

SPARKS



Next Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2013

Guest Speaker: Christopher 2X

Community Leader & Anti-Violence Advocate

Topic: "Metro Violence: Healing and Rebirth"

Introduction by: Fred Cowan

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:15 pm

Kosair Shrine Club - Ballroom - 812 South Second Street



Christopher 2X has been an active voice for the voiceless since 2004. After a controversial police shooting involving a 19-year-old black male, Christopher 2X's leadership abilities were revealed during a moment of conflict when the officer was acquitted and young blacks wanted to riot in the streets. 2X calmed the storm and continues to smooth difficult situations.

In March 2006 Christopher 2X took to public airways to expand the message about anti-violence situations, the root causes of violence, poverty, at risk youth and subsequent incarceration issues. In 2007 Christopher 2X initiated the Fight Crimes Against Children Partnership awareness campaign. In 2009, "*From the Corner to the Courthouse: Both Sides of Justice*," was created for the purpose of educating the grassroots community about the judicial system, the workings of the court, and all of its respective connections. Christopher was appointed to Mayor Fischer's Violence Prevention Work Group recently.

Christopher 2X has been featured on national programs such as *Dateline NBC*, *A&E First 48* and will be featured in an upcoming *PBS Frontline* documentary about his work on violent crimes and incarceration issues. In his presentation to the Rotary Club of Louisville, Christopher 2X will discuss his mission to bring a healing presence to chaotic and violent situations that arise throughout the Louisville Metro community.

**NOTE:
Location
Change!**

THURSDAY'S MEETINGS OFF-SITE!

The **March 14** meeting will be in the ballroom at **KOSAIR SHRINE CLUB (812 South Second Street)**. Convenient/free parking!

Rotary Day at the BATS

June 26 - Watch for Details!



Birthday Table

Bart Bushong	Mar 15
Lynn Ogden	Mar 15
John Clark	Mar 16
Merrily Orsini	Mar 16
Bill Blocker	Mar 17
Ishmon Burks	Mar 17
David Cobb	Mar 18
Phil Marshall	Mar 20
John Mulder	Mar 20

Please sit at the Birthday Table on March 14.



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Annual Rotary Day at the Downs'

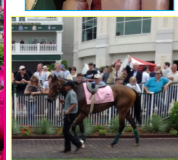
Tuesday, April 30 (11:00a-6:00p)

Millionaires Row

Cost: \$73 / person

Ticket, Program, Buffet Lunch, and Gratuity Included

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- March 21** — Unsung Heroes Program.
March 28 — Dr. Lyle Roelofs, President of Berea College
April 4 — Fr. Clyde Crews, Bellarmine University Historian & Archival Coordinator 'Religious History of Louisville'.
April 11 — Terry Brooks, Executive Director of KY Youth Advocates, 'Child Abuse: A Community Shame—A Community Solution'.
April 18 — Dr. Donna Hargens, JCPS Superintendent
April 25 — Mitch Nichols, President of UPS Airlines
May 2 — John Asher, Vice President, Racing Communications of Churchill Downs
May 9 — Rotary Speech Contest District Finals
May 16 — Rotary Promise Scholarship Fund Program
May 30 — Jeff Bringardner, Humana KY President, and Steve Hester, Norton Healthcare Chief Medical Officer; 'Update on Health Reform & The Affordable Care Act'
June 6 — Charlie Mattingly, President & CEO, BBB of Louisville, Southern Indiana & Western Kentucky, 'BBB 100th Anniversary and Update'
June 13 — Maria Hampton, Co-Chair Vision Louisville & Federal Reserve Bank Vice President, 'Vision Louisville'
June 20 — Craig J. Richard, CEO of Greater Louisville, Inc.
June 27 — Changing of the Guard
July 3 — **(WEDNESDAY)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 30** — Annual 'Rotary Day at the Downs', Millionaires Row
May 17 — Spring RPS Event/Dinner - Evening at Ghens Lodge, The Parklands
May 18 — Spring Family Picnic at The Parklands! Games, activities, clowns, magic, food — bring your family!
June 7 — Trolley Hop
June 26 — Rotary Day at the BATS game.

