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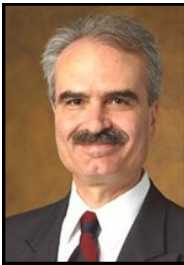
Guest Speaker: Robert Bolli, M.D.

Title: University of Louisville Director of Division of Cardiology and Institute for Molecular Cardiology

Topic: *Groundbreaking Research in Regenerative Cardiology Through Cardiac Stem Cell Repair to the Heart Muscle*

Introduced by: Judy Handmaker

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



Roberto Bolli, M.D. is director of the Division of Cardiology and U of L's Institute for Molecular Cardiology and a member of the Cardiovascular Innovation Institute. He is also Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Medicine. His research focuses on preventing the damage caused during heart attacks by studying ischemic preconditioning, the phenomenon in which heart muscle exposed to brief periods of stress becomes resistant to the tissue death that might be caused by a heart attack. He is investigating the use of adult cardiac stem cells to repair dead heart tissue, pioneering the use of stem cells taken from the patient for potential heart repair applications.

Since his arrival to UofL in 1994, Bolli and his team have brought over 50 million dollars in NIH grants to the university. Bolli presents regularly at national meetings and has published extensively in *Circulation Research*, the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, *PNAS* and other prestigious journals. He is currently chairman of the AHA's Distinguished Scientist Selection Committee, of the AHA's Council on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences and of the AHA's Council Operations Committee. He is a member of the advisory council of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. He is also president-elect of the International Society for Heart Research.

Bolli is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Basic Research Prize of the American Heart Association (2001), the MERIT Award from the NIH (2001), the Research Achievement Award from the International Society for Heart Research (2004), the Lucian Award from McGill University (2004), the Ken Bowman Award from the University of Manitoba, and the Howard Morgan Award from the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences. He has published more than 270 peer-reviewed articles. Bolli earned his medical degree at the University of Perugia in Italy and was a cardiology research fellow at the NIH. Prior to joining U of L, he was a professor of cardiology at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

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MARCH MADNESS PARTY!

The Next Generation Committee is hosting a **March Madness Party at Mellow Mushroom** in St. Matthews, 3922 Shelbyville Road, on **Thursday, March 20, at 5:30**. YPAL (Young Professionals Association of Louisville) is joining us, so this should be a great opportunity to meet new people, fellowship with other Rotarians, and watch some good basketball! Game, food and drink will be provided, so come and join us for a great time!

Questions? Contact John Jennings 744-6968



APRIL 29 is "Rotary Day at the Downs" - Limited Tickets!



Join other Rotarians and guests for this annual event on Millionaires Row, Level 4, at Churchill Downs on Tuesday, April 29. Go to the April 29 date on the Club Calendar at www.louisvillerotary.org for details and make your reservations today!

Birthday Table

Phil Marshall	Mar 20
John Mulder	Mar 20
Mac McClure	Mar 22
Brian Veeneman	Mar 22
Marti Hazel	Mar 24
Robert Hilgers	Mar 24

Please sit at the Birthday Table on March 20.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE**March 27 — Unsung Heroes Program****April 17 — Dr. Michael B. McCall**, President of Kentucky Community & Technical College System**May 8 — Meeting off-site at historic TARC building (L&N Building)****May 15 — Rotary Speech Contest****May 22 — Meeting off-site at the University Club****October 16 — Rotary Meeting on the River***Annette Grisanti***Rodes**
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Rotary?****“THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT!”****March 20 — March Madness Party at Mellow Mushroom in St. Matthews at 5:30****April 29 — Rotary Day at the Downs** Purchase tickets (\$73/person) at Calendar (www.louisvillerotary.org).**June 7 — Bourbon Trail Mint Julep Tour (Details to come!)****October 14 — Riverboat General Jackson** 6:30 pm Rotary discount at \$75/person. Food, entertainment and music! Live performances in theatre and decks. Opening ceremony fire works. Once in a lifetime Riverboat Opening Ceremonies! (More details to come!)

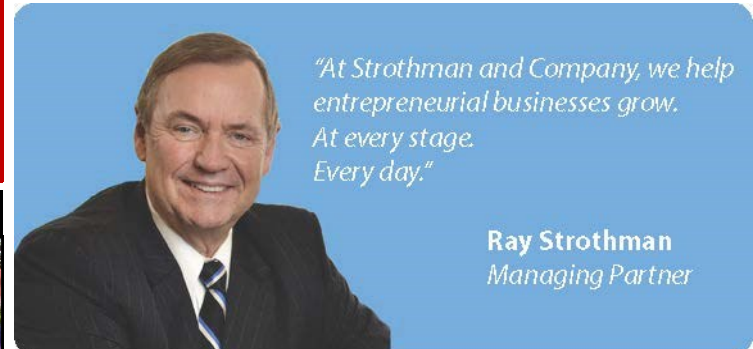
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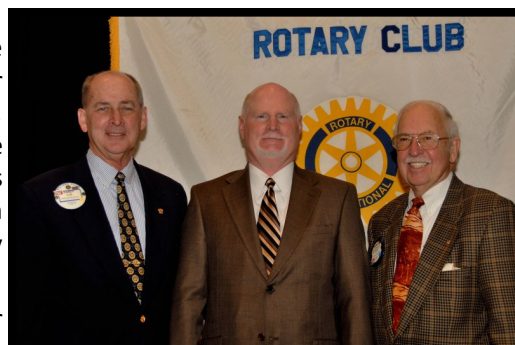
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March 13, 2014 Rotary Meeting

