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**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 24, 2012**

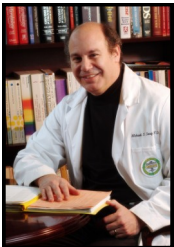
**Speaker: Michael Saag, M.D. - Director**

**Center for AIDS Research, University of Alabama at Birmingham**

***30 Years of AIDS ... Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?***

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

**Galt House East - Second Floor - Grand Ballroom 'A'**



Dr. Michael Saag is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Alabama Birmingham and the Director of the UAB Center for AIDS Research. A Louisville native and Ballard High School class of 1973 graduate, Dr. Saag has become one of the world's most renowned researchers of the HIV virus. Dr. Saag earned his medical degree with honors from the University of Louisville. He completed his residency and infectious disease fellowship training at UAB. During his fellowship, Dr. Saag conceived the concept of a comprehensive HIV outpatient clinic dedicated to the provision of comprehensive patient care and clinical outcomes research.

Dr. Saag has published over 280 articles in peer review journals. He has contributed 50 chapters to medical textbooks, served on the Editorial Board of AIDS Research and Human Retroviruses, and co-edited a textbook entitled *AIDS Therapy*. Dr. Saag has spoken all over the world about his research. In December 2010 Dr. Saag was awarded the President's Medal of UAB, the highest honor given at this institution.

The World Health Organization considers the HIV infection to be a pandemic. From its discovery in 1981, AIDS killed more than 25 million people. In 2009 AIDS claimed an estimated 1.8 million lives, including approximately 260,000 children. Treatment with antiretroviral drugs reduces both the mortality rate and the morbidity of HIV infection.

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Rajashree Birla recently committed an additional \$1 million to the Rotary Foundation for polio eradication efforts.



## Birthday Table

Otto Feddern	May 25
Henry Heuser, Jr.	May 25
Keith Knapp, Ph.D.	May 25
Bud Orr	May 26
Joe Steier	May 27
Annette Grisanti	May 28
Barry Oxley	May 29
Scott Hedges	May 30
John Lannert	May 30

***Please sit at the Birthday table  
on May 24!***



**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

- May 24** — Michael Saag, M.D., Director of Center for AIDS Research, University of Alabama at Birmingham, *30 Years of AIDS ... Where Have We Been & Where Are We Going?*
- May 31** — Peter Morrin, *50th Anniversary & History of Studio Glass*
- June 7** — Rear Admiral Frank Caldwell, Commander of Pacific Submarine Forces (MEETING LOCATION: The Ice House)
- June 14** — David Bell, Manager of Louisville BATS
- June 21** — Louisville Rotary Promise Scholarship Presentation with Mayor Fischer
- June 28** — Changing of the Guard
- July 5** — Senator Mitch McConnell
- July 12** — Ted Smith, City of Louisville Economic Development Director
- July 19** — Ray Klinginsmith, Rotary International President, *100th Anniversary Rotary Club of Louisville Celebration*
- July 26** — Dr. Susan Harkema, Rehabilitation Research Director, KY Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, *Locomotor Training: Helping Patients Walk Away from Paralysis*
- August 9** — Tom Jurich (*Tentative*)
- August 23** — Tom Owen, U of L Professor / Historian, Metro Council Member, *What Was Louisville Like 100 Years Ago?*

**CLUB EVENTS**

- June 6** — Rotary Night Out at the Pendennis Club / Begins at 5:30 pm / Tour the historic building, enjoy a presentation followed by an all-inclusive priced meal (\$50 - choice of filet mignon, sea bass or chicken marsala, sides and dessert). Begins at 5:30 pm. Contact the office for reservations!
- June 20** — Rotary Day at the BATS (*Game begins at 11:45 am*) Free tickets / access to two suites. All ticketholders will be entered into a June 14 drawing ... winner will throw out first pitch.
- July 21** — Rotary Club of Louisville's Centennial Event, *'Celebrating 100 Years of Service'*. Purchase tickets online at [www.louisvillerotary.org](http://www.louisvillerotary.org). Open to public! *Live entertainment / dancing on the rooftop / more surprises!*

Annette Grisanti

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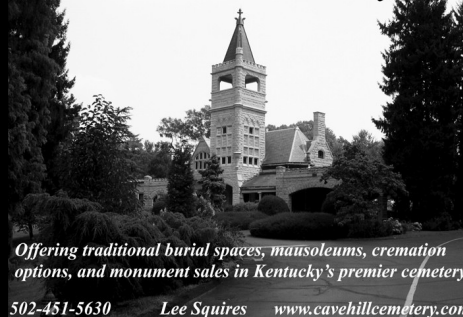
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## Rotary Meeting - May 17, 2012

President "Stet" Stetten rang the bell promptly at 12:15 and called the meeting to order. Bill Rutledge offered the invocation followed by Bob Slider who led us with the Pledge of Allegiance and the song of the day, "We're in the Money". Charlie Castner was at the piano.

Paul Gold introduced members celebrating birthdays this week. President Stet congratulated two Rotarians celebrating noteworthy anniversaries. Bill Yancey, M.D. has been with the club for 15 years and Bill Tafel received special recognition from President Stet in honor of 50 years of Rotary service. Other announcements and business included:

- President Stet thanked everyone involved for a safe and fun Rotary Shooting Event on May 12.
- The next Rotary Night Out is Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Pendennis Club.
- Harriette Friedlander announced the next Repair Affair – an opportunity to help one of the community's elderly continue to live in their home by helping with needed repairs.
- Joey Bailey announced Rotary Day at the Louisville Bats – Wednesday, June 30 at 11:30.
- Greg Braun discussed various ways of purchasing tickets for the upcoming Rotary Centennial Celebration Event on July 21.



President Maynard 'Stet' Stetten, M.D.,  
Skip Miller and Bob Michael

Henry Heuser, Jr. introduced Barbara Sexton Smith, President and CEO of the Fund for the Arts, as our newest member. President Stet presented Barbara with the membership materials and welcomed her to the club.

Maria Hampton introduced our speaker, Dr. James Bullard, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Dr. Bullard shared that, generally speaking, the U.S. economy has done better than expected during the first part of 2012. The two most significant issues we currently face are the instability in the European economy and the need to get our own fiscal situation under control here in the United States. He commented that, while low interest rates were fine for a short period, very low rates over an extended period of time were a concern. Very low rates distort business decisions and are associated with bubbles in asset values.

Dr. Bullard's also shared some thoughts relative to the Fed's outlook – primarily that growth in the US economy will continue at a moderate pace and the labor market will continue to grow at a rate that is "not great, but positive". Lastly, inflation in the U.S. is currently about 2.3%, down slightly from a year ago and just above the target of 2%. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. — Alan Singleton

### ROTARY DAY at the BATS



**JUNE 20**  
(Wednesday)  
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**Wednesday, June 13**

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**569-5672 / joey.bailey@pcusa.org**



The 2012 RI Convention was held in Bangkok (May 6-9).  
*Photo at right:* Rotaractors help paint a flood-damaged school outside of Bangkok as a service project during the Convention earlier this month.



## Rotary Club of East Louisville Sunrise

**East Louisville Sunrise is Moving!!**

Join them for their first meeting on **Tuesday, June 5, at 7:30 am**,  
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