

SPARKS



Next Meeting: June 19, 2014

Guest Speaker: Dr. Aristófañes Cedeño
Title: Executive Director & Academic Dean
of the Governor's Scholars Program

Topic: *The Governor's Scholars Program —*
32 Summers of Academic Excellence and Intellectual Discovery

Galt House West, Third Floor, Cochran Room
Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm



Born and raised in Panama, Aris Cedeño earned the degree of Attorney at Law and a B.A. in Literature at the University of Panama, where he taught political science before moving to the U.S. and obtaining his M.A. and Ph.D. in Spanish literature from Michigan State University.


In 1991, Aris joined the faculty of the University of Louisville and served that institution as an Associate Professor of Spanish Literature until 2010 when he left to devote his full time to the Governor's Scholars Program. In Academia, his research interests include natural law, literature of the nineteenth century, and the Romantic Movement. He has published and edited two books and several papers in these areas.

Dr. Cedeño joined the GSP as summer faculty in 1992 and has served the program in several capacities, including Campus Director (NKU 1995-2001), Academic Dean (1998-present), and Executive Director (2006-present).

Dr. Cedeño serves on the Board of the Kentucky Humanities Council and the National Association of Governors' Schools. He has completed appointments as an American Council on Education (A.C.E.) Fellow (2006-2007, University of Pittsburgh) and a Bingham Fellow (Louisville, 2012). In 2006, he was recognized as one of the 25 most influential Hispanics in Louisville by the Office of the Mayor.

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"ROTARY ON THE RIVER"
Make reservations for two October dates!

A parade of riverboats will be on the Ohio River during this week of October in celebration of the Belle of Louisville's 100th year!

October 14 — Tuesday Evening on the **Belle of Cincinnati** for Rotarians and your guests. \$66/person (includes tax and gratuity) Enjoy dinner buffet and entertainment. Payment must be received in the office by or before August 7.

October 16 — Thursday Rotary Meeting on the **River Queen** for **Club Members Only!** We regret that, due to limited space on the River Queen, no guests can be invited. Reservations are required to attend this Rotary meeting. Please make your reservation before August 7 deadline at [THIS LINK](#).



Birthday Table

Karen Morrison	June 19
John Phelps	June 19
Bill Yancey, M.D.	June 19
John Jennings	June 20
Dick Groff, M.D.	June 21
Ro Byrd	June 23
Todd Warren	June 23

You are invited to sit at the Birthday Table on June 19.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June 26 — Changing of the Guard & Guest Speaker, Louis Heuser, M.D. (CEO of Heuser Health Clinic)
"Wellness, Nutrition and Living a Healthy Lifestyle"

July 3 — NO MEETING


July 10 — Paul Moore (Principal & Civil Engineer of Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Services) Topic: **"MoveLouisville - Strategic Multi Model Transportation Plan"**

July 17 — "General Elmus Ussery ROTARY REACH OUT" Expo

July 24 — Bill Goodman (Host & Managing Editor, KET Kentucky Tonight)

July 31 — Kevin Connelly (CEO of Center for Nonprofit Excellence)
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"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

June 18 (Wednesday) — Rotary Day at the BATS This is a **FREE 'day' event**. Tickets are gone! Watch future newsletter for photos of the event!

June 21 (Saturday) — Firearms Safety & Concealed Carry Class D9:00a-5:00p w/ 30 min. lunch break. \$85/person. Open Range 5-star facility in Crestwood.


October 14 (Tuesday) — Riverboat Dinner Cruise
 Board at 5:30 pm \$66/person (includes tax & gratuity) cash bar. Enjoy the cruise on the Belle of Cincinnati, dinner buffet and entertainment included. A parade of riverboats will be on the Ohio for the following weekend's celebration of the Belle of Louisville's 100th year!



Rotary Bikers

Our club has a group of bikers who take great biking trips throughout the year, and two of them, Past President Ray Schuhmann and Maj. Gen. Stew Byrne rode to the meeting last week.

