

# SPARKS



**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2012**

**Speaker: Steve Wiser**

**Director of Healthcare Design - JRA Architects**

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

**Galt House West, 2nd Floor, Daisy-Sunflower Room**



In celebration of our Club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, local historian Steve Wiser will transport us back in time to when our chapter was formed in 1912. His talk "Louisville: Then & Now" will feature photos of what our city looked like in the early 1900s and what these same scenes look like today. Steve will give a fascinating review of how Louisville's metro region has evolved both culturally and physically.

One hundred years ago, the Olmsted Parks system was nearing completion. Now, we are in the midst of implementing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Parks project. In 1912, downtown was the retail center. In 2012, there is a major effort to re-establish retailing in downtown. A century ago, bourbon distillers were headquartered on Main Street. Today, Whiskey Row is being revitalized and new bourbon destinations are being planned for Main Street. Railroads were the primary logistics industry at the turn of the last century; UPS is now the main transportation hub for our logistics' growth.

Steve Wiser has written several books on local history and architecture including "Louisville Tapestry: People and Places who helped create America's Most Livable City", "Sites to See by Design", and an upcoming new book "Distinctive Houses of Louisville". Mr. Wiser is a life-long Louisvillian. He received his architectural training at the University of Cincinnati, and has received numerous recognitions such as the 'Oberwarth Award', which is the top honor of the AIA Kentucky organization, as well as the "Founder's Award" from the Louisville Historical League. Steve is known for his various civic initiatives that include saving Old Male High School from demolition and relocating the Louisville Clock back downtown.



## Birthday Table

Joe Hardesty	August 2
Carl Thomas	August 2
Charlie Castner	August 3
Bob Connolly	August 3
Bill Dunn	August 3
Fred Rhodes	August 3
Ralph Pettit	August 4
Bill Carrell, II	August 5
Paula Harshaw	August 5
Hulyn Farr	August 6
Alex Hodgins	August 6
Doug Mussler	August 8
Perry Sangalli	August 8
Susan Zepeda	August 8

**Please sit at the Birthday table on August 2!**



**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**August 9** — Jerry Abramson, Lt. Governor, State of Kentucky

**August 16** — Kris Kimmel, Founder of the Idea Festival

**August 23** — Tom Owen, Metro Council Member, UofL Professor & Historian, Metro Council Member, *What Was Louisville Like 100 Years Ago?*

**August 30** — LaQuandra S. Nesbitt, M.D., MPH, Director of Louisville Metro Public Health & Wellness

**September 27** — John Yarmuth, 3rd District U.S. Congressman

**October 4** — Brooks Wicker, 3rd District U.S. Congressional Candidate

**November 1** — District Governor Don Dykman

**November 8** — Brad Broeker (*tentative*)

**November 15** — Scott Brusaw, CEO Solar Roadways

**CLUB EVENTS**

**August 21** — Rotary Golf Championship, Hurstbourne Country Club at 1:00 PM. Cost of \$65 includes greens fee and cart.

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Prospective members must attend the "What is Rotary?" session.

This is the first step of the membership process.

"What is Rotary?" sessions are held each month on First and Third Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Rotary office conference room located at 401 West Main Street, Suite 810.

Membership proposal forms are distributed, basic details are provided and questions are answered at this session. All interested individuals should contact Debe Skidmore at rotary@rotary45.org or at 589-1800. Thank you!

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## Rotary Meeting - July 26, 2012

On July 26, 2012, we met at the Galt House. Dick Clay gave our invocation. President Stuart called for a Moment of Silence to remember our former Rotarian and friend, Bill Donley, Sr., who passed away on July 19, 2012. Raj Manwani led us in saying the Pledge. We sang "In the Good Old Summer Time," accompanied by Charlie Castner on the upright. President Stuart welcomed one visiting Rotarian; Alice Bridges recognized six birthday Rotarians, and we sang "Happy Birthday to You."

President Stuart gave shout-outs to Stacy Funk for her article on MS in the *Voice-Tribune*; David Ratterman, for whom a new scholarship program will be named, and Henry Heuser, Jr. for whom a new, endowed Chair at U of L will be named. He also recognized Mac McClure's efforts and leadership of our "Saving Lives Worldwide" committee which, with local partners and RI's financial help, collected, organized, loaded and delivered a 40-foot container of medical supplies and equipment to the Tamale Teaching Hospital in Louisville's sister city, Tamale, Ghana.

President Stuart announced his theme for the coming year. It is Rotary history, and we will march through it this year decade by decade. President Stuart exhibited original documents from our archives: a bound compilation of SPARKS, Volume 1, No. 1, published on December 23, 1913; a Club Roster in which some of the early expressions of Rotary ideals and ethical principles appear as the "Elements of Rotarianism." We will stay tuned.

Jay Davidson introduced our newest member, Daniel Swintosky. Jim Watkins introduced our two graduating Leadership Fellows, Whitney Austin and Chris Teeley, who each expressed thanks and appreciation to their respective mentors, and described how their personal responses to Rotary have changed and deepened during their time as Fellows.

Lelan Woodmansee introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Susan Harkema, who astonished us with her account of the development of "locomotor training" in Louisville, which she credits for having a unique culture and environment that facilitates her work. Dr. Harkema says, *"The spinal cord is intelligent; it can remember; it can forget; it can learn."* Locomotor training is the intense translation of basic science into applications for spinal cord injury patients. Neural circuits are awakened. Patients incapable of sitting upright do so. Others stand unassisted. Amazingly, some even walk.

- Stan Whetzel



Lelan Woodmansee, Dr. Susan Harkema  
and President Stuart E. Alexander, III

### 19 New Members Attended the "New Member Celebration Dinner" on July 16 at Vincenzo's ...



David James



Rolandas Byrd



Robert Hilgers, M.D.



Daniel Swintosky



Todd Barron



Steve Ragan



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