



SPARKS



Next Meeting: Thursday, July 5, 2012

Speaker: Senate Republican Leader, Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senator for Kentucky

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:15 pm
Galt House West, 3rd Floor, Archibald Room



Mitch McConnell is the Senate Republican Leader. First elected to that position unanimously by his colleagues in 2006, he is the 15th Senate Republican Leader and only the second Kentuckian to lead his party in the Senate. The first, Alben Barkley, led the Democrats from 1937 to 1949.

Senator McConnell previously served, again by the unanimous vote of his colleagues, as the Republican Leader in the 110th and 111th Congresses and the Majority Whip in the 108th and 109th Congresses. McConnell also served in leadership as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee during the 1998 and 2000 election cycles.

First elected to the Senate in 1984, McConnell made history that year as the only Republican challenger in the country to defeat a Democrat incumbent and as the first Republican to win a statewide Kentucky race since 1968. McConnell's victory in 2008 is also one for the record books: On November 4, he won nearly a million votes, the most ever received for a Kentuckian in a statewide race.

Senator McConnell graduated with honors from the University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences, where he served as student body president. He also is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was elected president of the Student Bar Association. McConnell worked as an intern on Capitol Hill for Senator John Sherman Cooper before serving as chief legislative assistant to Senator Marlow Cook and as deputy assistant attorney general to President Gerald Ford. Before his election to the U.S. Senate, he served as judge-executive of Jefferson County, Kentucky, from 1978 until he commenced his Senate term on January 3, 1985.

McConnell currently serves as a senior member of the Appropriations, Agriculture and Rules Committees. Married to Elaine L. Chao, who served as President George W. Bush's U.S. Secretary of Labor and is a former president of the United Way of America and director of the Peace Corps, he is the proud father of three daughters.

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STATE OF THE CLUB

President Maynard L. Stetten, M.D.
 June 28, 2012

It has been an honor to serve as your 99th President. One year ago at the changing of the guard – I was one of 34,000 new presidents in the world to reveal my goals and objectives for the far too short, coming year.

Often quoted is Past District Governor and Past President Bill Bellis, who said: *"It is very hard to destroy the club in one year."* I am sure that is why Rotary only permits one chance!

During this year I have had the distinction of experiencing three executive directors, two executive assistants and one bookkeeper ... a new Presidential record! Keeping up with that many women is always a challenge.

It has been an exciting year with some encouraging numbers for our club. We had 46 new Rotarians this year; we sadly have had 6 deaths. Under the age of 45, we have 63 members, up from 56 last July. We had 63 females last July and now have 66.

Last year at the changing of the guard, I first told you of the plans for the Centennial Party, which is now just three weeks away. After introducing the party, I then nervously revealed my proposed endeavors for the next twelve months.

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Birthday Table

Al Earley	July 5
Carol Stuecker	July 5
Bill Lamb	July 7
Tom Howell	July 9
Rick Crabtree	July 10
Bremer Ehrler	July 10
Franklin Jelsma	July 10
Dave Ramer	July 10

***Please sit at the Birthday
 table on July 5!***



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

July 12 — Ted Smith, City of Louisville Economic Development Director

July 19 — Ray Klingensmith, 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 — Tom Jurich (Tentative) - **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! 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

What is the first step in becoming a Club member?

A prospective member 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.

Invite prospective members to a "What is Rotary?" session, and ask them to contact Debe Skidmore at rotary@rotary45.org or call 589-1800. Thank you!

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Centennial Celebration!

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Rotary Meeting - June 28, 2012

It was "Presidents Day" for the Downtown Louisville Rotary Club, as all were honored—Incoming, retiring and "some of the best presidents we ever had" who stood at their tables to be recognized. It was also very much a "musical Rotary Day" as both our song and the Four Way Test were presented in an entertaining format. Although the announced title of "The Changing of the Guard" has not generally inspired record attendance, the Daisy-Sunflower Room (not one of our favorite venues) was appropriately crowded, as those seated at the customary round tables for lunch faced two banks of long tables where Club luminaries were seated on and before the raised platform in front of the room. Paul Bickel led us in the invocation and Gordon Costley in our song which had accompanying pictures of Cowboy Stetten on his "ranch". The words (*see below*) were written by Lelan Woodmansee, and it was sung to the tune of "Home, Home on the Range". (*To view the slideshow version, click here.*)

