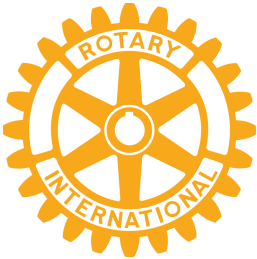


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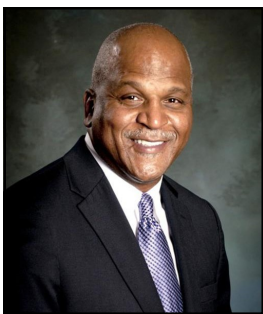
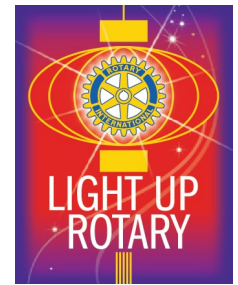


**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2015**

**Guest Speaker: Wilbert W. (Wil) James**  
President, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc.

**Introduced by: Julie Schmidt**

**Grand Ballroom C, Galt House East, 2nd floor**  
**Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm**



The seventh president of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. since 2010, Wil James leads Toyota's largest automotive manufacturing plant in North America, while also championing quality initiatives for Toyota's fourteen North American manufacturing operations. Toyota's Kentucky plant manufactures the Camry, America's best-selling car, and was recently the new home of the first U.S. produced Lexus.

James was recently named one of the Top 100 Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America. While serving as Toyota's North American diversity champion, he led diversity and inclusion efforts for the company in plants across the U.S., Canada and Mexico, which directly employs more than 40,000 people.

In addition to ensuring that his company serves as an outstanding corporate and community citizen, James lends his personal talents in service to several civic and community organizations. He currently serves as Chair-Elect of the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, is a board member of the Bluegrass Economic Advancement Movement and was most recently named as a board member of National Urban League.

A native of Norfolk, Virginia, James received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Old Dominion University in 1978. Additionally, in 2013, James received an honorary doctorate of engineering from the University of Kentucky in recognition of his life's work, and his leadership with Toyota.

He and his wife, Michaelene, reside in Lexington, Kentucky, which places him close to his children and their families.



## Business Synergy Kickoff Event

**Thursday, May 21 5:30-7:30**

The Business Synergy Committee invites you to join other Rotarians at the new 8-UP Restaurant, 350 West Chestnut Street, for this kickoff event. Enjoy a great evening, meet Rotarians, network and share about your business with others.

**Free Hors d'oeuvres / Cash Bar**

**Questions? John Jennings (489-6455 / johnj@uscky.com)**

## Birthday Table

Mark Grundy	May 21
Bill Tafel	May 21
Kelly Burke	May 22
John Huber	May 22
John Keith	May 23
Scotty McArthur	May 23
Bob Rounsavall III	May 23
Kevin Smith	May 23
Otto Feddern	May 25
Henry Heuser Jr.	May 25
Keith Knapp	May 25
Bud Orr	May 26

**Please sit at the Birthday Table on May 21.**



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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 28. Thank you!



**Rotarian of the Year**

## Rotary Night at

Boone Gardiner's



**Saturday, May 30 (6:00-9:00)**

Come to the Garden Center and experience the magic of Jazz in the Garden; food & beverages included. Enjoy the sounds of the Rob Nickerson Band, stroll the butterfly gardens, check out the Acorn Lane Farm, while mixing and mingling with other Rotarians/friends.

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

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

**June 11 — Karen Williams** (President & CEO of Louisville Convention & Visitors Bureau) and **Rip Rippetoe** (President & CEO of Kentucky State Fair Board)

**June 25 — Rotary Leadership Turnover Extravaganza!** *New leadership for the club's FY 2015-16 will be introduced in a way never done before ... you won't want to miss this meeting!!*

**July 9 — David Phemister** (State Director KY Chapter of Nature Conservancy)

**Nov 5 — District Governor Mike Kull** (District Assembly)



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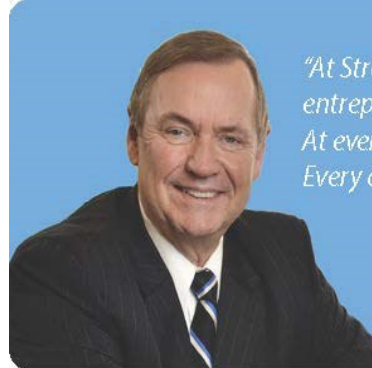
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## "THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

**May 21 (Thursday) 5:30-7:30 — Business Synergy Event** at 8-Up Restaurant, 350 West Chestnut Street. Free Hors d'oeuvres!

