

# SPARKS



**Next Meeting: May 15, 2014**

**Program: *Rotary Speech Contest Finals***

**District Speech Contest Chair: Stan Klausing**  
**Louisville Metro Contest Coordinator: Michael Brumleve**

**Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm**  
**Galt House, Third Floor, Archibald Ballroom**



Rotary District 6710's Speech Regional Contest finalists (*from left to right*), X'Zashea Mayes (West Regional), Emma Jackson (Central Regional) and Kinsey Morrison (East Regional) will compete in the 2014 Rotary District 6710 Finals. The vitality, spirit and oratory abilities of these contestants as they deliver their speeches will be inspiring and challenging. (If you missed last year's Speech Contest Finals, it can be viewed at [THIS LINK](#).)

This year's topic is the 2013-14 Rotary Theme, "*Engage Rotary, Change Lives*". Rotary International President Ron Burton said that this theme is his challenge to all Rotarians. He said, "*All of us came to Rotary to get involved, and to make a difference. And in Rotary service, as in just about everything else in life, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.*" Burton also added, "*When you make the decision to truly engage Rotary—to bring Rotary service and Rotary values into every day of your life—that is when you start to see the incredible impact you can have. That's when you find the inspiration, the excitement, and the power to truly change lives.*"

The contestants are high school students from public and private schools, and each is sponsored by one or more Rotary Clubs in the area. 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). *Trust me! You won't want to miss this on the 15th!*

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**"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

Alan Griffes	May 15
George Brakmeier III	May 17
Richard Cleary	May 18
Stacy Funk	May 19
Kevin Wardell	May 19
Lee Squires	May 20
Bill Tafel	May 21

**Please sit at the Birthday Table on May 15.**



**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

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

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

**May 29 — Mark S. Slaughter, M.D., Professor and Chief, Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, University of Louisville Department of Surgery**

**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**

**See "That's Entertainment" section below for exciting Rotary Events!**

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# "THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

**May 20 (Tuesday) — Casino Night at Horseshoe** Huge buffet w/ three entrees especially prepared for Rotarians. \$65/person (includes tax & gratuity) cash bar. Tour the facility later or hit the tables.

**May 31 (Saturday) — Shooting Event at Stet's Farm**  
Details to follow. Save the date!

**June 14 (Saturday) — Bourbon Trail Tour** (6 to 8 hour custom tour / start time TBD) Hit the trail in the Mint Julep Tour Bus with fellow Rotarians as we visit three bourbon sites. \$75/person (includes tax & gratuity)

**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** Details to follow. Save the date!

**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!

Can you play a trumpet or a saxophone?



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Glenn Price  
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## The Four-Way Test

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## May 8, 2014 Rotary Meeting

The Rotary Club of Louisville convened on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at historic Union Station. The meeting was called to order by Club President Randy Coe. The invocation was given by Bill Receveur. Bob Slider led the pledge to the flag and the Rotary Four-Way Best Band performed a Doobie Brothers "Long Train Running" for the Club. Enjoy their performance on video at [THIS LINK](#). Cyndi Caudill introduced the birthday table and the honorees who were present were honored with the singing of Happy Birthday.

Greg Braun provided an overview of several fun activities which are upcoming, including: Horseshoe Casino Night (May 20<sup>th</sup>); a shooting event at Stet Stetten's farm (May 31<sup>st</sup>); a tour of Kentucky's Bourbon Trail (June 14<sup>th</sup>); a class on firearms safety and concealed carry (June 21<sup>st</sup>); and, a dinner cruise on the *Belle of Cincinnati* (October 14<sup>th</sup>) as part of a nine-steamboat parade on the Ohio River honoring the *Belle of Louisville's* 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Members are encouraged to register soon by contacting the office.

President Randy recognized Stan Whetzel as the winner of the Derby pool from last week's meeting. Stan received an engraved silver mint julep cup and a \$100 bill. The second-place winner was Maria Smith who will receive a bottle of bourbon.

Barry Barker, Executive Director of TARC, introduced our guest speaker, our own 30-year member, Charlie Castner (retired Vice President of both the CSX Railroad and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad). Barry commented on the beautiful restoration of Union Station (which serves as the headquarters of the Transit Authority of River City – TARC) and invited all Rotarians to consider using the facility for functions. Although the last L & N passenger train left Union Station in 1978, Barry asked how many members had taken a train from the station and approximately 50 percent of those in attendance raised their hand.

Charlie was warmly welcomed to the podium with a standing ovation and he provided a history of railroads in Louisville. More than most cities, Louisville has always been impacted by transportation, starting with the Ohio River and the Portland Canal, followed by the railroads, and more recently, the UPS Worldport facility at Louisville International Airport. The L & N Railroad started in the 1800s and quickly grew to become one of the largest railroads in the Midwest and South. During the Civil War, General Sherman considered the railroad to be his "lifeline." After the Civil War, the L & N grew even more by hauling coal out of the Eastern Kentucky coalfields. Passenger service grew in Louisville with up to 60 trains a day – one of the busiest train stations in the South. The L & N also had extensive freight facilities, switching yards and a 42-stall locomotive repair station in the city. — Luke Schmidt



Charles B. Castner and President Randy Coe

## 2014 Rotary Day at the Downs

Rotarians enjoyed the annual 'Rotary Day at the Downs' on Millionaires Row.



## 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](mailto: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](#).

**Registration Deadline: May 22**

Questions? Contact Theresa or Lee

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