If you would like to join the Rotary Bikers, contact Stew Byrne (sbyrne4703@aol.com) or Gary Noel (gnoel@rhc group.com).

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General Elmus Ussery ROTARY REACH OUT

Thursday, July 17

Exhibit opportunities are available. This will be a fun, exciting event that you won't want to miss! Access registration form with details at **THIS LINK**.

Contacts: Theresa Raidy 637-7696 /traidy@kosair.org or Lee Squires 451-5630/cavehillcemetery.com

June 12, 2014 Rotary Meeting

The Rotary Club of Louisville held its June 12, 2014 meeting at the Galt House in the Archibald Room. Presiding was President Randy Coe. The invocation was given by Don Kohler. David Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced our special song, *That 4-Way Test*, as a tribute to President Randy.

Visiting Rotarians were introduced, and then Cyndi Caudill recognized the birthday table. Honorees, including Executive Director Debe Skidmore, were serenaded with



the singing of Happy Birthday, led by Charlie Castner on the piano. President Randy announced that the June 19th meeting would be held in the Cochran room of the Galt House and that Dr. Aris Cedeno, Executive Director and Academic Dean of the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program, would be our speaker.

Past President Stuart Alexander was then called upon to make a report on the recent work of the International Service Committee. He briefly described many projects that are underway or nearing completion. At the conclusion of the report, President Randy gave special recognition to Dr. Raja Kara for his many contributions to the Committee's projects. Dr. Kara is pictured here (photo at left) while on a recent water project trip to Katosi, Uganda.

Other announcements included an invitation by Joey Bailey for Club members participate in the Rotary Day at the Bats game. Greg Braun won the drawing to throw out the first pitch.



Past President Bos Todd then introduced guest speaker Kent Whitworth, Executive Director of the Kentucky Historical Society. Following his remarks describing the importance of history in our society and the mission of the Kentucky Historical Society, Kent presented a framed "History Advocate Award" to the Rotary Club of Louisville. Kent invited members to view the cake he had brought that was decorated with an outline of the state of Kentucky. We then sang Happy Birthday to Kentucky which is celebrating its 222nd birthday.

Following several door prize drawings, President Randy adjourned the meeting. - Submitted by Bill Schneider



Bos Todd, Kent Whitworth
and President Randy Coe

Immigrant Family Info ...

Nar K'paw's family came to the United States from Burma. They left their home country of Burma because of the Burmese military attack on the Karen people. Before his family came to the United States, they lived for more than 20 years in a refugee camp in Thailand. Nar met his wife in that camp, where two of his children were born.

When refugees live in the camps, they are not allowed to leave the camp. The camp area is about four kilometers square, and there were more than 47,000 refugees living there. There were numerous problems, such as infectious diseases, and the facilities in the camp aren't adequate to provide for people living there. Since the family arrived here, they have been working hard to rebuild what they have lost and left behind. Nar and his family have used all their savings to buy this house, the first home they have ever owned. The family is excited and extremely grateful for the home repairs.

Thank you, Repair Affair Volunteers!

Rotary fielded 12 volunteers (Joey Bailey, Robert Chatham, Tracey Clayton, Neils Ewing, Mike Fallot, Tracy Holladay, John Hubbuch, Keith Knapp, Ken Middleton, Johnny Miller, Aaron Walther and Ann Wells) on Saturday 6/14/14 to provide repair services for three homes owned by immigrant families, as part of the Repair Affair program coordinated by New Directions Housing Corporation. Catholic Charities was the liaison with the immigrant families, and assisted with identification and screening of participating families. Special thanks to Johnny Miller and Aaron Walther for serving as Rotary Team Leaders. We are very appreciative of the \$5,000 grant provided by Kosair Charities to help fund the repairs and handicap ramps.

Each house is owned by an immigrant family, with multiple generations living together, pursuing the American dream. Read about one of the families in the article at left. Access the full report online at [THIS LINK](#).



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