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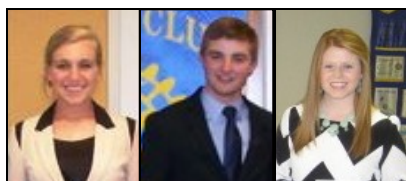


**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2013**

## Speech Contest Rotary District Finals



**Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:15 pm**  
**Galt House East - Grand Ballroom 'C'**



Victoria Potter

Sam Dugan

McKenzie Wilson

Rotary District 6710's Speech Regional Contest finalists (*photos at left*) Victoria Potter (West Region), McKenzie Alyn Wilson (Central Region) and Sam Dugan (East Region) will compete in the 2013 Rotary District 6710 Finals. The vitality, spirit and oratory abilities of these contestants as they deliver their speeches will be inspiring and challenging.

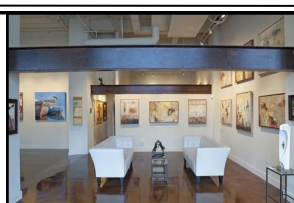
This year's topic is the 2012-13 Rotary Theme, "*Peace Through Service*," chosen by RI President Sakuji Tanaka. President Tanaka said: "*In Rotary, our business is not profit, our business is peace. Through our service, we learn empathy for others. We come closer to people who seem very different from us. And we begin to understand how alike we really are. However we define peace, whatever peace means to us, we can bring it closer through service.*"

The contestants are high school students from public and private schools, and each is sponsored by one or more Rotary Clubs in the area. Children of Rotarians are not eligible. Contestants speak without notes for a period of five to eight minutes, and will be judged on delivery, originality and content. This annual Speech Contest always generates much enthusiasm, as the students are competing to attain cash prizes: (1st place— \$1,000; 2nd place— \$500; 3rd place— \$500). You won't want to miss this on the 9th!



### MAY 9 International Art & Networking Event

Join other Rotarians and Greater Louisville International Professionals at FAF Gallery (Henry Clay bldg) on **May 9** from **5:30 to 7:30** for hors d'oeuvres & beverages. Percentage of artwork sales from now until May 9 will be donated to GLIP and Rotary!



### Birthday Table

David Roth	May 9
Brooks Senn	May 9
Sidonna Cox	May 10
Paul Herrington	May 10
Gordon Costley	May 12
Jim Watkins	May 12
Paul Gold	May 13
Wayne Kotcamp	May 14
Mark Rorer	May 14
Luke Schmidt	May 14
Alan Griffes	May 15
Frank Yudkin	May 15

*Please sit at the Birthday Table on May 9.*



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### Rotary Day at the Downs!

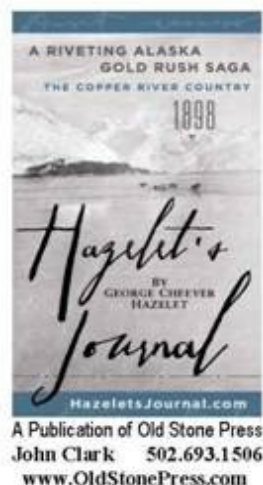


**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

- May 16** — Rotary Promise Scholarship Fund Program
- 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** — (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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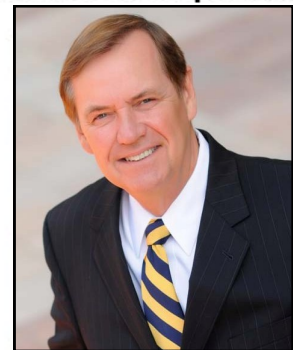
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## May 2, 2013 Rotary Meeting

It was unquestionably "John Asher Day" from the opening bell to the closing. When introduced to give the Invocation, Don Kohler queried aloud, from a head table with one empty seat, "When will our speaker arrive?" When God did not reply, Don proceeded with a very appropriate Derby Week prayer, including concern for the horses. We were treated by two boy sopranos (Jobe and Aiden Arnold), who sang the National Anthem, as a duet, after our Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a medley of Stephen Foster and other regional songs, including "Camp Town Races" and "My Old Kentucky Home". As appropriate, just before every first Saturday in May when we have a bumper crop of visitors, twelve were introduced and welcomed. Four Rotarians celebrating birthdays were identified as present by Connie Cheek, although they were not sitting at the Birthday Table. President Stuart provided a report on "Rotary Day at the Downs" and spoke of forthcoming Club activities, followed by Janet Brown who described some exotic offerings at the "Live Auction" dinner later this month on May 17 at the Parklands — Gheens Foundation Lodge.



Charles R. Oberst, M.D.,  
John Asher and  
President Stuart E. Alexander III

New member Blaine Grant was introduced by Tony Kemper, who pointed out that Blaine had once "been attacked by a lion" but survived "so that he might be a member of our Club." Charlie Oberst was then called on to "introduce our speaker", who indeed had arrived, and rightly said that, "*John Asher*", who addresses our Club every first week in May, really "*needs no introduction.*"

Asher began his talk by explaining why he was late "I'm always a photo finish in arriving" but then added that his daughter is "expecting" during Derby Week, of all times. Drawing on an amazing memory of Derby history, he began with the 1913 Derby winner, "Donerail" who paid 91 to 1 and then recalled other races in years ending in "3", including the 1933 "fighting finish" when two jockeys were literally whipping each other as they approached the Finish Line, and 1973 when Secretariat won the first Triple Crown in 25 years, taking the Belmont Stakes by 31 lengths. He particularly relished the story of Funny Cide, Derby winner in 2003 owned by six men in New York who had been friends in high school and formed a consortium with \$5,000 from each to buy horses. He then spoke interestingly about ten of the twenty-one horses in this year's Starting Gate lineup, with facts about stables, owners, trainers, jockeys and horses. He concluded by hoping, quite unnecessarily, that he would be invited back next year. Of course he will! — David Reed

### 1st Step for PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!

All prospective members should attend the "What is Rotary?" session offered two times per month:

When: 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11:00 AM  
Where: Rotary office conference room  
401 West Main St., Suite 810

Attendees will receive a Membership Proposal Form at these sessions. Invite prospective members to attend the next one!

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

### Welcome Recent New Member!

#### JULIE FADEL



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Julie operates her growing company with her business partner and husband, Ron Fadel. Their thriving business was part of the Business First's Fast Fifty in 2011.

Julie is involved in numerous activities apart from her business. She's an active member of the Assumption of the Greek Orthodox Church, an assistant room parent at Harmony Elementary School in Oldham County, and continues to be involved in raising resources for Susan G. Komen and the Leukemia and Lymphoma society.

She resides in Goshen with her husband Ron and their three children. Julie is an avid runner and enjoys reading.

### RPS Dinner/Auction & Picnic! (LIMITED SEATING)

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



Gheens Foundation Lodge



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

**Cost: \$75 per person (CLICK HERE to register/purchase)**

5:30—7:00 Cocktails (cash bar)/Entertainment

7:00—10:00 Dinner/Auction/Etc.

Includes: Comfy Cow ice cream, flamenco dancers, entertainment, new Paul Harris Fellows induction, mini auction (furniture, art, vacation destinations, etc.) & surprises!

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**Saturday, MAY 18 (10:00a—2:00 pm)**

**Cost: \$20 per carload (CLICK HERE to register/purchase)**

Family Fun Picnic Includes: food/beverages, bike rides, park tours, magic for children, Kosair clowns, mini boot camp, etc.

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