

SPARKS



Next Meeting: Thursday, July 12, 2012

**Speaker: Ted Smith, Director of Economic Growth & Innovation
Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government**

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

Galt House West, 2nd Floor, Fountain Room



Dr. Ted Smith was appointed by Mayor Greg Fischer as the Director of the newly-formed Office of Economic Growth and Innovation in January 2012. This department seeks to grow our economy through a wide range of means including flexible loan programs, advanced planning activities as well as strategic work in globalization and sustainability.

As of July, 2011, Dr. Smith was the city's first Director of Innovation and was tasked with both internal government agency innovation support as well as citizen engagement. Prior to joining city government, he was appointed Senior Advisor on Innovation in Health Information Technology in the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) of Health IT in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In that role, he led several initiatives focused on encouraging innovation in health IT and public private partnerships. Dr. Smith is a successful online media entrepreneur. His most recent company provided news about the treatment of chronic disease.

Dr. Smith holds a bachelor of science in Neuroscience from Allegheny College and a M.A. and Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience from Miami University (OH). He completed his post-doctoral studies at MIT in space biomedicine and was a Co-Investigator for the Neurolab space shuttle mission.

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STATE OF THE CLUB - Part 2

President Maynard L. Stetten, M.D.

June 28, 2012

(continued from July 6 SPARKS)

The primary intent of Paul Harris and his Rotary Club concept was fellowship! Thanks to committee chairmen like Gary Noel and the Sports Committee, we had traditional golf and tennis. Then they added new firsts – billiards and shooting competition and the addition of possible bicycle events. Bil Hirtzel's Entertainment Committee had a successful Christmas Party. I am very proud of your response to the monthly (Rotary Night Out) and day events with the generous members hosting: Michael Neumann at the Cardiac Institute, Lee Squires at Cave Hill, Greg Pishotti and 21C, Tuck Tinsley, at the American Printing House for the Blind, Jim Remmers at Luckett & Farley, Mark Rorer at UPS, Charles Venable at Speed Museum, Dick Brien at Sullivan University, and John Johnson at The Pendennis. We also enjoyed the fellowship at the End of Summer Party, Rotary Day at the Downs and the recent Bats ball game. All events were very well attended and, in fact, most were completely booked.

Our main service project was the Louisville Rotary Promise Scholarship. Other projects involving service above self: The Habitat House, the very successful DePaul Auction, the Boy Scouts Jamborama, Salvation Army bell ringing and our recent participation in the Repair Affair.

Unfortunately, the club has been without a strategic plan for decades. I am pleased to ... (cont'd on p. 3)

Birthday Table

David Hardy	July 12
Keith Landry	July 13
Walt Swyers	July 14
Chuck Roederer	July 15
Ed Henson	July 16
Mark Schuhmann	July 16
Mike Ehrler	July 16

**Please sit at the Birthday
table on July 12!**



2012 Rotary Golf Championship



August 21, 2012

1:00 PM

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

July 19 — Ray Klinginsmith, Rotary International President, *100th Anniversary Rotary Club of Louisville Celebration*

July 26 — Dr. Susan Harkema, Rehabilitation Research Director, KY Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, *Locomotor Training: Helping Patients Walk Away from Paralysis*

August 9 — Jerry Abramson, Lt. Governor of Kentucky - **MEETING LOCATION: CROWNE PLAZA**

August 23 — Tom Owen, U of L 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

CLUB EVENTS

July 21 — Rotary Club of Louisville Centennial Event, 'Celebrating 100 Years of Service'. Purchase tickets online at www.louisvillerotary.org. Open to public! Live entertainment / heavy hors d'oeuvres / dancing on the rooftop / many surprises! Bring prospective members and invite your friends, family and colleagues. You won't want to miss this event!! Purchased tickets may be picked up at the registration table on Thursdays.

Remember that proceeds from this event go to the Rotary Promise Scholarship fund.

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

Prospective members ...

Prospective members must attend a "What is Rotary?" session. These are held on first and third Thursdays of each month at 11:00 am in the Rotary office conference room.

Anyone interested in membership should call Debe Skidmore at 589-1800. Thank you!

Annette Grisanti

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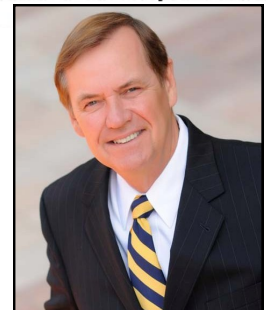

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Past President Stet extends special thanks ...

I want to thank the club and members for the beautiful quilt that I received at the changing of the guard on June 28. It is a quilt with 48 Rotary flags from various clubs in the US and International. The idea was taken from past gifts for outgoing presidents.

