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Next Meeting: Thursday, May 16, 2013

Speaker: Alan DeLisle

Executive Director of Louisville Downtown Development Corporation

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

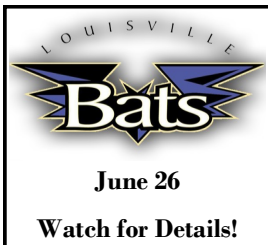
Galt House West - Daisy-Sunflower Room



Mr. DeLisle has been Executive Director of the Louisville Downtown Development Corporation since March 2009. He has worked on several projects in Louisville including Whiskey Row, South Fourth Street Retail Initiative, Bourbon Row on Main Street, Arena District Streetscape improvements, the ten year Downtown Strategic Plan, the annual State of the Downtown event, regulatory reforms, the Downtown Commercial Loan Fund and the Nucleus-NuLu Connectivity project.

Alan earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication/Journalism in 1982 with a concentration in print and Broadcast Journalism at St. John Fisher College, New York, and earned his Master's Degree in Political Science in 1985 with a concentration in State and Local government at the State University of New York. Mr. DeLisle is a Certified Economic Development Professional by the International Economic Development Council. He was selected as a New York State Senate Fellow from 1985-1986 and later became a Policy Analyst for the New York State Commission on Critical Transportation Choices and as Legislative Director to New York State Senator Anthony M. Masiello. Other positions in the City of Buffalo were: 1) Confidential Aide to the Mayor for Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs; 2) Commissioner of Community Development; and 3) President of Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation.

Mr. DeLisle has served on many economic development and community boards and has been a Rotarian for many years. Alan and his wife, Kim, have two daughters, Alexa and Alaina. DeLisle and his wife are currently in the process of starting a family foundation to assist individuals and families with traumatic brain injuries.



PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!

Prospective members must attend a "What is Rotary?" session offered two times per month:

When/Where:

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Rotary office conference room at 401 West Main St., Suite 810

Attendees receive a Membership Proposal Form when they attend the session. Invite prospective members to attend the next one!

Questions? Contact New Member Committee Chair, Julie Schmidt at 589-3538 / jschmidt@ket.org, or Debe Skidmore at 589-1800.

Birthday Table

George Brakmeier	May 17
Richard Cleary	May 18
Heather Fetner	May 19
Stacy Funk	May 19
Kevin Wardell	May 19
Leroy Squires	May 20
Bill Tafel	May 21
Kelly Burke	May 22
John Huber	May 22

Please sit at the Birthday Table on May 16.



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RPS Dinner/Auction & Picnic!

Dinner/Auction/Etcetera! Friday, May 17
Family Fun Picnic! Saturday, May 18

VALET PARKING PROVIDED BOTH DAYS



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

Cost: \$75 per person ([CLICK HERE](#) to register/purchase)

Includes: Makers Mark bar, flamenco dancers, entertainment, new Paul Harris Fellows induction, live and silent auction (furniture, art, vacation destinations, etc.) & other surprises!

Saturday, MAY 18 (10:00a—2:00 pm)

Cost: \$20 per carload ([CLICK HERE](#) to register/purchase)

Includes: Lunch/beverages, clowns (non-scary), magicians (the good kind) and a balloon artist (who knew?) will be on hand to entertain children. Also, a walking tour and mini boot camp led by an award-winning body-builder are planned.

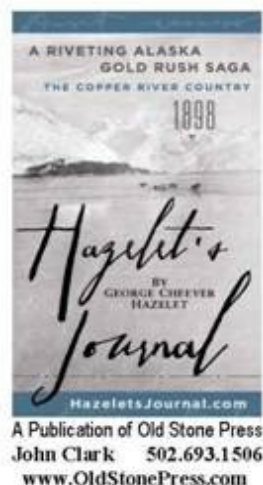
For detailed Map/Directions: [CLICK HERE](#)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- May 23** — Representative Bob M. Deweese, *Legislation in Kentucky—How Laws are Made*
- 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** — Mac King, Louisville native top-rated Las Vegas Magician, *"Magic and the www.LouisvilleMagicFestival.com June 14-16"*
- June 20** — Craig J. Richard, CEO of Greater Louisville Inc. The Metro Chamber of Commerce
- June 27** — Changing of the Guard
- July 3** — James Miller, WFPL Media Critic & Manual H.S. Communications Director (**WEDNESDAY meeting**) - [LOCATION to be at Kosair Shrine Club, 812 South Second Street.](#)
- July 11** — Dr. Jason Chesney, James Graham Brown Center Clinician & Scientist. *"Research & Work at the Brown Center"*
- July 18** — Craig Butthod, Louisville Free Public Library Director
- August 15** — Tom Jurich, University of Louisville Vice President of Athletics
- September 12** — Dr. Roberto Bolli, Jewish Hospital Heart & Lung Institute Chair in Cardiology
- November 14** — Missy Eckenberg, Paducah Rotary Club President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 17** — Spring RPS Event/Dinner - Evening at Gheens 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.
- March 13, 2014** — Biennial 'Rotary Trade Expo'



