

SPARKS

Next Meeting: May 8, 2014



Guest Speaker: Charles B. Castner

Title: Railroad History Expert & PR Professional

Topic: *History of Railroads in Louisville*

Introduced by: Barry Barker



**** OFF-SITE LOCATION ****

TARC Headquarters (Historic Union Station) 10th & Broadway

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



Railroad history expert Charles B. Castner produced a public affairs series called "Kentucky Profiles" for WHAS radio a Louisville station that broadcast throughout the southeast United States in the early 1960s, where he worked as a producer and writer. He subsequently worked as a public relations and information officer for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, later merged with the Seaboard Systems and CSX Transportation.

Since his retirement as Regional Manager of Corporate Communications for CSX (L&N), Castner has worked as a volunteer associate with the University of Louisville Archives and its L&N collection. The collection includes a reference file, organized alphabetically by Kentuckiana community or landmark, created by Charles Castner while producing the "Kentucky Profiles" radio scripts. Also included are news and magazine clippings, notes, and copies of historical photographs documenting the history of the major rail and transit systems serving the Louisville area. Most of the series is organized alphabetically by the name of the transit operating companies. The photographs document trolley car operations, including interurbans, in the Louisville area. Castner also has donated over seven hundred volumes to the Rare Book department for the Charles B. Castner Collection of Railroad History. Castner has authored and co-authored several books about the L&N and several other railroads.

A Louisville native, Charlie is married to Katie, and they have two grandchildren. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville since 1984, a Paul Harris Fellow and also received the 2008-2009 Lifetime Service Award. He is an excellent jazz pianist, and can be found most every Thursday at the piano providing musical entertainment at the Rotary meetings.

Parking at TARC for the May 8 Rotary Meeting

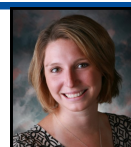
The parking lot behind TARC (Union Station building) has been reserved for May 8. To ensure adequate parking for everyone, please **PLAN TO CARPOOL**, if possible. Thank you!

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The Rotary Leadership Fellows Program



We are pleased to announce the 2014 graduates of the Rotary Leadership Fellows three-year program, **Emily Hart** (at left) and **Katie Hoy** (at right).

The Rotary Leadership Fellows Program is a unique partnership among the Landrum family, the Rotary Club of Louisville and The University of Louisville College of Business. The program goal is to expand and accelerate the development of community service leadership among the next generation of Louisville's businessmen and women.

View additional information about this program and its history, in addition to the impressive bios of Emily Hart and Katie Hoy, on our website at [THIS LINK](#).



"ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR"

Please identify and nominate Rotarians whose actions demonstrate the 4-Way Test in professional, Rotary and civic activity. Submit nominations before **June 6**. Access the form at [THIS LINK](#).

Birthday Table

Sydney Goetz	May 9
David Roth	May 9
Sidonna Cox	May 10
Paul Herrington III	May 10
Gordon Costley	May 12
Jim Watkins II	May 12
Paul Gold	May 13
Wayne Kotcamp, M.D.	May 14
Mark Rorer	May 14
Luke Schmidt	May 14

Please sit at the Birthday Table on May 8.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

May 15 — Rotary Speech Contest Finals

May 22 — Dr. Donna Hargens, "Promise Scholarship Report Card"

MEETING LOCATION: Kentucky Center for African American Heritage at 1701 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard

June 26 — Changing of the Guard

July 3 — NO MEETING!

July 10 — J.K. McKnight (tentative)
"Forecastle Festival and Its Impact on Louisville"

July 17 — "General Elmus Ussery ROTARY REACH OUT" Expo

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"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

May 20 (Tuesday) — Casino Night at Horseshoe Huge buffet w/ three entrees especially prepared for Rotarians. \$63/person (includes tax & gratuity) cash bar. Tour the facility later or hit the tables.

June 7 (Saturday) — Bourbon Trail Tour Hit the trail in the Mint Julep Tour Bus with fellow Rotarians as we visit three bourbon sites. \$69/person (includes tax & gratuity)

October 14 (Tuesday) — Riverboat Dinner Cruise Board at 5:30 pm \$66/person (includes tax & gratuity) cash bar. Enjoy the cruise on the Belle of Cincinnati, dinner buffet and entertainment included. A parade of riverboats will be on the Ohio for the following weekend's celebration of the Belle of Louisville's 100th year!

Send payments to the Rotary office.
Your payment confirms your registration.