The banners were in a box in the office awaiting removal when they were noticed and felt that I might enjoy them. My wife, Nancy, looked through the banners and selected the ones that were from countries that we have visited or from an area where we have lived. In the center is the Louisville banner, with Cincinnati, my birthplace, just below and to the right is PRIP Ray Klinginsmith who will speak at our Rotary lunch before the Gala event. Above that is West Palm Beach where we had a condo for 10+ years, and to the left of Louisville is Chicago, birthplace of Rotary and the city of our honeymoon some 54 years ago. Above the center is the Indy club and home of our son, Matt. This is a wonderful gift and with each rotary banner there is a connection and wonderful memories. I have attached a photo, but it does not do the piece justice.

Thank you again for a great year and I hope that I can continue to be of service to the Club.

With warm Rotary regards, PP Stet



Rotary Meeting - July 5, 2012

President Stuart Alexander rang the bell promptly at 12:15 and called his first meeting as Club President, and the club's first meeting of our 100th year, to order. Brad Hume offered the invocation, a reading of the traditional "Prayer of an Unknown Confederate Soldier." We observed a moment of silence in memory of longtime Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow, Malcolm Fentress, who passed away June 28. Barbara Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced our guest vocalist, Gregory Emanuel Rahming and accompanist Dr. Jim Rightmyer. Our guests offered a truly outstanding rendition of The Star Spangled Banner and then led the club in singing God Bless America.

President Stuart invited guests and visiting Rotarians to stand as a group to be recognized and Alice Bridges hosted the birthday table with special recognition going to Bremer Ehrlar on the occasion of his 98th birthday.

President Stuart congratulated Ingrid Hernandez on the recent Courier-Journal article featuring her work at InGrid Design and her community involvement. Congratulations were also extended to Marta Miranda, President/CEO of Center for Women & Families, for being selected to the Leadership Louisville Class of 2013. Past President "Stet" Stetten called upon the membership to purchase their tickets and attend the upcoming Centennial Event at the Ice House.



President Elect Randy Coe, Past President Maynard Stetten, M.D., Senator Mitch McConnell and President Stuart E. Alexander, III

President Stuart then introduced our guest speaker, Senator Mitch McConnell. President Stuart presented Senator McConnell with a Rotary Promise Scholarship Certificate in appreciation for his attendance. Senator McConnell then presented the club with a framed copy of the Congressional Record in which the Club's 100th Anniversary was recognized.

Senator McConnell shared his concern about the future of the country, referring primarily to the current deficit spending and accumulating national debt. The Senator recounted recent actions, including a \$1 trillion stimulus bill, takeover of the American healthcare, nationalization of the student loan program, and growth in the number of public employees and regulation. Much of the discussion centered on the healthcare legislation and his concern that it would have a negative impact on the 83% of US citizens who currently have coverage. His preference is to help the remaining 17% in a more direct way. He summarized by saying the country is clearly at a crossroads and that the fall election is an extraordinarily important one.

Dan Hartlage then offered several questions submitted by members and the meeting adjourned at 1:13. - Alan Singleton

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announce that a Strategic Planning Committee has been formed. Dennis Dolan, Ken Middleton, Karen Dahlem and Kevin Connelly have started involving members in the development of a 3-5 year plan, effective July 1, 2012.

Another vital element of our daily operation is the Constitution that critically needed updating to reflect the changes in Rotary International's Constitution. Thanks to the efforts of David Ratterman, and the Research & Development Committee, this year-long effort to adopt a new Constitution and structuring our Bylaws to comply and fulfill the needs of the Club has taken place. Continuation of the work needed will be carried out in the future as directed by the Strategic Plan. These changes will take place effective July 1, 2012.

Another year-long project was accomplished by Kevin Wardell and his Membership Orientation Task Force Committee (sub-committee of the former Yearling & Information Committee). His committee's great efforts revised the plan and put it into an instructional course format with a manual. The new Rotarian will be better informed, and the process will be smoother and more efficient, and far less time consuming. This new process started in June and will be in "full swing" in July of 2012.

The new Constitution calls for more diversity: age, religion sex, and race. I adopted the 45 & Under Committee to help attract younger people to the club and generate younger ideas from our future leaders. Presently, we have 63 members under the age of 45.


Our Fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations, will fit right in with the adoption of Western High School for the Rotary Promise Scholarship program. We have adopted three Western students....

(See Part 3 in next week's SPARKS.)

Senator McConnell's Proclamation Honors Rotary Club of Louisville Congressional Record — 112th Congress

Senator Mitch McConnell recognized the Rotary Club of Louisville on the Senate floor on June 11 in honor of our Club's 100th year of service.

McConnell presented a signed, framed copy of his proclamation to President Stuart at the July 5 meeting, and it is now on display in the Rotary office. [CLICK HERE](#) to read in its entirety.



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