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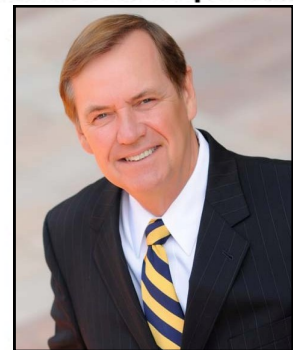
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May 9, 2013 Rotary Meeting

Today's was a program when it was important to hear every word. Tracy Holladay began appropriately with an Invocation based on the significance of "Words." And everyone seemed to know the words to "I've Been working on the Railroad" which was sung after Bobbie Rafferty led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were welcomed, including District Governor Don Dykman, and the meeting went immediately into the day's program — "The Annual Rotary Speech Competition" introduced by Stan Klausing.

Klausing began by reminding us that *"A picture is worth a thousand words"* and that *"today's words by one of the three student finalists will be worth \$1,000."* In all, 91 students had entered the competition, through 25 District Rotary Clubs. Then, one after the other, McKenzie Wilson, Sam Dugan, and Victoria Potter delivered well thought-out responses to the assigned theme "Peace Through Service.* All three were poised and articulate as they delivered their speeches, standing on the main floor just in front of the podium.

Quotable quotes, *"It's time for compassionate action."*, *"Simple acts of kindness bring about peace"*, *"Peace is possible"*, *"People will never know how far a little kindness will go"* and *"We need to give back to our community by being kind to others."* Club business continued after the speeches, including the recognition of those with birthdays, and announcements of coming events. The rankings, by a panel of Rotarian judges, were reported and declared. District Governor Dykman presented \$500 to each of the runners up, Miss McKenzie Wilson and Mr. Sam Dugan, and the first place winner, Miss Victoria Potter, received \$1,000. Dykman thanked the judges, as well as the Club, for sponsoring the competition. Be sure to check out the YouTube video ([CLICK HERE](#)) if you were unable to attend the meeting. — David Reed



Stan Klausing, District Governor Don Dykman and President Stuart E. Alexander III with contest winners, McKenzie Wilson, Victoria Potter and Sam Dugan

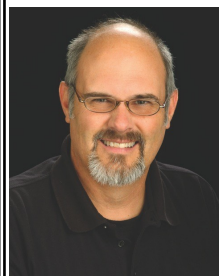
Message from President Alexander ...

Thanks to all Rotarians who joined us for the Rotary/Greater Louisville International Professionals (a GLI related business group) reception last Thursday (*pictures below*). Special thanks to fellow Rotarian/GLIP members Erskine Courtenay and Nima Kulkarni for their help and to Greg Braun for organizing this outstanding event. Greg and the Membership Development committee have had a series of great events with related civic groups this year and our success in attracting new members is the product of the Committee's effectiveness.

Many GLIP members expressed a strong interest in joining Rotary and we are following up. GLIP is also interested in partnering with us on international service projects, and we are identifying opportunities for water projects in India and Pakistan along with Rotarian Muhammad Babar and his Pakistani/American physicians group.

If you have an interest in international business, please consider joining GLIP, especially if you are already a GLI member. FYI: Craig Richards, CEO of GLI Inc., will be our speaker on June 20.

Welcome Recent New Member! MARK HOGG



"Associations—
WaterStep"

Founder & CEO

WaterStep

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Mark is the 2012 recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year for the Central Ohio/KY region. As founder/CEO of WaterStep, Mark strives to fulfill the mission to bring clean water around the world through his organization, WaterStep.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Hogg grew up in Nashville where he earned a degree at Belmont University. He launched EDGE Outreach in 1995 in Louisville, which later became WaterStep. In addition, WaterStep has been at the forefront of disaster relief efforts providing safe drinking water for hundreds of thousands in more than 23 countries throughout the world.

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International Art & Networking May 9 Event



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