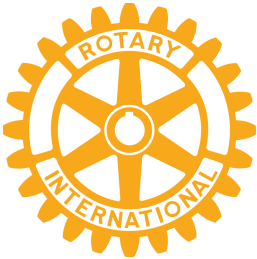


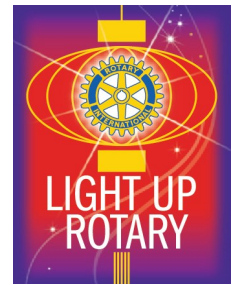
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Next Meeting: Thursday, May 28, 2015

Guest Speaker: Raza Ahmad Rumi
Pakistani Policy Analyst, Author & Journalist
Introduced by: Muhammad Babar, M.D.

Archibald Room, Galt House West, 3rd floor
Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm



Raza Ahmad Rumi is a Pakistani policy analyst, journalist and an author. He has been a leading voice in Pakistan's public arena against extremism and human rights violations. With solid policy experience through his work for Government of Pakistan and the Asian Development Bank {as Governance Specialist}, Raza joined journalism in 2008. Since then, he has been an editor at The Friday Times, Pakistan's foremost liberal weekly paper.

Rumi also worked in broadcast media as a leading commentator and hosted talk shows at Capital TV and Express News. He was Director at Jinnah Institute, a public policy think tank and Executive Director of Justice Network- a coalition of NGOs. As a freelance policy professional, he has been advising international development organizations, governments and NGOs; and heads NAPSIPAG - a regional network on governance.

Rumi's writings are archived at www.razarumi.com. His recent book 'Delhi by Heart' was published by Harper Collins (2013). Raza has also authored several papers on governance, security, justice, arts and culture. In March 2014, he survived an assassination attempt in which his driver lost his life. Within weeks, he left Pakistan and has been affiliated with New America Foundation and the United States Institute of Peace. Raza holds a Bachelor degree in Economics and Masters degree in Social Planning, both from the London School of Economics.

On this special **Memorial Day**, take time to remember these Rotarians who made a positive impact in many lives through their Rotary service.



Richard K. Fenley
1933 - 2014



Samuel G. Swope
1926 - 2014



John C. Nerlinger
1946 - 2014



Charles F. Herd Sr.
1921 - 2015



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Who will be the 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!



Family Night at Boone Gardiner's Saturday, May 30 (6:00-9:00)

Boone Gardiner's



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.

\$25 / person (12 & Under Free) — Pay Online HERE!
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Birthday Table

Annette Grisanti	May 28
Debra Hoffer	May 30
John Lannert	May 30
Woody Northup	June 1
Steve Jester	June 2
Bob Mackin	June 2
Bill Schneider Jr.	June 2
Jim Wagner	June 3

Please sit at the Birthday Table on May 28.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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 Turn-over 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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May 30 (Saturday) 6-9pm — **Family Garden Party** at Boone Gardner / Acorn Lane Farm - **\$25/person** (12 & under free) 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 four **FREE** tickets are left! Dinner is on your own.

June 20 (Saturday) — **SIP 'n SWAP Wine Party** at Barney Sutton's 1233 So. 6th St; **\$25/person** (Couples bring two bottles of wine, take one home; individuals bring two bottles of wine, take one home) **Limited to first 40 who register by email to: events@rotary45.org**

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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May 21, 2015 Rotary Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Wardell. The invocation was provided by Deborah Dietzler. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rick King, who also led the Club's members in the recitation of the Rotary Four Way Test. Various guests were introduced. Kristin Willard introduced the celebrants at the birthday table. President Kevin made several announcements and Next week's speaker, Raza Ahmad Rumi, is a Pakistani policy analyst, journalist and author who has also been a leader against extremism and human rights violations in Pakistan. In March 2014, Rumi survived an attempt on his life.

Club Vice President Julie Schmidt reminded members to turn in any nominations that they may have for the Rotarian of the Year Award. Greg Braun reminded members of the Business Synergy event planned for 8 Up that evening. Matt Gardiner announced plans for the Garden Party at Boone-Gardiner Nursery. Finally, Dr. Bob Hilgers, during the Health Snippet segment, made a presentation on cervical cancer and the progress which has been made to fight this disease.



President Kevin Wardell, Wil James Jr.
and VP Julie Schmidt



Julie Schmidt then introduced our speaker, Wil James Jr. Wil James is President of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky and oversees all aspects of Toyota's \$6 billion plant and operation in Georgetown. James is a director of both the National Urban League and BEAM. James focused his presentation on the importance of manufacturing in Kentucky (manufacturing provides 236,000 jobs in the Commonwealth) with a particular focus on Kentucky's automobile industry. Kentucky's history with automobile manufacturing goes back 100 years to the Model T. Toyota's footprint alone accounts for 21,000 direct and indirect jobs in Kentucky and over 85,000 jobs in Kentucky are related to automobile manufacturing (four assembly plants and over 400 suppliers); Kentucky ranks third in the U.S. in light vehicle manufacturing and ten percent of all vehicles assembled in the U.S. are produced in Kentucky.

Toyota's Georgetown plant has produced over 10 million cars, and beginning in October Lexus vehicles will also be produced in Georgetown ... this will add 750 new jobs at the site, along with 600 new engineering positions. Finally, James touted Toyota's new hydrogen fuel cell vehicle, the Mirai which will be introduced in select U.S. markets later this year. The following are links to news articles covering James' presentation at Rotary: [Courier-Journal](#) / [Business First](#) / [USA Today](#).

— Respectfully submitted by Luke B. Schmidt

Rotary Service Day - Smart Food Project This 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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SIP 'n SWAP Wine Party

June 20 (7pm to 10pm) \$25/person

Barney Sutton's home at 1233 So. 6th Street

Individuals bring two identical bottles, take one home; couples bring two identical bottles, take one home (approx. \$25). Sample 20+ bottles of wine. Casual dress. Email: events@rotary45.org!



Limited to first 40 who register by emailing events@rotary45.org!

Annual Rotary Evening at the Ballpark

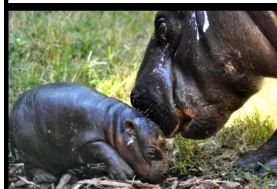
Tuesday, June 16, at 7pm
ONLY FOUR FREE TICKETS
ARE LEFT!

Contact Joey Bailey
joeybaileycpa@gmail.com

Behind the Scenes Tour at the Louisville Zoo 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!



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