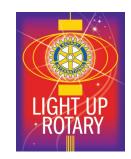
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Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2015

Guest Speaker: Kevin Flanery **President of Churchill Downs** Introduction by: Dick Brien

Archibald Room, Galt House West, 3rd floor Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm





Kevin Flanery was named the 13th president of Churchill Downs Racetrack on July 13, 2009. He has spearheaded a number of renovations to the racetrack, impacting all levels of ticketed venues and has implemented innovative technology to spur record growth for the Kentucky Derby in a challenging economic climate.

Flanery joined Churchill Downs in December 2005 as vice president of national public affairs and was promoted to senior vice president of national public affairs and communications in March 2008.

During his career, Flanery served as secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and as deputy secretary of the Cabinet. Flanery also had oversight of the Department of Facilities Management, which designs, builds, operates and maintains state facilities. Part of his statutory responsibilities included serving as chairman of the Consensus Forecasting Group, which determines revenues

available for appropriation by the governor and legislature of Kentucky.

Prior to joining the Churchill Downs team, Flanery served as president and chief operating officer of Hagan Properties.

Flanery holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Bellarmine College and a juris doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law.



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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)

YOUR 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)

APPY BIRTHDAY!

Please join the Birthday Table on April 2.

Ernie Camentz	Mar 27
Greg Heitzman	Mar 27
Richard Schiller	Mar 28
Glenn Price Jr.	Mar 29
Janie Burks	Mar 30
Ralph Johanson	Mar 30
Steven Ragan	Mar 30
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Rich Robinson	Apr 4
Bill Campbell	Apr 5
Jeff Hadley	Apr 5
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Jenny Drake	Apr 7

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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 Louis-

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

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only \$1, so bring plenty of \$\$ to Thursday's

meeting! The winner splits the pot with the

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Questions? Email rotary@rotary45.org

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May 12, 2015 (Tuesday) — FUNdraiser Event at Copper & Kings; fundraiser for 'Rotary Fund of Louisville; \$75/person; incredible auction items; this will be an exciting, fun evening. All guests are welcome!

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.)

June 16 at 7:00 pm (Tuesday) — Rotary Evening at the Ballpark — FREE tickets! Only 32 available. Dinner is on your own. 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 26, 2015 Rotary Meeting

President Kevin Wardell opened the meeting with a ring of the bell and welcomed the 360+ Rotarians, students, parents, school officials and other guests. Merrill Moter provided the invocation and Rick Harned led the pledge and Rotary 4-Way Test.

Guests and visiting Rotarians were welcomed. Next week's meeting will be in the Archibald Room with Churchill Downs' president, Kevin Flanery, as guest speaker. President Kevin thanked all the Rotarians who volunteered to answer phones during Louisville Public Media's fundraiser on March 25.



President Kevin Wardell congratulates one of the Unsung Heroes

President Kevin then introduced Kevin Smith who described the Unsung Hero Recognition Program before introducing 51 students from public, parochial



**Kevin Smith** 

and independent schools throughout Jefferson County. He described in detail the multiple reasons that these remarkable students were selected as Unsung Heroes, and each student's story was as incredibly impressive as the next. It was clearly evident that each student not only believes in Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self', they prove it every day through their actions! These students don't usually receive accolades for their many acts of volunteerism and good deeds, and they aren't motivated with a goal to become well known. They often serve others by working behind the scenes without bringing attention to themselves. One student uses his birthday to raise funds for a good cause. Another student not only attends school full-time, she also works a full-time job and still finds time to volunteer! Several students mentor and tutor

younger students, passing on positive values and serving as excellent role models. One of the U.H. award recipients helps other students with counseling and provides coping skills for dealing with bullying and other issues many students encounter each day. After the Unsung Heroes had been recognized at the end of the program, they were honored with a well-deserved standing ovation by all who were present.

I am confident that everyone who attended Thursday's meeting was inspired, challenged and impressed with such amazing teenagers! And, it's encouraging to know that these Unsung Heroes are our future leaders and Rotarians! This is one among other great and meaningful projects sponsored by our Club. We are grateful for the leadership and countless hours of hard work by Craig Scherman who has chaired the Unsung Hero program for many years. Special thanks to Craig, Kevin Smith and other Rotarians who are involved each year! Watch a great WAVE-3 editorial by Rotarian Ken Selvaggi at THIS LINK.

There was no Pot O' Gold drawing on Thursday, and the total continues to rise. The total is now at \$496!



## **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.

Annual Rotary Evening at the Ballpark Tuesday, June 16, at 7pm

Only 32 available FREE tickets! Contact Joey Bailey joeybaileycpa@gmail.com





## **Behind the Scenes Tour**

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



### **POLL RESULTS ARE IN!**

You may recall the poll to determine the true color of Ken's necktie. Results: 46.48% say it's blue, but 53.52% think it's green. A fact to consider: Up to 10% of men, but less than 1% of women suffer some form of color blindness. Hmm....



**FYI:** An interesting letter regarding this issue was received from a Rotarian, but his opinion was neither blue nor green! You must read his letter in its entirety to understand the complex factors taken into consideration which resulted in his conclusion. View his letter at THIS LINK.





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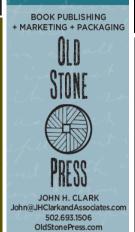
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