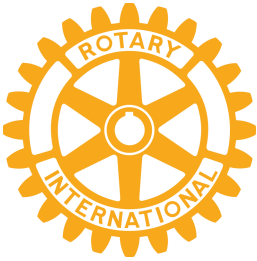


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**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2015**

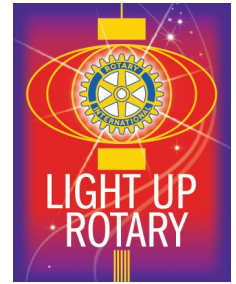
**Guest Speaker: John Walczak**

*Louisville Zoo Director*

**Introduced by: Bob Ewald**

**Waterford Room, Galt House West, 25<sup>th</sup> floor**

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



***FYI: Arrive early if you want to see the animals!  
They can only stay until the meeting begins at 12:10.***



John began his Zoo career at the Palm Beach Zoo after graduating from Penn State University in 1978. He then worked as a supervisor at the Oklahoma City Zoo for several years before coming to Louisville in 1985 to design and build the HerpAquarium and Curate the Ectotherm department. After managing more than \$30 million in Zoo expansion, John was named Director of the Louisville Zoo in 2004. As Director, John led the successful design and accomplishment of the \$26 million Glacier Run Capital Campaign that funded exhibit openings from 2006 to 2013, growing the Zoo's business through the recession with more 900,000 guests in 2012. That same year Glacier Run earned the highest award of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums: Exhibit of the Year. The Louisville Zoo was likewise awarded the Association's 2013 Significant Achievement Award for Excellence in Education, earned as a result of the "School at the Zoo" program.

John has served on many local boards including the Partnership for Creative Economies, the Arts and Cultural Attractions Council and Indiana University Southeast. He is very active in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, having served on the Ethics Board, the Accreditation Commission as well as having recently completed his term on the AZA Board of Directors.

John has been a Rotarian since 2004 and he is passionate about pursuing the Zoo's Mission in serving our community. He believes that it is imperative for the Zoo to engage people through amazing experiences with animal ambassadors as a way to impart our roles in advocacy for living in better balance with our planet's ecosystem. The actions we take impact not only global environmental health but also the health of ourselves, our children and the animals who share the planet with us.

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## Birthday Table

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Tony Kemper         | May 7  |
| Sydney Goetz        | May 9  |
| David Roth          | May 9  |
| Sidonna Cox         | May 10 |
| Paul Herrington III | May 10 |
| Chambers Moore      | May 11 |
| Gordon Costley      | May 12 |
| Jim Watkins II      | May 12 |
| Paul Gold           | May 13 |

***Please sit at the Birthday  
Table on May 7.***



**Check out new events  
in 'That's Entertainment'  
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this newsletter!**

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## Who is the next

### 2014-15 ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR?

Nominate a Rotarian whose actions demonstrate the 4-Way Test in professional, Rotary and civic activity. The form is at [THIS LINK](#). Please submit before May 21. Thank you!



**Rotarian of the Year**

## 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)**



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**May 12 at 5:30pm — FUNdraiser Event!**  
Unbelievable auction items! Bring guests and enjoy a fun-filled evening!

**May 14 — Stephen Reily** (Seed Capital Kentucky Founder) & **Caroline Heine** (Project Director); Program Title: *West Louisville Food Port*

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

**May 28 — Raza Ahmad Rumi** (Pakistani Policy Analyst)

**June 4 — Ray Burse** (President of Kentucky State University)

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

**Nov 5 — District Governor Mike Kull**

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## "THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

**May 12 (Tuesday) — FUNdraiser Event** at Copper & Kings; to benefit Rotary Fund of Louisville; \$75/person; incredible auction items; an exciting, fun-filled evening! Guests are welcome! Don't miss it!

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

**May 30 (Saturday) 6-9pm — Garden Party** at Boone Gardiner / Acorn Lane Farm (jazz by Rob Nickerson Band, food by Red Pepper Deli, etc.)

**June 16 at 7pm (Tuesday) — Rotary Evening at the Ballpark** — Only six FREE tickets are left! Dinner is on your own.

**June 20 (Saturday) — Wine Tasting** at Barney Sutton's place; \$20 per couple (Bring two bottles of wine, take one home) Limit: First 20 couples registered!

