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July 30 Rotary Meeting

Guest Speaker: Dr. Kevin Cosby

Senior Pastor of St. Stephen Church and

President of Simmons College of KY, Author & Lecturer

Introduction by: Ken Selvaggi

Archibald Ballroom - Galt House West, Third Floor

Buffet opens at 11:30 / Meeting begins at 12:10



Dr. Kevin W. Cosby has served as Senior Pastor of St. Stephen Church since 1979, and the congregation has grown from 500 to approximately 14,000 members. The church was recognized by Outreach magazine in 2010 as one of the 100 largest churches in America, and by Emerge magazine as one of six "super churches" of the South.

In 2005, Dr. Cosby was named the 13th President of Simmons College of Kentucky. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University, a Master of Divinity degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He has been awarded honorary doctorates from Eastern Kentucky

University, Bellarmine University and Campbellsville University. Dr. Cosby is also a member of the University of Louisville's board of trustees.

Kevin has authored four books and a contributing writer to a number of books, journals and periodicals. The subject of many national articles and documentaries, he is consistently listed among the most influential leaders in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He was named "Louisvillian of the Year" in 2007, and was ranked #1 of the Top Ten Religious Leaders in Louisville by Louisville Magazine in October, 2011. Kevin is married to the former Barnetta Turner; they are the parents of two adult children.

August 4 Rotary **Golf** Championship!

Muhammad Babar
Barry Barker
Mary Michael Corbett
Lukas Dwelly
Tracy Holladay
Mac McClure
Michael Ray Shackelford

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Greg Braun
Aimee Johnson
Bob Slider

BIRTHDAYS

Maria Smith
July 30
Allan M. Parnell
July 30
Cindy Collier
July 30
Tuck Tinsley III
July 30
Paul Bickel III
July 31
Tony Newberry
July 31
Alan Singleton
July 31
Joe Hardesty
August 02
Carl Thomas
August 02
Bill Dunn
August 03
Bob Connolly
August 03
Charlie Castner
August 03
Ralph Pettit
August 04
Paula Harshaw
August 05

Upcoming Meetings

August 6

John Sacksteder, Engineer,
Ohio River Bridges Update

August 20

Paul Rogers, KY Athletic
Hall of Fame WHAS Broad-
caster

August 27

Sen. Whitney Westerfield &
Rep. John Tilley, Chairs of
the Senate & House
Judiciary Committees;

Tuesday, August 4 - 12:30 Tee Off

\$50 per golfer includes green fees & cart

Wildwood Country Club

5000 Bardstown Road

This event is open to Rotarians and guests, but space is **limited to the first 24 players**, so sign up early! Prizes for both Gross and Net scores will be awarded. Awards for both Member and Guest divisions.

Send your registration request to events@rotary45.org or email Gary Noel at gnoel@rhcgroupp.com.



Business Synergy Event

August 27 (Thursday) 5:30p - 7:00p



Office
Environment
Company

Enjoy free hors d'oeuvres and tour the beautiful showrooms at Kelly Burke's Office Environment Company; share about your own business or profession with other Rotarians and guests.

Friends and prospective members are welcome! Location is 1136 West Market Street. Convenient/free parking. This is a free event. **To register, send email to events@rotary45.org.**



Rotary Leadership Institute

Interested in Club leadership? You are welcome to attend RLI, a fast paced, interactive one-day course ... and it's free! Attend on one or both:

- August 22 in Lexington
- October 10 in Louisville

[CLICK HERE](#) for details and how to register!

What is Rotary?

Sessions for All Prospective Rotarians

'What is Rotary' sessions are no longer held at 11 am on first and third Thursdays in the office conference room.

All prospective members should attend the 'What is Rotary' session immediately following every Thursday Rotary meeting (around 1:00pm) at a designated table in the meeting room.

New Ad Opportunities - Stay Tuned!

Here's the latest ...

We hope you're enjoying our streamlined, ad-free, newly formatted weekly SPARKS newsletter!

We sincerely appreciate every Rotarian who purchased SPARKS ads for many years. All Rotarians will now have the opportunity to transition from advertising in SPARKS to a new 'Marketplace' (now being developed) on the Club's website. Watch for details about this great new opportunity to showcase your business!

Rotary Holiday Party

SATURDAY, December 5, 2015

Join us on Saturday evening, December 5 at 6:30pm, at the beautiful historic Nunnlea House at 1940 South Hurstbourne Parkway for our Annual Holiday Party.

Entertainment will be provided by Barb & Eddie! Cost is only \$50 per person.