President Randy called the March 13th meeting to order, in our familiar Archibald Room, introducing The Rev. Steve Jester for an Invocation appropriate for the Lenten Season. Following the pledge, even without the usual leadership of our "Green" Bill Kelly, we sang a good rendition of "When Irish Eyes are Smiling". Rotary flags were presented, including one from Kirk Alliman who attended the Rotary Club in Bali while we endured our winter weather! Two new Paul Harris Fellows, David James and Debe Skidmore, were recognized, and Susan Zepeda received a five-gem PHF pin for donating over \$5,000 to the RI Foundation. Mary Michael Corbett received the "Service above Self" award.

Dr. Paul Oberst introduced today's speaker, Tom Monahan, retiring Publisher and President of Business First who began by reviewing developments in Louisville since Business First began publishing in 1984. In that year UPS employed 1200 workers and there were 13,500 GE employees at Appliance Park. Harvey Sloan was Mayor, Mitch McConnell County Judge, Martha Layne Collins Governor and Ronald Reagan was President. He recalled some of the "community giants" of that era with names like Simons, Cherry, Byck, Wyatt, Bingham and Heuser. He pointed out that the Toonerville Trolley was gone and familiar features like the LG& E Tower, the AEGON Center, Humana Center, 4th Street Live and the KFC YUM Center had not yet been built. *"The Ohio riverfront was an ugly junkyard."* He lamented the loss of corporate headquarters in the city but recognized the importance of the city/county merger.

Then, Monahan began to look at the present and future of Louisville, which is *"well located, with the river and UPS"*, the renewed commitment of Ford and GE, the growth of Humana, the leadership of Mayor Greg Fischer, our arts and parks, and our restaurants and leadership at U of L. He said that Louisville is *"trying to be a progressive city in what is seen as a backward state"*, although *"Kentucky has changed."* *"Louisville tends to stroll into the future."* His recommendations: that Louisville should gather with Lexington and Frankfort to develop the image of an "urban state." Education needs to be strengthened. We need a revenue source to get things going, i.e., the Mayor's sales tax reasoning, and to make it an easier place to start a business (currently "over-regulated"). We are *"behind the curve"* on public transportation; but the new bridges are a promising development. Our issues are "regional" and we need to think more regionally, with Southern Indiana. In short, Mr. Monahan gave us a good picture of ourselves, where we are today, as he has seen the city develop over the past 35 years. - David Reed



President Randy Coe, Tom Monahan
and Charles Oberst, M.D.

Check out the RLI brochure at [THIS LINK](#). Anyone who wants to know more about Rotary can attend, and the Club covers the expense. Upcoming RLI sessions are on April 12 in Paducah, KY or on May 17 in Seymour, IN.

To register or if you have questions, contact Debe at rotary@rotary45.org or call 589-1800.



The Rotary Fund of Louisville Board had its first meeting since the Club adopted new Bylaws in December, 2013.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

Per the new Bylaws, the meeting was chaired by Past President Stuart Alexander. Very positive investment performance was presented by Fund Investment Committee Chair Tom Bohnert and Vice Chair Mike Shackelford. Distribution of 4.5 percent (\$80,522) of the corpus was determined for both Rotary years 2013-14 and 2014-15. In addition, up to 50 percent of current year donations may be available for distribution to projects.



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Also upload a current photo, if needed. Need help? Contact Debe at rotary@rotary45.org.



Mmmm ... Strawberries!

Order yours and help children and families of Wellington Elementary by volunteering through Rotary's Smart Food Culture project for the **Strawberry Jamm Festival**. It's a joyous celebration of the season's bounty with distribution of strawberries, music, and cooking/canning demonstrations. It's scheduled for **Tuesday, May 20** with volunteer slots for setup (1:30p-4:30), the Jamm Festival (4:30p-6:30p) or breakdown (6:30p-7:30p).



There's also a special Food Literacy Project **Rotary Day at Oxmoor Farm on Saturday, May 10** from 10 am to 1 pm. Come and help tend the gardens and vegetable plots where kids from Wellington learn where fresh food comes from, how to grow it, and how to incorporate it into their everyday meals.

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