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

**September 27 (Sunday) — End of Summer Farm Party** at Stet Stetten's Springdale Woods Farm. (Details coming soon.)

Check out these events!

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## April 30, 2015 Rotary Meeting

The annual 'Rotary Derby Meeting' began appropriately with a trumpeted 'Call to Post' played by Josh Lewis, General Manager of Alpha Productions. René Brown provided a moving invocation and Past President Stuart Alexander led the pledge and Rotary 4-Way Test. Our talented Rotary Rockin Band entertained with 'Eight More Miles to Louisville', led by vocals from mandolin player Mark Grundy. Many special guests were introduced, with David Ratterman who brought 20+ guests (among them were UK President Dr. Eli Capilouto and Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto, Steve and Teresa Bachman ... just to name a few). President Kevin announced next week's speaker, John Walczak, Louisville Zoo Director. John will bring several animals with him, but you'll need to come a little early to see them, since they won't be allowed in the dining room. Great photos from the Rotary Day at the Downs taken by Drs. Stetten and Hilgers were shown on the screens. Brooke Egan reminded all to register for the big May 12 FUNdraiser Event! Ken Grossman announced the 'F-R-E-E' Business Synergy event on May 21. Then Barbara Sexton Smith explained the annual Rotary Derby Game. We all agreed that Barbara brings much fun and excitement to any announcement! (A total of \$207 was collected, so \$107 will be donated to the Rotary Fund of Louisville and the remaining \$100 will be awarded, along with the silver mint julep cup, to the winner at next week's meeting!)



Dr. Charles Oberst, John Asher  
and President Kevin Wardell



Dr. Charles Oberst introduced our guest speaker John Asher, who has been our Derby week speaker for 18 years! John shared extensively about a horse named Regret, and the fact that 100 years ago in 1915, she was the first filly to win the Kentucky Derby. There had been much anticipation for this foal, having been bred by owner Harry Payne Whitney, by stallion Broomstick (the 1913-1915 leading sire inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame) and a great mare, Jersey Lightning. Whitney revealed his disappointment when the delivery did not produce a colt, and named the filly Regret. Little did he know that she would make history and win the Kentucky Derby by two lengths (see photo at left). Asher added that women were demonstrating for the right to vote during 1915, and that some horsemen thought a filly shouldn't be in the Derby because a filly just couldn't win. Only two other fillies have won the Kentucky Derby since (Genuine Risk in 1980 and Winning Colors in 1988). Regret went on to achieve nine victories in 11 starts of her career. Regret was the second filly to win American Horse

of the Year in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, and she was inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 1957.

John talked about the Kentucky Oaks and that most race goers will be dressed in pink, in honor of the Oaks official flower, the stargazer lily, and also in honor of Bright Pink (a nonprofit organization that focuses on the prevention and early detection of breast and ovarian cancer) and Horses & Hope (a breast cancer initiative of the Office of the First Lady and the Kentucky Cancer Program). This will be John's 34<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby, and his winners have been sparse during the years, but this year he's going with the favorite on top, American Pharoah. John saw this horse work last weekend and watched him on the track, and believes AP is the horse that everyone thinks he is. John also likes Muhtaaahij and believes he will take second place. Asher said that if American Pharoah gets tested a little more than he wants in the early part of the race, Muhtaaahij just might win the race. John predicts that Dortmund, the other Bob Baffert horse, will come in third. He said that several other horses in the race run well if you're looking for a long shot but, if you're looking for a big price, Bolo is your horse. He's from California and has been running with the best of the horses. He also has a good grass pedigree. John loves 'grass pedigrees' on the main track at Churchill.

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

Bring family/friends for fun Rotary service on an agricultural oasis between Oxmoor Country Club and I-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 help us maintain the farm's 'outdoor classroom' (mulching, weeding and harvesting). Enjoy lunch (pizzas prepared in FLP's cob oven, using ingredients that you pick from the field)! **Contact Alice Bridges (alicebridges@kentuckyonehealth.org) or 587-4603.**



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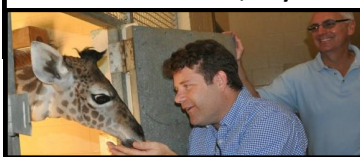
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Tuesday, June 16, at 7pm  
ONLY SIX FREE TICKETS LEFT!**

**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.**



### JOIN US at the ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE in PADUCAH MAY 15-17

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