

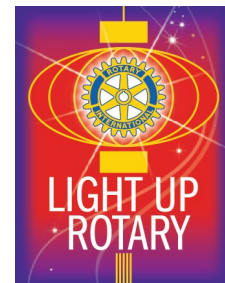
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Next Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2015

UNSUNG HEROES Annual Recognition Program

Grand Ballrooms B&C, Galt House East, 2nd floor
Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm



Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self", and the Unsung Hero Recognition Program encourages youth to excel in this area while working behind the scenes and seldom, if ever, stepping into the limelight. Rotary will honor and publicly recognize high school seniors from 51 public, private and parochial schools in Jefferson County. These students will receive \$250 and a certificate of achievement, as well as vouchers for art/civic centers and restaurants (i.e., Actors Theatre, Kentucky Opera, Louisville Ballet, Louisville Zoo, Louisville Science Center, Louisville Bats Baseball, Kentucky Derby Museum, Texas Roadhouse and Skyline Chili). All Unsung Hero recipients and finalists who are pursuing a post-secondary education in Jefferson County will be eligible to apply for Rotary scholarships from Bellarmine University, Spalding University, University of Louisville, and Jefferson Community and Technical College. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$16,000 for a total of \$42,000.

The Unsung Heroes Project Chair is Craig Scherman. Thursday's program emcee is Kevin Smith, and other Rotarians involved are: Ray Strothman, accounting services; Bob Niblock, judging; Arne Judd, scholarships. Since its beginning 15 years ago, over \$700,000 has been given away by Metro Louisville Rotary Club Charities, Inc., which includes The Rotary Club of Louisville and other seven Rotary clubs in the area: Buechel/Fern Creek, East Louisville Sunrise, Jeffersontown, Prospect/Goshen, Southwest, South Louisville and St. Matthews. Kosair Charities is also a financial partner in this initiative.

According to school administrators, the Unsung Hero Recognition Program generates many positive results to their school and community because it stresses the importance of student volunteerism. Our involvement enables Rotary to be known as an organization that cares about the future of youth in our community, and that we are investing in the next generation of decision makers.



Louisville City FC Inaugural Soccer Game

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 at 3:00 PM

Special seating for Rotarians and guests
in the upper premium section!

\$34+tax per person

CLICK HERE to order. Use password: **rotary123**

*Special discounts on tickets for rest of season games
will be available to Rotarians who attend on March 28!*

Can you help??

Do you have connections with companies or individuals who have Slugger Field suites? Two suites are needed for the 'Rotary Day at the Ballpark' on June 17.

Email: joeybaileycpa@gmail.com

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50th Annual Rotary Day at the Downs

Tuesday, April 28 11:00a - 6:00p Millionaires Row
\$77/person (track entrance, program, lunch buffet and gratuity)

GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

REGISTER & PAY via the online calendar on the April 28 date (www.louisvillerotary.org)
CLICK HERE for flyer w/ details.



Business Synergy Kickoff Event

May 21 5:30-7:30

Join other Rotarians at the new 8-UP Restaurant at 350 West Chestnut Street for this kickoff event planned by the Rotary Business Synergy Committee. Enjoy a great evening, meet other Rotarians, and share info about your business.

Questions? John Jennings (489-6455 / johnj@uscky.com)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please join the Birthday Table on March 26.

Ernie Camentz	Mar 27
Greg Heitzman	Mar 27
Richard Schiller	Mar 28
Glenn Price	Mar 29
Janie Burks	Mar 30
Ralph Johanson	Mar 30
Steven Ragan	Mar 30
Aaron Walther	Mar 30



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

April 2 — Kevin Flanery (President, Churchill Downs)

April 9 — Tom Jurich (University of Louisville Director of Athletics)

April 16 — Speech Contest

April 23 — GOP Gubernatorial Candidate Panel

April 30 — John Asher (Vice President, Racing Communications, Churchill Downs)

May 7 — John Walczak (Director of Louisville Zoo)

May 21 — Wil James (President, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc.)


June 25 — Rotary Leadership Turnover Extravaganza! *You won't want to miss this one!*

POT O' GOLD FUNDRAISER



The Pot O' Gold total is growing! But you can't win if you don't play! Each entry is only \$1, so bring plenty of \$\$ to Thursday's meeting! The winner splits the pot with the Rotary Fund of Louisville.

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Questions? Email rotary@rotary45.org

"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

March 28 (Saturday) at 3:00 pm — **Louisville City FC Soccer "Opening Game" - Special Rotarian seating: \$34+tax in upper premium section #222. Purchase tickets online at THIS LINK! Password: rotary123**

May 12, 2015 (Tuesday) — **FUNdraiser Event** at Copper & Kings; fundraiser for 'Rotary Fund of Louisville'; \$75/person

May 21, 2015 (Thursday) 5:30—7:30 — **Business Synergy Event** at 8-Up Restaurant, 350 West Chestnut Street

May 30 (Saturday) — **Garden Party** at Boone Gardiner (jazz band, food, etc.)