Authors of Heroin
Legislations

September 10

Gill Holland, Entrepreneur,
Development of Portland

October 1

Eva Kor, Lecturer, Holocaust
Survivor

October 8

Dennis Bergman, Business
Editor, Wall Street Journal

October 22

Ghislain d'Humieres,
Executive Director, Speed
Art Museum Renovations

October 29

Dr. Jay McGowan, President
Bellarmine University

November 5

District Gov. Mike Kull
Club Assembly

March 10, 2016

Speaker TBD
*Meeting Location at Speed
Museum ... just before it re-
opens to the public!*

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<https://www.louisvillerotary.org>

Email your reservations to events@rotary45.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES!

August 4 - Annual **Rotary Golf Championship** at Wildwood Country Club

September 27 (Sunday) - **End of Summer Farm Party** at Stet Stetten's Springdale Woods Farm

October 6 (Tuesday) - **Membership Cocktail Reception**

December 5 (Saturday) - **Holiday Party** at the Nunnlea House on Hurstbourne Parkway

April 13, 2016 - **Motown the Musical**

July 23, 2015 Rotary Meeting Recap



The Rotary Club of Louisville meeting of July 23, 2015 was called to order by President Greg Braun. The Club began by observing a moment of silence to reflect on the passing of Club member David Roth, who passed away earlier in the week. David had been a member of the Club since 2006 and served on the Board of Directors from 2011 through 2013. David was the General Director of the Kentucky Opera and was a widely respected member of the Louisville arts community.

The invocation was provided by Tony Coffey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jackie Ford who also led the Club's members in the recitation of the Rotary Four Way Test. The Club enjoyed some outstanding Bluegrass music, which was provided by Hog Operation. President Greg invited Club member Karen Morrison to provide a flag from a Rotary Club in Spain that she visited during her recent trip. Various guests were introduced. Marianne Butler introduced members who were seated at the Birthday Table.



President Greg made several announcements. First, next week's meeting will be held in the Archibald Room at The Galt House (West Tower). Our speaker next week will be Dr. Kevin Cosby, Senior Pastor of St. Stephen Church, and President of Simmons College of Kentucky. President Greg also asked members interested in becoming mentors to students at Iroquois and Western high schools to contact Thom Crimans (767.8723), or, Walt Kunau (262.2792). Joey Bailey provided an update on the upcoming golf tournament at Wildwood Country Club.

Lukas Dwelly provided an overview of the mission of the Speakers Committee and announced some of the upcoming speakers. Harriette Friedlander announced that Aging Forum will be held on July 30th in the Azalea Room of The Galt House (West Tower), which will begin immediately following the Club's general membership meeting on that date. Finally, President Greg provided a shout-out to Dr. Babar, recognizing his thoughtful op-ed piece published recently in The Courier-Journal and which reflected on the recent tragic shootings in Chattanooga.

Mary Michael Corbett introduced our guest speaker, Jared Arnett, Executive Director of Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR). Jared is a lifelong resident of Eastern Kentucky, is from Magoffin County and holds an MBA from Morehead State University. Prior to joining SOAR, Jared served as the President and CEO of the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in Pikeville.

Jared provided an overview of the current economy and challenges facing Eastern Kentucky. In 1930, Kentucky had 70,000 coal mining jobs. Two years ago, 6,000 coal mining jobs remained, and approximately 50% of those positions were eliminated in the past two years. This dramatic decrease in the coal mining industry has significantly contributed to the region's unemployment rate and the poverty rate.

Recognizing that something needed to be done (and not just another study), Governor Steve Beshear and Congressman Hal Rogers teamed up on a bipartisan basis to create

SOAR. SOAR is now in its second year. SOAR covers all 54 counties which are included in the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). The first SOAR conference attracted over 1,500 attendees in Pikeville. From this, advisory councils were formed and ten sector plans have now been developed for Eastern Kentucky.

SOAR serves as a facilitator organization and is "pro-Appalachia," not "pro-coal." SOAR recognizes that change is driven by innovation and by thinking outside of the box. Four regional economic hubs are emerging: Ashland, Pikeville, Richmond and Somerset. SOAR has been actively engaged in bringing broadband not only to Eastern Kentucky but to other parts of the state as well.

SOAR was also involved in the development of the Kentucky Appalachian Regional Development Fund, which was recently passed by the Kentucky General Assembly. This new fund oversees how coal severance tax funds are disbursed to the coalfield counties and eliminates much of the politics which had been a part of the old way of disbursing funds. To learn more about SOAR, visit www.soar-ky.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned. -- Respectfully submitted by Luke B. Schmidt.

Rotary Meetings in the News

Louisville's [Business First](#) reported on the July 16 Rotary meeting (guest speaker was Mary Gwen Wheeler). Check it out at [THIS LINK](#).

Polio Eradication Press Release

Dated July 24, 2015

The Polio Eradication Task Force Vice Chairman issued a Press Release about a major milestone in global public health that was achieved recently. Check it out at [THIS LINK](#).