 Amanda Storment - Jan 27

Lelan Woodmansee - Jan27



1986-90 Louisville Gardens Director; 1964-66 Shively Jaycees President; 1967 United Appeal Area Chairman; 1974-76 KY Historical Events Celebration Commission; 1982-86 Prospect KY City Councilman; 1968 U.S. Jaycees Director; 1969 KY Jaycees Internal VP; 1980-81 Louisville Apartment Assn. Board of Directors; 1983-86 Heart of

the Parks Foundation; 1985 Home Builders Association of Louisville Board of Directors, etc. Winston is married and lives part of the year in Bonita Springs, Florida. (more here)

Service Opportunities











Volunteer Drivers are Key

Your Lifeline Committee is helping Bellarmine with a test program to help disadvantaged people take advantage of "healthy living through exercise." The participants are in Give a voluntary alcohol and drug recovery program at the A Lift LouisvilleRescue Mission. Rotarian volunteers are needed to drive disabled participants six blocks to and from the mission to the Downtown YMCA. A total of 15 volunteers are needed to do this one day a month (Mondays, Wednesdays and

Fridays). The program will launch in mid-January. To participate, please contact LIFELINE COMMITTEE CHAIR LARRY SLOAN: 552-3990 or Isloan0033@yahoo.com

New Member Dinner & Love the Hungry Project • January 25 All Rotarians and Guests Invited



The last New Member Celebration Dinner and Project held on Nov. 10 was a great success ... great food, lots of fun, high-energy, impromptu dancing ... and it was inspiring! We are looking forward to do it again on MONDAY, JANUARY 25, at 6:00 pm, at 4209 GARDINER VIEW AVENUE 40213. Dinner (\$30 per person) is catered by Ladyfingers. Cash Bar.

Bring your spouse, family members and guests for a great evening as we welcome our latest new members. You'll have the option to participate in the 'hands-on' food packaging 'Love the Hungry' project. To participate, please RSVP to EVENTS@ROTARY45.ORG.

Member Opportunities

BUSINESS SYNERGY Event • Wednesday, February 3 from 5-7 pm KentuckyOne Healthy Lifestyle Center, 2401 Terra Crossing Blvd. (Off Old Henry at the Gene Snyder)



President-elect Alice Bridges will host the next Business Synergy event at KentuckyOne's new Healthy Lifestyle Center located at Medical Center Jewish Northeast. There will be socializing and networking, free hors d'oeuvres, complimentary chair massage, acupuncture and genetic testing for coronary artery disease. Come and see firsthand how fitness programming coordinated

by nurses and exercise physiologists can improve health. This is a free event for Rotarians and a great opportunity to introduce a prospective new member to our Club. RSVP to events@rotary45.org

WOMEN IN ROTARY Event • Tuesday, February 9 from 5:30-7:30



A special prospective member reception hosted by women of the Rotary Club of Louisville for women is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9 at 5:30 in the Living Room of the Rudd Heart and Lung Center at Jewish Hospital. A blue chip host committee of club members are inviting women leaders to network and learn more about how Rotary connects our community's most distinguished leaders with opportunities to exchange ideas and take action for the greater good. All Club members are encouraged to identify and invite a prospective new member.

Just pick up one of the special invitations at the registration table available at Rotary meetings in January. Questions? Contact President-elect Alice Bridges

alicebridges@kentuckyonehealth.org

ROTARY 'Over the Rainbow' FUNraiser • March 15



This FUNraiser event will be held at The Gramercy. The live/silent auction will raise funds for the Rotary Fund of Louisville which provides financial support for our Club's meaningful projects.

great evening of fun, food and fellowship is planned ... all for a great purpose. You won't want to miss this! SAVE THE DATE!

AGING WELL Series • Thursday, March 31

Geriatric psychiatrist Dr. David Casey will present immediately following the luncheon meeting on March 31. He will be ready to answer any questions Rotarians and quests may have.



Update - KIVA Project



Please join the Birthday Table at this week's Rotary meeting and be recognized!

