

# Rotary SPARKS News

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## CLUB CALENDAR



### WHAT TO DO when you bring A GUEST to ROTARY

Pre-register your guest at the [louisvillerotary.org](http://louisvillerotary.org) website. Scroll down to the 'Make a Payment' button. Thank you!

### Birthdays

*The following birthday celebrants will be recognized at the May 12 Rotary meeting!*

Gordon Costley - May 12  
Gregory Nielsen - May 12  
Jim Watkins - May 12  
Paul Gold - May 13  
Wayne Kotcamp - May 14  
Mark Rorer - May 14  
Luke Schmidt - May 14  
Sophia Fischer - May 15  
Larry Caruso - May 16  
George Brakmeier - May 17  
Richard Cleary - May 18



### Upcoming Meetings

MAY 19



### BOB COUCH, M.D.

President, Greater Louisville Medical Society  
May 12, 2016 Guest Speaker

Title: Current Issues in Health Care

Galt House West, Waterford Room, 25th Floor  
11:30 Buffet • 12:05 Meeting

Robert H. Couch, MD is Emergency Department Medical Director at Norton Audubon Hospital, and co-founder of Southern Emergency Medical Specialists, a practice of 25 physicians and 20 mid-level practitioners providing emergency care at three Norton hospitals. Like Rotary, he touches lives in Louisville and around the world.

A native of Tuscumbia, Alabama, Bob worked as a paramedic while an undergraduate at the University of Alabama. He received his medical degree from the University of Alabama-Birmingham, and then came to Louisville for a residency in the emerging field of Emergency Medicine. In 2009, he completed the MBA program at Auburn University. View the rest of his bio [HERE](#).

### Derby Prediction Contest Winners

Winners of the Derby contests (Finish Position and Race Time predictions) will receive prizes at this Thursday's Rotary meeting. Two individuals guessed all four finish positions correctly, and three others guessed the correct race time.

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Ray Strothman**, CPA, ABV, CVA, CFF, CGMA is Partner, President & Chairman of Strothman & Company. Ray is an honors graduate from Bellarmine University. He founded and currently serves as President and Chairman of Strothman and Company, a Louisville-based CPA firm which has grown steadily and is now one of the largest CPA firms in the region. A self-made man, community advocate, consummate volunteer and passionate leader, Strothman continues to 'pay it forward' in both his personal and professional life. He credits his Christian based educational foundation with helping him develop the discipline and principles he utilizes and applies in all areas of his business and personal life.



Ray was recognized as the Bellarmine Accounting Alumnus of the Year in 2000 and the Alumnus of the Year in 2015. He is also considered a national leader in the Accounting field and a community leader in Louisville. Ray is the past North American Chairman of CPA Associates International. He is a current Member of the Greater Louisville Inc. Board of Directors and a Leadership Louisville graduate. He is a member of the Louisville Downtown Rotary Club, Treasurer of the Metro Louisville Rotary Charities, Chair Elect of the Better Business Bureau, and a member of the University of Louisville Board of Overseers and the Bellarmine University School of Business Advisory Board. See the rest of Ray's bio [HERE](#).

If your bio has not yet been posted in a SPARKS newsletter, please email it to [webmaster@rotary45.org](mailto:webmaster@rotary45.org). Thank you.

### MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

#### 51st Annual Rotary Day at the Downs!

There were a total of 130 Rotarians/guests (90 of our club and 40 from the Cincinnati Club) at the

**Eric Flack**  
WAVE-TV Troubleshooter  
Reporter

**MAY 26**  
**David Taliaferro**  
Director of Microfinance  
KIVA Fellow

**JUNE 2**  
**David Ray**  
"USSS in Age of Terrorism:  
31 Years Protecting  
Presidents"

**JUNE 16**  
**Father Ron Knott**  
"Change is Inevitable, Growth  
Intentional: Living  
Deliberately, Consciously and  
On Purpose"

**JUNE 30**  
**Rotary Leadership  
Turnover Extravaganza**

**JULY 28**  
**Rotary 'EVENING' Meeting  
at Germantown Mill Lofts**

**L.B. Schmidt & Associates, LLC**  
Luke M. Schmidt

**NORTON  
HOSPITAL**  
Stephen Williams  
Riggs Lewis  
Matt Ayers

  
**KOSAIR CHARITIES**  
Protecting the Most Precious Gift of All  
Randy Coe

  
**KentuckyOne Health™**  
Ruth Brinkley  
Alice Bridges  
Rick Smith

  
**M·A·I·D  
IN LOUISVILLE**

51st Annual Rotary Day at the Downs on May 3 on Millionaires Row. President Greg presented the trophy to the winning jockey (jockey and horse shown below) of the day's third race which was named "Rotary Club of Louisville Classic - 51st Running". May 3 was also Betty Guelich's birthday and her family attended with her. Betty's husband, Bruce Guelich, had been a Rotarian of our club, and Betty has continued to attend our Rotary functions since he passed.



## Repair Affair Volunteer Day is Saturday, May 14 (8a-1p)

Repair Affair is a community wide program organized by New Directions Housing Corporation to provide basic home repairs to low income and elderly homeowners. Rotary will provide a team of volunteers to make repairs for a participating homeowner. Participating homeowners are screened and selected by New Directions Housing Corporation. We will provide further details once we receive our assignment from New Directions Housing Corporation.

