

SPARKS



Next Meeting: June 5, 2014

Guest Speaker: J. K. McKnight

Title: Forecastle Founder & Captain

Topic: *Forecastle Music Festival and Its Impact on Louisville — From Grassroots to Global*

Galt House East, Second Floor, Grand Ballroom 'B'

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



J.K. McKnight is a writer, musician, festival producer, and environmentalist. He currently works for AC Entertainment, and is the founder of The Forecastle Festival and The Forecastle Foundation. He is a graduate of St. Xavier High School and attended the College of Charleston, Bellarmine University, and the University of Louisville.

The Forecastle Festival, which began as a small community event at Tyler Park, has grown into an international attraction, with over 60,000 annual attendees from more than 1,800 cities, nearly every state and ten countries. For the second time, Rolling Stone Magazine named it one of the "Coolest Festivals" in America in 2014, with additional accolades from the New York Times, USA Today, LA Weekly, Chicago Sun-Tribune, SPIN, and many more. Website: <http://forecastlefest.com/>

The Forecastle Foundation is an international environmental organization dedicated to "rebuilding the world's natural awe-some." They work with conservation organizations locally and globally, to protect areas of extreme biodiversity. In 2013, they partnered with the Kentucky Natural Lands Trust on the Pine Mountain Wildlife Corridor in Eastern Kentucky, as well as the Guayaki Foundation on an environmental educational project in Marrecas, Brazil. The two projects are linked by the flight patterns of several species of migratory birds. Website: <http://forecastlefoundation.org>

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL who have contributed to Rotary International (\$100 per member per year) enabling us to continue as a STAR Club. To date, our members have contributed \$43,998 (an average of \$96.70 per member) to RI's Rotary Foundation. We're very close to the goal ... with only a week or two to go! Respond soon! [CLICK HERE](#) for details. Thank you for your generosity!

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Rotary Promise Scholarship Update

"When we (Rotarians) mentored students on Friday May 23 at Western High School, I noticed this banner (photo at left) on the cafeteria wall and thought that it was impressive, and that it could motivate Freshmen, Sophomores and soon to be Juniors. While talking to three different students in the mentor meeting, all of them commented on the banner and whether they were included or not. One of my mentees has increased his grade point average to 2.35 from 2.1, so the motivation is there. Well done, Louisville Rotary Club! This could change some lives." - Dick Brien To get involved, email Dick: rbrien@sullivan.edu.

Birthday Table

Brooks Wicker	June 7
Jerry Greenwell	June 8
Joe Kutz, M.D.	June 11
Bob Patterson	June 11

You are invited to sit at the Birthday Table on June 5.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June 5— J.K. McKnight, (Forecastle Founder & Captain) Topic: *"Forecastle Music Festival and Its Impact on Louisville"*

June 12— Kent Whitworth, (Executive Director of Kentucky Historical Society) Topic: *"Kentucky's Birth of \$"* (tentative)

June 19— Aristofanes Ceden (Executive Director & Academic Dean of Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program) Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program

June 26 — Changing of the Guard

July 3 — NO Meeting!


July 10 — Paul Moore (Principal & Civil Engineer of Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Services) Topic: *"MoveLouisville - Strategic Multi Model Transportation Plan"*

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

July 24 — Bill Goodman (Host & Managing Editor, KET Kentucky Tonight)

July 31 — Kevin Connelly (CEO of Center for Nonprofit Excellence) *"Louisville's Not for Profit Community and Leadership Development"*

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"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

June 18 (Wednesday) — Rotary Day at the BATS This is a **FREE 'day' event**. Tickets are limited. Contact **Joey Bailey**. Details provided on page 3 of this newsletter.

June 21 (Saturday) — Firearms Safety & Concealed Carry Class D9:00a-5:00p w/ 30 min. lunch break. \$85/person. Open Range 5-star facility in Crestwood.

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!

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?

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

May 29, 2014 Rotary Meeting

The Rotary Club of Louisville convened on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at The Galt House. The meeting was called to order by Club President Randy Coe. The invocation was given by Paul Bickel, III. Alex Novak led the Club in the pledge of allegiance. The Club members joined in singing *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, in honor of the recent Memorial Day celebration. Leo Smith introduced the birthday table and the honorees who were present were honored with the singing of Happy Birthday. President Randy made some announcements concerning Club programs and visitors were introduced. Joey Bailey reminded members of the upcoming Rotary Day at the Bats game. Nelson Auge presented pins to members who had sponsored new Club members since July 2013.

Dr. Charles Oberst then introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Mark Slaughter. Dr. Slaughter is on the faculty at the University of Louisville and is also on staff at Jewish Hospital and is a world-renowned cardiologist. During his career, Dr. Slaughter has performed 50 heart transplants and has implanted 250 ventricular devices.



President Randy Coe, Dr. Mark Slaughter
and Dr. Charles Oberst

Dr. Slaughter began his presentation by providing an overview of heart disease (with particular emphasis on advanced stages of the disease and historical/traditional means of treating the disease). Heart disease kills more patients than cancer; however, cancer patients tend to live longer following their diagnosis (this illustrates the need to find cures to heart disease due to the short life cycle of patients, once diagnosed).

While heart transplants have been considered to be the best hope for those with the most advanced stages of heart disease, the work and research on ventricular devices that Dr. Slaughter has conducted with colleagues around the world is now beginning to provide better outcomes for patients in lieu of the more invasive transplant (implantation of the device requires only a six inch incision and does not require that the sternum be split). Additional work on this technology has yielded a very small pump (the size of an AA battery) that can literally be screwed into the bottom of the heart and provide full assistance to the heart's pumping capabilities (don't let the small size fool you, though, as this small pump costs \$196,000!). Perhaps most importantly, unlike transplants, the pump allows the heart to actually recover muscle, which is very important in the overall treatment. There being no further business, the meeting concluded with the recitation of the Rotary Four Way Test and was adjourned.

— Luke B. Schmidt



"ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR"

It's not too late to 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](#).

2014 Annual Shooting Event

Over 25 Rotarians came out to Stet's Farm to fire pistols and shotguns at the 2nd Annual Rotary Club of Louisville Shooting Event. The weather cooperated, and watching Greg Braun shoot a clay pigeon for the first time was the best part. A huge thanks to Past President Stet Stetten and Nancy for hosting us. — Lukas Dwelly



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 drawing at the June 12 Rotary meeting will determine who 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

Reserve your booth today!

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](#).

Get your reservation in!

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