Verse 1

*Oh give him a farm where the winds still blow warm, And there's shelter of many a tree;
Where cows calmly graze, Far from Galt House's maze, But his heart is e'er with Rotary!*

Verse 2

*New bylaws got writ, His 'Nights Out' were a hit, As he wrapped up our first ninety-nine;
Our gift to this town, Is a star in our crown, Promise Scholarship money he mined.*

Chorus

*Home, home on his ranch, Our financial gap Stetten did stanch;
He led us just fine, He had plenty of spine, Faced with challenges he did not blanch.*

Verse 3

*Stet was sure as you're in the know, Hired a new CEO, And conducted a strategic plan;
He helped our Club grow, Now it's Stuart's rodeo; But Stet's year as our Prez was just grand!*

Chorus

*Hail, Hail, Rotary! Stet rides tall in the saddle you bet!
When Rotary's done, Stet will ride toward the sun; He's among our best Presidents yet!*



President Maynard L. 'Stet' Stetten, M.D., Rotarian of the Year, Greg Braun, and the 2012-13 President, Stuart E. Alexander, III

The song was followed by an audio version of the Four Way Test, played over the speaker system, with an accompanying ukulele, bluegrass style.

After President Stet welcomed three Rotary visitors — Miami FL, and Stet's wife, Nancy, and his son, Rotarian Matthew Stetten from Indianapolis — Paul Gold presented the birthday celebrants, including Jeff Underwood on his birthday. Congratulations to four club members in the news—Jerry Cantrell, Alan Rosenberg, Alan DeLisle and

Amber Halloran. Members of the Rotary Club Board for 2011-12 were introduced and thanked, as were all committee chairs. Greg Braun was honored as the "2011-12 Rotarian of the Year", after which President Stet reviewed highlights of the year during his administration. Several highlights mentioned were the strategic plan, Constitution revisions and the honorary memberships of UK and UofL Presidents. (*For President Stet's remarks in their entirety, refer to the 'State of the Club' article in this newsletter.*)

As his last act as President, Stet turned the meeting over to President-Elect Stuart Alexander and moved the President's ruby pin from his lapel to Stuart's, who then introduced the bevy of beauties at a front table—his wife, two daughters and a college friend of one, two of whom (Elizabeth Alexander and Dina Klimkina) have served as summer interns in the Rotary office. He thanked Past President Stet, "one of the best we ever had," as a fine mentor and friend, and promised to "honor the past" as he "sets the table for the future." Our penultimate President—another of "the best"—Henry Heuser, Jr. gave Stet his Past President's pin and badge, his gavel, and a beautiful quilt made of numerous flags of other clubs. Our new President introduced all the 2012-13 Officers and Directors of the Board who stood to be recognized, and ended his first meeting by ringing the bell. - David Reed

STATE OF THE CLUB

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Like all presidents, you do not want to have membership decline! New membership is very important, and this year my goal was to maintain membership with improved retention. We have 1.2 million members in the world and we had 1.2 million members ten years ago — thus— sort of a Rotary turnstile.

I felt then, as I do now, retention is the key to growth. Happy Rotarians will promote and bring in new members! It sure helps to have good food and excellent programs! For that, we have to thank Ken Grossman and his committee for our excellent programs.

If members are informed, they tend to be involved. So DaCdb was brought on with its excellent inter and intra club communication potential. With our lack of a roster for the first four months, it provided an instant roster with changes and phone app capabilities. Social media was added; the web page was changed and greatly improved and is updated on a regular basis. Our web page is an outstanding tool which provides links to the Rotary International, District 6710, our weekly schedules, programs and content, and activities are all available online. This was only accomplished and gets better daily because of the skill and knowledge of Debe Skidmore, our Executive Director! Sparks was totally brought in-house and made digital and in color. Advertisers now have a live link to their websites. Plans are to add pages with more content about our club and events for the future and of the past. We also have improved video, and we can make in-house DVD's of each program and send to members upon request. (*Cont'd next week*)

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August 21, 2012

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