

SPARKS

Next Meeting: March 27, 2014

Unsung Heroes Recognition Program

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm

Galt House West, Third Floor, Archibald Room



Based on the Rotary principles that guide its members toward service in the community and pursuit of excellence in their individual interests, "Service Above Self" is Rotary's motto. 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 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, Texas Roadhouse, Sky-line Chili, to name a few). 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 program emcee is Kevin Smith. Other Rotarians involved are: Ray Strothman, accounting services; Bob Niblock, judging; Ame Judd, scholarships; and, Craig Scherman serves as chair of the overall Unsung Heroes project. Since the beginning 14 years ago, over \$700,000 has been given away by Metro Louisville Rotary Club Charities, Inc. (includes Rotary Club of Louisville and other following clubs: 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.

School administrators have indicated that 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 become known as the organization that cares about the future of youth in our community, and that we are investing in the next generation of decision-makers.

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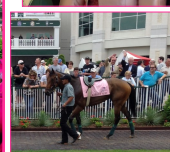
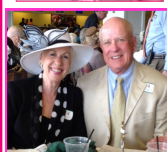
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Annual 'Rotary Day at the Downs'

Join other Rotarians/guests on Millionaires Row, Level 4, at Churchill Downs on Tuesday, April 29, at 11:00 am.

\$73/person (Ticket, Program, Buffet Lunch, and Gratuity Included)

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER / PAY ONLINE



Rotary Meeting on the River - October 16!

Our first meeting ever on the river! Guests are welcome at \$25/person. The River Queen will leave exactly at 11:55am for a one-hour cruise. We will return to the dock at 1:00pm sharp.

Our meeting will have music and surprises. Parking will be at a premium with celebration activities going on that week for the Centennial Festival of Riverboats, so get there extra early or you will miss the boat! You must register if you plan to attend. (Online registration will be available soon.)

Birthday Table

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

Please sit at the Birthday Table on March 27.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- April 3** — **Chris Tobe**, Public Pension Consultant; Topic: "Kentucky Fried Pensions"
- April 10** — **Walter Herd**, National Director of Army Transition Office; Topic: "Transitioning from Military to Civilian Life"
- April 17** — **Dr. Michael B. McCall**, President of Kentucky Community & Technical College System; Topic: "Receive Second \$1 Million RPS Contribution"00
- April 24** — **Neville G. Pinto**, Dean of University of Louisville Speed Engineering School
- May 1** — **John Asher**, Vice President of Racing Communications at Churchill Downs; Topic: "Kentucky Derby"
- May 8** — **Charlie Castner**, Topic: "History of Railroads in Louisville"
Meeting Location at historic L&N building (10th & Broadway / TARC)
- May 15** — **Rotary Speech Contest**
- May 22** — **Meeting off-site** — location to be finalized.
- October 16** — **Meeting on the River**

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"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"**April 29** — **Rotary Day at the Downs** Purchase tickets (\$73/person) at Calendar (www.louisvillerotary.org).**October 14** — **Riverboat General Jackson** 6:30 pm Rotary discount at \$78/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!)

Can you play a trumpet or a saxophone?

Contact
Glenn Price
at 779-8511.**The Four-Way Test****"Of the things we think, say or do:**

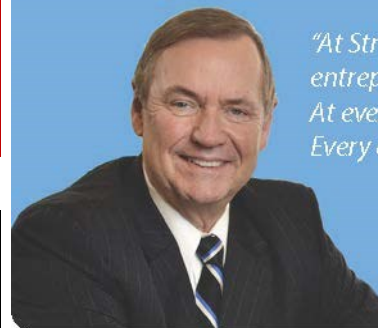
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4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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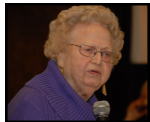
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March 20, 2014 Rotary Meeting

On March 20, 2014, we met at the Galt House West Cochran Room. Bill Kelly Jr. rang the bell at 12:10 p.m. Susan Smith gave our invocation, and Bill led us in the Pledge. Charlie Castner accompanied as we sang "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." Karen Morrison introduced our four birthday Rotarians present, Bill introduced President Randy



Coe, who introduced our special guest Marie Humphries (photo at left) and her guests. Marie is the Club's second woman member! (See article below for details about the recent ceremony in Frankfort honoring Marie.) Bill welcomed our other nine guests.