**May 30 (Saturday) 6-9pm — Garden Party** at Boone Gardiner / Acorn Lane Farm - **\$25/person** (jazz by Rob Nickerson Band, food by Red Pepper Deli, etc.) **Pay online HERE.**

**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 Swap/Tasting** at Barney Sutton's place; Only **\$20 per couple** (Bring two bottles of wine, take one home) **Limit: First 20 couples registered! Pay online HERE.**

**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.)

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## May 14, 2015 Rotary Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Wardell. The invocation was provided by Muhammad Babar, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Glenn Price, and the Rotary Four Way Test was also recited. Various guests were introduced. Kristin Willard introduced the birthday celebrants, and Lee Squires' retirement from Cave Hill Cemetery was recognized. President Kevin made several announcements and thanked members for their participation and attendance to make the May 12 FUNdraiser such a success! VP Julie Schmidt reminded members to submit 'Rotarian of the Year' nominations before the May 28 deadline. John Jennings announced the May 21 Business Synergy event which will be held at the new Eight-Up lounge. Treasurer John Hampton provided the Treasurer's Report, and also provided a few financial facts. He suggested that members can join others and authorize the office to keep their credit card info on file for automatic payment of membership dues each quarter. Members should also know that secure payments may be made at any time online via our website at <https://www.louisvillerotary.org/make-a-payment>.



Stephen Reily and Caroline Heine

David Dunn introduced guest speakers Stephen Reily and Caroline Heine who presented information about the West Louisville Food Port. This project is basically a food-centric economic and community development engine that will create jobs for West Louisville residents, enhance the built environment and green space of surrounding disinvested neighborhoods, while enabling existing small businesses to grow. In addition, it will increase farmers' income as they increase their market channels, enable new food businesses to take their first steps, and provide educational opportunities about food and agriculture. This is a rendering (at left) of the potential site at 3029 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard (located at the intersection of the Russell, Shawnee and Portland neighborhoods). The plan is to transform the 24-acre brownfield into a seed-to-waste food chain where food is grown, harvested, processed, sold, eaten and even disposed into a bio-digester to be converted to methane gas and returned to the energy stream. This project represents a potential \$50 million+ investment in West Louisville that will bring 200 permanent jobs, of which nearly two-thirds are new, as well as 275 temporary construction jobs. All jobs will pay above minimum wage.



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Among other statistics provided, Stephen reported that Louisville is rated #7 on Zagat's list of America's Next Hot Food Cities. A recent survey revealed that 72 percent of Louisvillians already buy local food. The survey also revealed that commercial buyers currently spend \$214 million on local foods, and would be willing to spend an additional \$139 million, for a total of \$353 million. Much of the food the commercial sectors purchase will be handled, transformed and resold in a variety of outlets, leveraging that \$353 million in local food purchases to contribute an estimated \$800 million to the local economy.

The Pot of Gold drawing was held, but the drawn member's name was not present, and the total has risen to nearly \$650!

## May 12 FUNdraiser for Rotary Fund of Louisville — A Great Success! Thank You!



### Annual Rotary Evening at the Ballpark

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

Contact Joey Bailey  
[joeybaileycpa@gmail.com](mailto:joeybaileycpa@gmail.com)



### Behind the Scenes Tour Wednesday, July 15

Join Rotarians/guests for a 'BEHIND THE SCENES' tour led by Louisville Zoo Director/ Rotarian John Walczak. BBQ meal w/ sides included. Adults only.

**Save the date! Details coming soon!**

### Rotary Service Day - Food Project Saturday, May 30 at 10 am

Bring family/friends to an agricultural oasis between Oxmoor Country Club and I-64. This project connects underserved children w/ fresh foods, the people who grow it, the land, and each other. Help maintain the farm's 'outdoor classroom' (mulching, weeding and harvesting). Enjoy pizzas prepared in FLP's cob oven, using ingredients that you pick from the field!

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