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August 6 Rotary Meeting

Guest Speaker: John Sacksteder
General Engineer & Project Manager
Introduction by: Dan Hartlage

Program Topic: Ohio River Bridges Update

Waterford Room - Galt House West, 25th Floor
Buffet opens at 11:30 / Meeting begins at 12:10



John is a Louisville native and graduate of the University of Louisville Speed Scientific School. Upon graduation, he joined the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, where he worked until retirement in October 2000.

During his tenure at the Transportation Cabinet, he served in many positions including almost 10 years as the Director of Highway Design. He was serving as the Assistant State Highway Engineer at the time of his retirement.

After his retirement from the Cabinet, John joined HMB Professional Engineers as a part-owner and their Director of Highway Design. In that position he provided oversight of HMB's design and environmental activities.

HMB is joined with two other firms to form Community Transportation Solutions, the General Engineering Consultant for the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges. The General Engineering Consultant works directly with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Indiana Department of Transportation for project oversight and provides any services deemed necessary for the completion of the Bridges project. In 2005, those two agencies jointly selected John to serve as the General Engineering Consultant Project Manager.

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& Board Officer

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MEMBERS PROFILED in SPARKS

Michael Ray Shackelford

SEND YOUR PROFILE IN!

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BIRTHDAYS

Barry Denton
August 6
Alex Hodgin
August 6
Susan Zepeda
August 8
Bill Brittain
August 9
Bill Rothwell
August 10
Jan Grayson
August 11
Bill Carrell
August 12

Upcoming Meetings

August 13

Sarah Lindgren, Metro Govt.
Public Art Administrator, and
Anna Tatman, Chair of
Commission on Public Art

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;
Authors of Heroin
Legislations

September 3

David Taliaferro, Director of
Microfinance, KIVA Fellow

September 10

Gill Holland, Entrepreneur,
Development of Portland

September 24

Vince Gabbert, Keeneland
Vice President & COO

October 1

Eva Kor, Lecturer, Holocaust
Survivor

October 8

Dennis Berman, Business
Editor, Wall Street Journal

October 22

It's difficult getting to know other members in a large club such as ours. Beginning with the next newsletter, two members will be profiled each week in SPARKS.

The profile will include your photo and updated bio (200 words or less). Tell us about yourself! Let us know your hobbies, activities you enjoy most, or whatever you would like other members to know.

Send your current photo and updated bio to rotary@rotary45.org, and be sure to include "BIO FOR SPARKS" in the subject line.

Business Synergy Event

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



Office
Environment
Company

Tour the incredible office and showrooms at Kelly Burke and Bill Kelly's Office Environment Company and share your own business or profession with other Rotarians and guests at our first of four synergy events this Rotary year.

Invite a guest. Business colleagues and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Enjoy complimentary lite bites and cocktails. Location: Office Environment Company; 1136 West Market Street. Convenient/Free Parking. This is a membership benefit 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!

Invite Prospective Rotarians!

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.

MARKETPLACE Website Page

Advertise Your Business/Organization!

Following are three tiers to advertise your business on the new Marketplace page of the club's website (only members have access):

BASIC Listing - No Charge

The Basic listing includes the member's name, title and the name of his/her organization (company or nonprofit organization). Also included in this listing will be the member's E-Mail address (hyperlinked), office and mobile telephone numbers. There is no fee for this; however, this listing is not automatic. Members must submit their info to webmaster@rotary45.org in order to be included.

DELUXE Listing - \$300/per year

This is the mid-level listing and will include everything listed above in the Basic listing, PLUS the logo of the member's company or nonprofit organization and the URL address with a hyperlink to the member's company/nonprofit website.

PREMIUM Listing - \$500/per year

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

October 29

Shekinah Lavalley, KCADP
(KY Coalition to Abolish the
Death Penalty) Outreach
Coordinator

November 5

District Gov. Mike Kull
Club Assembly

November 12

Dr. Jay McGowan,
President of Bellarmine
University

March 10, 2016

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

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Member Database:
www.dacdb.com/rotary

Club Website:
<https://www.louisvillerotary.org>

This is the top-level listing and will include everything listed above in the Basic and Deluxe listings, PLUS a short description of the services provided by the member's company/nonprofit organization (up to 500 characters). The Communications Committee Chair (Luke Schmidt) and President Greg Braun have both committed to take a Premium listing to get the ball rolling!