Club Officers

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Dick Brien • Vice President
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> Executive Director Debe Skidmore

Administrative Assistant Dawn Hodsdon

Member Database

Club Website







The first refugee/immigrant business to receive match funds from Rotary of Louisville for a KIVA Business Loan is open for business. Sue Zhao is an immigrant from China who has been selling vegetarian and vegan baked goods at local farmers markets and health food stores for several years.

The KIVA loan helped her realize her dream of moving from her personal kitchen to a storefront. Our club helped financially support the opening. Now members have the opportunity individually support her with their business. Half Peach Cafe is located in the same shopping strip as Del

Frisco's and Havana Rumba. Go by for a hardy bowl of chili or a chocolate macaroon.Be sure and "like" their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/halfpeachvegan/ (story w/more photos here)

Social Media & Web

Connect with Social Media

Connect to fellow members using our Club's social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Your participation will make it dynamic! Join in on discussions, post photos, and celebrate fellow Rotarian's accomplishments. LinkedIn is for members only to allow private discussions and can be found by searching "Louisville Rotary Club" in the category "Groups." Then click the yellow "join" button. You can also send photos, articles, featuring Rotarians and other news to Executive Director Debe Skidmore at rotary@rotary45.org and to Ashley Brauer at Ashley@guthriemayes.com. We need members who want to post, too! If you'd like to help, please contact Ashley or Debe.

Join the Member Marketplace

Join our Club's new virtual Marketplace and showcase your business or organization through this new members-only service. To showcase your business, click here for details.

New Members are the Lifeblood of our Club

Do you know someone who would make a great member of our Club? We offer a complimentary lunch for prospective new members who participate in the brief "What is Rotary?" session held immediately after every Thursday Rotary meeting at a table inside the meeting room. It's easier than ever for you to invite a friend of colleague. Check out our membership criteria here.

As a Rotarian, What Kind of First Half Have You Had?

By Michael Kull, District 6710 Governor

 Have you invited a friend or business associate to a Rotary meeting? Will you invite a friend or business associate to a Rotary meeting in the next four

weeks?

 How many Club projects have you been involved in during the last six months? What are your plans for the next six months to help your Club and your community?

- Have you made a personal contribution to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund or the End Polio Now campaign?
- Have you considered taking a more active role in your club by serving on a committee, joining the board or serving as an officer?
- Do you have talents that you think the District could use to serve Rotary and help support the 56 clubs?
- Can you improve your attendance at weekly club meetings?
- Do you plan on attending the District Conference on June 10-11?

All of us were asked to be Rotarians because someone felt we have a desire to help others in our community and the world. Take some time to think how you can fulfill this in the coming weeks and months. -- BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD

Jan 14 Meeting Recap: Speaker Rodney Brewer

The Rotary Club of Louisville meeting of January 14, 2016 was called to order by President Greg Braun. The invocation was given by Tom Williams from Stoll, Keenon & Ogden and Debra Hoffer, President of Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary Four-Way Test. Debra introduced the music for the day from the Kentucky Opera; Jameon Moss, tenor, and pianist, Rachel Zapata Williams delivered a magnificent performance of Gonna Shout All Over God's Heaven. Guests were intro-duced as well as members of the birthday table. Special guest, Rotary Peace Fellow, Meg Fenton joined us today. Meg, a Louisville



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It is important to always get your badge scanned when you attend a meeting. Thanks!

native and graduate of Centre College and Western Kentucky University, was nominated by our club last year and is one of 100 recipients of the scholarship worldwide. Her Peace Fellowship studies at Bradford University in England include a summer-long field experience in Cambodia. Our next meeting will be in the Archibald Room, with UofL President, Dr. James Ramsey updating us on the state of the University. More

Entertainment

BOURBON & BRAILLE - March 22 at 5:30pm - Save the Date!



A very special Rotary Night Out (FREE) event at the American Printing House for the Blind will include bourbon tastings, hors MERICAN PRINTING HOUSE d'oeuvres, museum tour, etc. You'll learn how to type your name in braille and witness the unveiling of their newest museum acquisition, Louis Braille's first edition of his 1829 book on braille. This is the only one of his books on public display in the world! You won't want to miss this event!

Email reservations: events@rotary45.org