PLANNING AHEAD

March 13, 2014 — Biennial 'Rotary Trade Expo'

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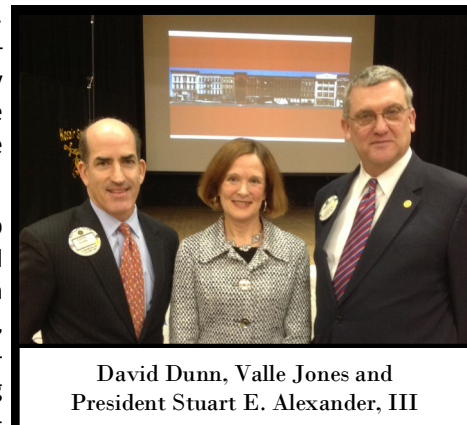
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March 7, 2013 Rotary Meeting

On March 7, 2013, we met in the Kosair Shrine Club Ballroom on South Second Street. President Stuart Alexander welcomed us, and Maria Smith gave the invocation. Gordon Costley led us in the Pledge; and we sang "My Wild Irish Rose" accompanied by Charlie Castner on piano. President Stuart welcomed our only visiting Rotarian, all the way from Lexington. We had 13 guests. Larry Sloan announced three Rotarians at the Birthday Table, and we wished them a Happy Birthday.

President Stuart announced that our next meeting will be in the Kosair Shrine Club Ballroom on March 14. Christopher 2X will speak on "Metro Violence; Healing and Rebirth." President Stuart reminded us that Rotary Day at the Downs will be held on Thursday, April 30. He gave a status report on the Rotary Promise Scholarship Fund, from which we will make a \$250,000 gift to Jefferson Community and Technical College on April 1. Tom Bohnert presented the Rotary Financial Report, saying "nothing is more fun than giving an investment report in the middle of a bull market." The Rotary Fund presently is valued at over \$1.8 million. It returned 12.61% last year; and we are up over 3.1% in 2013. Michelle Griffin introduced our newest member, Bill Roby, Sr.



David Dunn, Valle Jones and
President Stuart E. Alexander, III

David Dunn introduced our guest speaker, Valle Jones, a Louisville native who returned to restore and re-develop the cast-iron façade brick "Whiskey Row" structures on Main Street. The buildings date from 1850 to 1890 and are in varying conditions of decrepitude and collapse. Valle is the daughter of the late Larry Jones, corporate lawyer, magician and illusionist, aka "Baron LaValle" and "Professor Squirrelly" (eponym of "Professor Squirrelly's Tea House"). With her brother, around 2003 Valle secured financing and acquired their late father's "Tea Room" property at Second and Main. In 2008, they acquired the adjacent Burwinkle-Hendershot building just as Lehman Bros. foundered and the world economy tanked. Valle and her team began their work by salvaging, saving and shoring-up the properties. With the National Trust Foundation on board as a consultant, Valle's team developed and implemented a comprehensive plan for 120,000 square feet of the historical Whiskey Row properties in the very heart of Louisville's latest urban *risorgimento*. Valle closed with her late father's words: "Imagination determines the limit of possibility." We gave Valle a standing ovation. — Stan Whetzel

Spring RPS Dinner/Event & Picnic!

Evening Events on Friday, May 17
Picnic on Saturday, May 18



Gheens Foundation Lodge

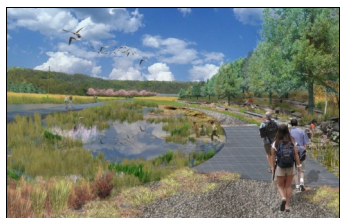
Friday Event, MAY 17 (5:30 - 10:00 pm) - Gheens Lodge

Cost: \$75 per person

5:30—7:00 Cocktails (complimentary / first-come, first-served until they run out)

7:00—10:00 Event/Dinner

Includes: cash bar, Comfy Cow ice cream, entertainment, new Paul Harris Fellows induction, mini auction (furniture, art, vacation destinations, etc.) & surprises!



Saturday Family Fun Picnic, MAY 18 (10:00a - 2:00 pm)

Cost: \$20 per carload

Includes: food/beverages, bike rides, park tours, magic for children, Kosair clowns, etc.

[CLICK HERE](#) for detailed Map/Directions.

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