Bill announced that on March 27 we will meet at the Galt House Archibald Room for our annual "Unsung Heroes" program. He also announced that we would have a special drawing at this meeting's end for Rotarians who wore green. The prize is a \$100 gift certificate from the RIVUE restaurant. John Jennings announced a "March Madness" party today. President Nominee Greg Braun told us about the upcoming (July 17, 2014) "Gen. Elmus Ussery Rotary Reach Out," the present iteration of our former "Elmus Ussery Trade Expo." Bill Kelly introduced Ben Brumleve who, with the assistance of President-Elect Kevin Wardell and President Randy, introduced our newest Rotarian, Johnny Miller. Bill introduced Judy Handmaker who introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Robert Bolli, Mrs. Bolli, and other UoL guests.



Bill Kelly Jr., Roberto Bolli, M.D.
and Judy Handmaker

Dr. Bolli is the Director of the University of Louisville Institute of Molecular Biology, a significant program that currently employs 107 people of which 21 are faculty members. An immigrant from Perugia, Italy, Dr. Bolli came to America in 1978, lived alone in a one-room efficiency, drove a \$700 car, and earned \$9,000 a year as a NIH medical researcher. He was overwhelmed with gratitude for his blessings. Only in America could anyone do what he has done; it would be unthinkable anywhere else, he said. Dr. Bolli's principal work is in cardiac stem cell research, particularly myocardial regeneration using adult stem cells. Stem cells are "smart." Once infused, they move directly to dead heart tissue and regenerate new, healthy tissue. Dr. Bolli's study is called "SCIPIO" after the Roman general who defeated Hannibal. He also has the Cardiovascular Adult Stem Cell Center (cGMP), founded with a \$2 million gift, which will manufacture adult stem cells for use by others. Dr. Bolli's extraordinary work has justly brought him, his team and others, fame and celebrity.

— Stan Whetzel



Rotarian Marie Humphries Honored by Governor Beshear

Gov. Beshear and First Lady Beshear joined the KY Commission on Women to celebrate its 50th anniversary by paying tribute to Marie Humphries, one Kentucky Women Remembered honoree, who was the Commission's first Chair. Gov. Beshear stated, "*Kentucky women of every race, class and ethnic background have made contributions and strengthened our Commonwealth in countless recorded and unrecorded ways. Humphries is part of that history.*" The Commission exhibit unveils new portraits to be added during Women's History Month each March, and Marie's portrait (at left) is the latest addition to the nearly 70 portraits of outstanding women in Kentucky on display in the State Capitol's rotunda.

Longtime Rotarian of our club, Marie Humphries, was appointed by Governor Louie Nunn in 1969 and was a well-known advocate for the Equal Rights Amendment and other issues relating to gender equity. A one-hour documentary devoted to the history of Kentucky women will be produced and aired on public television and will be sent to schools across the state as an educational tool. The documentary is expected to be completed by December.




Check out the RLI brochure at **THIS LINK**. If you want to know more about Rotary, please attend. The Club covers expenses. **Upcoming RLI sessions are on April 12 in Paducah, KY or on May 17 in Seymour, IN.**

To register or w/ questions, contact rotary@rotary45.org or call 589-1800.

RPS MENTOR PROGRAM UPDATE!

The Kickoff meetings of the mentoring programs supporting the Rotary Promise Scholarship started Friday March 14th at Western High School with 9 students and 11 Rotary Mentors and again at Iroquois High School on Wednesday March 19th with 12 students and 13 Rotary Mentors. In both cases the initial meeting was delayed by 2 months due to "snow days". Nureka Duncan at Western and Ross Carroll at Iroquois had excellent plans to make our first face-to-face meetings with the students an unmitigated success. The students were ready to meet us and stayed engaged for the entire time we were together.

Our thanks to Ross Carroll and Chris Perkins (Principal) at Iroquois and Nureka Duncan and Michael Newman at Western. The experience couldn't have gone better, according to all of the Rotary Mentors who attended.



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