Join us on May 14 from 8am to 1pm. No special skills are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Mike Fallot: 400-3011 / [mike.fallot@ecomtek.com](mailto:mike.fallot@ecomtek.com)

\*The June 4 previously scheduled date has been changed to May 14.



## 2016 District Conference at Louisville Marriott East - June 10-11 Kevin Wardell, District Conference Chair



Kevin Wardell and his committee have planned for a great conference! This will be the largest District event of the year. Don't miss out!

The keynote speaker is Rotarian, author and motivational speaker Michael Angelo Caruso. Michael is a valued communication consultant to companies and organizations all over the world. [CLICK HERE](#) for a two-minute video. We look forward to

see many of you at the Louisville Marriott East on June 10-11. Noon is the start time on Friday, ending at 5:00 pm on Saturday.

**CONTEST:** Register for the conference by May 9th to be entered to win one of two Paul Harris Fellows and 30,000 Marriott Reward Points, enough for free room nights, room upgrades or for travel or gift items! Here's a link to register. You'll be asked to enter District # '6710'. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

All Rotarians and guests will enjoy a fun-filled, educational day and a half, and there will be something of interest for all! The package price for reception and all meals and breaks is only \$129 for both days, and individual pricing for either Friday or Saturday is also available for those that can only join us for part of the excitement. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

## Food Literacy Project Volunteer Day is June 25 (10a - 1p) Location: Oxmoor Farm

Mark your calendar and save the June 25 date. Rotary volunteers will harvest from the farm, and make pizza using some of the vegetables they have just harvested. More details to follow soon!



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**MAY 5 MEETING RECAP****John Asher**

The Rotary Club of Louisville meeting of May 5, 2016 was called to order by President Greg Braun (donned in a PACMAN suit) and followed by the Call to Post played by Jonathan Wysong on the trumpet. The invocation was provided by Ken Selvaggi, and the Pledge of Allegiance and Rotary Four Way Test was led by Denise Jerome. We enjoyed an incredible solo by UK student Emily Redden who was accompanied on the piano by Robert Lee. Special thanks to Barbara Collins who scheduled this very talented young woman. Special guests from California were introduced, in addition to UK President Capilouto, his wife, Dr. Mary Capilouto, and other dignitaries from the University of Kentucky. Other guests were introduced, and Stacy Gordon-Funk announced birthday celebrants who were invited to help themselves to ice cream. Julie Schmidt encouraged Rotarians to submit nominations for 2015-16 Rotarian of the Year. President Greg then introduced the Derby contest judges, Rene Brown, Robert Chatham, Craig Scherman and Carolee Allen. The winner of Best Derby Tie was Cliff Elgin. Best Derby Hat winner was Suzi Gerichs. Best Derby outfit winner was Julie Scoskie, and the Craziest Derby outfit was won by Bill Kelly. Each winner received a bottle of wine and a CD by musician/composer Eric Genuis. For meeting details ... [Click Here](#)

**LOOKING AHEAD****Special Rotary Promise Scholarship Recognitions at May 19 Meeting**

The first Rotary Promise Scholars are graduating this month from Western High School. We will honor the 31 students during our May 19 meeting. We also will recognize the founders, donors, club leaders and mentors who helped launch this program and continue to make this program a success.

At **11:30 on May 19** in the Cochran Ballroom, we will award each student a certificate and medallion. Please join us for either event on the 19th.

As you know, our club has raised \$1,000,000 to be matched by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to provide last-dollar scholarships for any Rotary Promise Scholars from Western or Iroquois High Schools who choose to attend JCTC.

**STAY IN TOUCH****Contact Members While They Are Away**

TJG Lukas Dwelly began his year term of U.S. Navy service in Djibouti, Africa. His address is:

Lukas Dwelly  
 PSC 831, BOX 4905  
 FPO AE 09363

If you would like to send anything to Lukas, his request is: "Please do not send me any contraband or food. Boxes are x-rayed here and the food will melt. Also, do not put Djibouti or Camp Lemonnier on the address - I will not receive the packages. Normal mail is about four weeks. Priority mail is around 2 weeks. The country address is United States if asked. My wish list are koozies, t-shirts from different parts of the country (size L) and paperback/soft cover books on Marine and Naval history, the Middle East/Islam and the South." [Click Here](#) to access Lukas' entire message.

Check out [THIS VIDEO](#) from Luke provided by Past President Randy Coe.

**ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS****Submit Candidates for '2015-16 Rotarian of the Year'**

We need your help to recommend a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville who clearly stands out in demonstrating "Service Above Self", and who has a commitment to the Four-Way Test in business or professional life, in Rotary and civic activities. He/she should be an outstanding club member who, over the recent past, has made significant contributions to the mission and operation of our club, and to one or more avenues of Community or International Service.

Please complete [THIS FORM](#) and send to rotary@rotary45.org



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**before June 2.** If you have any questions, contact the Awards  
Committee Chair, Julie Schmidt: [jschmidt@ket.org](mailto:jschmidt@ket.org) / 502-589-3538 or  
502-445-2699.

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