Can you play a trumpet or a saxophone?



Contact
Glenn Price
at 779-8511.

The Four-Way Test

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JUNE 14 - DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

Are you an incoming Board officer/director, committee chair or vice chair, new member, or a Rotarian interested in leadership?

You should attend the **District Training Assembly** on June 14 in Owensboro at the Kentucky Wesleyan College. Continental breakfast and lunch is provided. No charge to attend, but registration is necessary. Travel expenses will be reimbursed. Register today at the June 14 date on the calendar at our club website: www.louisvillerotary.org.



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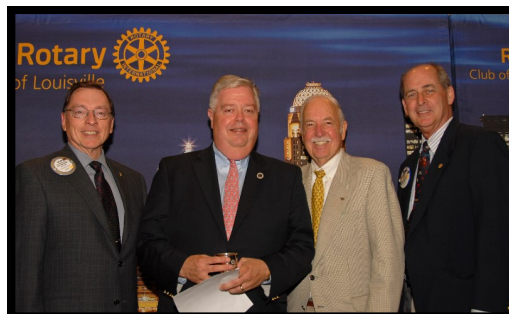
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May 1, 2014 Rotary Meeting

The Rotary Club of Louisville convened on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at The Galt House. The meeting was called to order by Club Past President Lelan Woodmansee. The invocation was given by Luke Schmidt. Doug Myers led the pledge to the flag and also introduced the song Stewball, performed by Doug and the 4-Way Best Band. (Click [HERE](#) to see their performance on YouTube.) Bill Dunn introduced the birthday table and the four honorees who were present were honored with the singing of Happy Birthday, led by Charlie Castner on the piano.

Due to the crowded agenda, all guests were introduced as a group. Past President Lelan Woodmansee reflected on his tenure as the Club's President (2001), which included the tragic day of September 11. In spite of the horrific events in New York and Washington, the Club met two days later that week, in order not to give in to what the terrorists were truly seeking – a shutdown of the country. Also at that meeting, Club members heard Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg Address recited by Lelan. He also reflected on the "magic" of Rotary by describing how the Club is organized with a set of "steel" rings (and he was ably assisted by President Randy Coe).



Past President Lelan Woodmansee,
John Asher, Charles Oberst, M.D.,
and President Randy Coe

Club member Dr. Charles Oberst then introduced our guest speaker – John Asher, Vice President of Communications for Churchill Downs. John Asher began by reflecting on his life connected to racing, including how he attended his first horse race at Churchill Downs with his parents putting him on a bus in Elizabethtown as a young man to "journey" to Louisville to visit the track. John fell in love with horse racing and has been associated with the Downs for many years. John Asher also commented on several past Derbies, including the 1957 Derby during which renowned jockey Willie Shoemaker misjudged the location of the Finish Line and ended up losing the race.

John Asher commented on several of the horses entered into this year's Derby (the 140th Run for the Roses) and also provided several stories on "Western Civilization," as lived in the infield (including the story of two patrons who were caught digging a hole in order to bury their beverages for *next year's* Derby!). Finally, John also brought the Club up to date on \$17 million in infrastructure improvements, including the recent installation of the world's largest video board. The meeting concluded with Club members reciting the Four-Way Test. — Luke Schmidt

Congratulations New Rotarians!

New Rotarians received their Rotary pins at the quarterly New Member Celebration Dinner held at Vincenzo's on Monday, April 28.



Penny Gold



Sydney Goetz



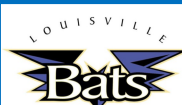
Bob Belknap



Rene Brown



Michael Faurest



ROTARY DAY at the BATS

Wednesday, June 18 - FREE!

Two suites are available for Rotarians on Wednesday, June 18. Tickets are FREE, but food will be on your own. Limited tickets. First come-first serve. A June 12 Rotary meeting and the winner will have the privilege of throwing out the ceremonial First Pitch!

Contact Joey Bailey directly via email at joeybaileycpa@gmail.com
Reserve your ticket today!



General Elmus Ussery ROTARY REACH OUT

Thursday, July 17

Have you reserved your booth?

Exhibit opportunities are available to showcase businesses, nonprofits, Rotary Committees, Service Projects, or Rotarians can share information about their hobby or collection. Door prizes and special entertainment are planned! This will be a fun, exciting event that you won't want to miss!

Access registration form with details at [THIS LINK](#).

Registration Deadline: May 22

Questions? Contact Theresa or Lee

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