Info for logging into the members-only section to access the Marketplace page, and for additional details, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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.

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

March 15, 2016 (Tuesday at 6:00pm) - This is a St. Patrick's Day theme "**Rotary
Over the Rainbow**" Foundation Fundraiser Dinner/Auction

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

July 30, 2015 Rotary Meeting Recap



The Rotary Club of Louisville meeting of July 30, 2015 was called to order by President Greg Braun. The invocation was provided by Jean West Losavio. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Smithwick who also led the recitation of the Rotary 4-Way Test. Members of the Club were treated to a bagpipe medley,

provided by Carolyn Cook. Various guests were introduced. Geoffrey Campbell introduced members who were seated at the Birthday Table.

President Greg made several announcements. First, our speaker next week will be John Sacksteder, General Engineer and Project Manager for the Ohio River Bridges Project. President Greg reminded members of the musical memorial to be held in honor of Club member David Roth, which will begin today at 2:00 PM. President Greg also noted that the Fifth Thursday Forum, "Conversations About Aging," had to be cancelled and is rescheduled for next Thursday, beginning at 1:15 PM in Azalea Room. President Greg also provided a shout-out to Jeff Hadley (article in *Business First*).

Ken Grossman provided an update on the August 27 Business Synergy event and Joey Bailey provided an update on the August 4 Golf Championship at Wildwood Country Club. Communications Committee Chair Luke Schmidt introduced three new pages on the Club's website: Marketplace, Lifeline and Employment/Internship Opportunities. The Marketplace page replaces the paid advertising in the "old" *Sparks* and provides members with three listing opportunities to choose from. The intent of the Marketplace page is to provide Club members with an opportunity to find a product or service that they need which might be provided by a member. The Lifeline page is designed to announce (with the member's permission) milestones in members' lives, such as job promotions, marriages, births of children, or updates on members who are recovering from an illness. Finally, the new Employment/Internship Opportunities page is designed to provide Club members with the opportunity to announce job openings within their organizations as an additional channel to promote the opening – and maybe match up the opening with a Club member who is looking for a new opportunity. Additional details will be sent to all Club members soon.

Ken Selvaggi introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Kevin Cosby, Senior Pastor at St. Stephen Baptist Church (which with 14,000 members with three locations in Louisville, Elizabethtown and Jeffersonville is one of the ten largest churches in the U.S.), and who also serves as President of Simmons College of Kentucky. Kevin is also a Rotarian in our club.

Kevin provided a historical perspective on Simmons and Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Simmons was founded by ex-slaves in Louisville in 1865, prior to the end of the Civil War. The college was founded without any restrictions on its curriculum (this varied from other African-American colleges which were founded by white citizens for the benefit of African-American citizens *with* restrictions on the curriculum).

Simmons was designated as the 107th historical African-American colleges (institutions founded prior to 1964) by the U.S. Department of Education. The historical designation is important because it recognizes institutions that afforded an education to African-American citizens who otherwise might not have received a college education due to discrimination.

Kevin pointed out the need for African-American colleges, given their success rates in educating African-American citizens (23% of all African-American citizens receive their degrees from African-American colleges). The Simmons College of KY campus is located at 1018 South Seventh Street. Check out there website: <http://www.simmonscollegeky.edu>.

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

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](#).

MENTORS ARE NEEDED!

YOU can make a lasting difference in a student's life -- sign up today!

The Rotary sponsored ACE Program at Western High School is gearing up for another school year of helping Louisville high school students become involved in projects relating to the construction/maintenance industry. There is also a program at Iroquois High which needs mentors as well. Please consider becoming an ACE mentor - either yourself or someone else in your company. If you have questions, please contact Daniel Swintosky or Rick King (contact info below).

We're having our required annual mentor training at the Builders Exchange. There are two dates to select from that hopefully you can attend one or the other. I'll send a meeting request to get on your calendar and allow us to have an accurate count.

The first class will be **Friday Aug. 14th 11:00 – 1:00**, and lunch will be provided; the second class will be **Wednesday Aug. 19th 8:00 – 10:00**, coffee/breakfast will be provided.

Please go to the www.acementor.org to register or login as a mentor for 2015-2016 school year. You will also have to complete a background check. We all appreciate the time and efforts put into this program. All of the success we've been able to celebrate couldn't have happened without mentors.

Questions? Contact RICK KING (817-6086) or DAN SWINTOSKY (817-3799).