July 15 (Wednesday) — **Zoo After Hours Event** at Louisville Zoo for a 'behind the scenes' tour led by Director John Walczak

September 28 (Monday) — **End of Summer Farm Party** at Stet Stetten's Springdale Woods Farm (Details coming soon.)

March 19, 2015 Rotary Meeting

President-elect Greg Braun opened the meeting with an explanation that President Wardell was 'under the weather'. Greg was sure that ongoing 'March Madness' games being held this week was just a coincidence. Mark Trier provided the invocation and Ken Grossman led the pledge and Rotary 4-Way Test, with some controversy about Ken's blue (or green?) necktie.

President-elect Greg introduced singer/songwriter/guitarist Tyrone Cotton who entertained with a song. Members introduced their guests and John Jennings introduced the birthday celebrants. Greg reminded Rotarians to register and pay online for the April 28 Day at the Downs tickets. Past President Stetten promoted the May 12 FUNdraiser at Copper & Kings, and requested additional auction item donations. President-elect Greg recognized and presented David Dick a new Paul Harris Fellow pin with an added stone which represented an additional \$1,000 donation he had made to Rotary International's foundation.

Before Barry Denton (Executive Director of the Louisville Metro Police Foundation) introduced Metro Police Chief Steve Conrad, he informed Rotarians that our Club had been under investigation for some time. To everyone's surprise, Barry reported that three criminals had been discovered among us: Randy 'Gunslinger' Coe, Greg 'Bugsy' Braun and Kevin 'Pimp Daddy' Wardell. Who knew? Barry introduced Chief Steve Conrad who provided crime statistics in our community. Approximately 100,000 arrests were made in the past 12 months. As of now, approximately 21 murders are unsolved. The anonymous tip line is 574-LMPD. Conrad said, "The number of arrests is important but, if we are to reach the goal to make Louisville the safest city in America, we are all going to need to get involved." It's a complicated problem. Poverty, drugs, addiction and the failure of institutions that should help (i.e., schools, churches and the criminal justice system) ... we have all dropped the ball. He referred to Mayor Fischer's plan, 'Blueprint for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods' (available online at [THIS LINK](#)). Chief Conrad stressed the importance of education, after-school programs and the need for mentors for children who do not have good role models. He challenged all Rotarians to get involved and volunteer as mentors, and be the ones who make a difference in the lives of these children. Conrad completed his presentation to provide plenty of time for Q&A. When asked about his views regarding heroin bills now in KY legislature, he responded: "Let's pass one!" and much applause ensued. He stated that heroin related arrests have risen 40 percent since last year, but added that locking up addicts is not the answer. They must be treated. He added that needle exchange is a big deal. Addicts are contracting diseases, and police officers are being exposed to potential diseases during arrests. Chief Conrad reported that a \$3 million investment will be made to arm police officers with cameras. The cameras will be affixed to officers' glasses, hats or collars. These cameras will provide transparency and enhance the public's trust of the LMPD. No one won the Pot O' Gold, so the \$\$ total continues to climb higher!



President-elect Greg Braun, Metro Police Chief Steve Conrad and Barry Denton

FUNdraiser!

MAY 12 at Copper & Kings

A FUN event with a purpose!

SAVE THE DATE!

\$75 per person



Rotary Club Service Day and Outdoor Lunch with Food Literacy Project - Saturday, May 30 at 10 am

Bring family and friends for a fun morning of Rotary service on an agricultural oasis between Oxmoor Country Club and Interstate 64. This project connects underserved children with fresh foods, the people who grow it, the land, and each other. Angelique Perez, MPH, FLP's assistant director said: "Through these direct experiences, they are empowering themselves with skills to make a lifetime of healthy choices." Please volunteer to maintain the farm's 'outdoor classroom' (mulching, weeding and harvesting). **Enjoy a special lunch — Individual pizzas prepared in FLP's cob oven, using ingredients that you pick from the field!**

To sign up, contact Alice Bridges (alicebridges@kentuckyonehealth.org) or 502-587-4603.

2014-15 Rotary Speech Contest Winners



Julianne Hummel

Jorge Allen
2nd Place Winner

Troi Simms
1st Place Winner

Ellie Tolbert

Monica Judd
3rd Place Winner

These students competed in our Club's annual Speech Contest at St. Xavier High School a few weeks ago. The District contest is at our April 16 meeting.

Annual Rotary Day at the Ballpark!

Wednesday, June 17

Two Slugger Field suites are needed. Can you help?

Contact Joey Bailey:

joeybaileycpa@gmail.com



Behind the Scenes Tour

Join Rotarians/guests for a 'behind the scenes' tour led by Louisville Zoo Director/Rotarian John Walczak on **Wed., July 15.**



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