



SPARKS

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Program by Kiwanis

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:10 pm
Galt House East, 2nd Floor, Grand Ballroom C



The True Meaning of Thanksgiving

This Thursday, millions of families will celebrate Thanksgiving with roasted turkey, buttery mashed potatoes, and (with only a slight amount of guilt) another piece of pumpkin pie. But in early America, days of Thanksgiving weren't always about food. Reflecting American religious practice, Presidents and Congresses from the beginning of the republic have from time to time designated days of fasting and thanksgiving (the Thanksgiving holiday we continue to celebrate on the third Thursday of November was established by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War). Following a resolution of Congress, President George Washington proclaimed Thursday, November 26, 1789 a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" devoted to "the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be." In setting aside a day for Thanksgiving, Washington established a non-sectarian tone for these devotions and stressed political, moral, and intellectual blessings that make self-government possible, in addition to personal and national repentance.

Although the First Amendment prevents Congress from establishing a religion or prohibiting its free exercise, Presidents, as well as Congress, have always recognized the American regard for sacred practices and beliefs. Thus, throughout American history, Presidents have offered non-sectarian prayers for the victory of the military and in the wake of catastrophes. Transcending passionate quarrels over the proper role of religion in politics, the Thanksgiving Proclamation reminds us how natural their relationship has been. While church and state are separate, religion and politics, in their American refinement, prop each other up.

Therefore this Thursday, in the words of Washington, let us:

Then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

— Julie Shaw (*The Foundry*, November 20, 2011)

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 in by December 18.

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GLORIOUSLY BROADWAY
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Friday, January 10
**Purchase your tickets
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Join fellow Rotarians at the Kentucky Center, and rejoice for a night out on Broadway! Members have preferred seating (discounted rate) for this performance and will be invited to stay after the show for a private Q&A with members of the cast & crew.

Optional dinner at the Bristol downtown before the show. [Click Here](#) to purchase now!

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Website Tip #1

The Communications Committee and I hope that by now each member has had a chance to visit the new website: louisvillerotary.org. The site contains lots of valuable information pertaining to the Club's history, organization, philanthropy and ongoing projects. In order to help each member maximize the value of the website, this is the first of several tips on using the site that the Committee will be sending from time to time.

This tip concerns passwords. (See p. 3)



Birthday Table

Sean Letwat	Nov 28
Paul O'Flynn	Nov 28
Dick Fenley	Nov 29
Donovan Reynolds	Nov 30
Charlie Oberst	Dec 1
Bobbie Rafferty	Dec 1
Bill Buckaway Jr	Dec 3

**Please sit at the Birthday
Table on November 27.**



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December 5 — John Roush, President of Centre College

December 12 — Bernie Lubbers and Hickory Vaught, "Bourbon and Christmas Theme"

December 19 — Stage One presenting "Cajun Night Before Christmas"

December 26 — No Meeting

January 2 — No Meeting

January 9 — Bob Bordogna, Stock Market Predictions

January 16 — Mayor Greg Fischer; "State of the City Address"

January 23 — Ricky Jones Ph.D., Professor & Chair, UofL Pan-African Studies Department; "Martin Luther King Jr. Day Program"

January 30 — Craig Greenberg, President of 21-C Museum Hotels

February 6 — Houston Barber, Principal of Fern Creek Traditional High School

February 20 — Eli Capilouto, Ph.D., University of Kentucky President

February 27 — Ted Bishop, President of PGA of America

March 20 — Roberto Bolli, M.D., UofL Director of Division of Cardiology and Institute for Molecular Cardiology

March 27 — Unsung Heroes Program

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Thursday, December 5 at 5:30 — "The Holiday Party Extravaganza!!" St. Charles Exchange Restaurant! (Mentalist Steve Haffner, etc.)

Friday, January 10, 2014 — **Broadway Series** Dinner at Bristol, then enjoy **SISTER ACT on Broadway!** Meet the performers after the show! Seating Options: Orchestra Rows D-F \$66 show only or \$95 w/dinner; Grand Tier \$46 show only or \$75 w/dinner. Dinner only for \$31.

February or March, 2014 — **Toyota Tour!**

Make checks payable to "Rotary Club of Louisville"
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or a saxophone?

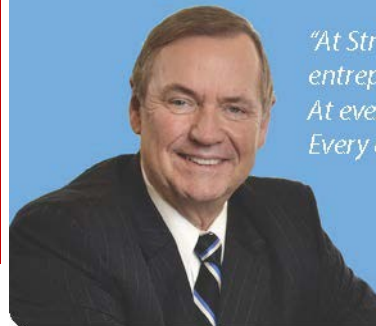


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November 21, 2013 Rotary Meeting

On November 21, 2013 we met at the Galt House West Cochran Room. President Randy Coe rang the bell at 12:07 p.m. Bob Slider gave our invocation and led us in the Four-Way Pledge. Charlie Castner gave us a rousing piano performance of Albert Ammons' arrangement, "Swanee River Boogie," a fantasy on the Foster classic. Cyndi Caudill announced birthday Rotarians, and Past President Paul Gold introduced Henry Fairleigh who celebrates his 94th birthday this week (*pictured at left*). His wife and two of his sons surprised Henry with their presence. We gave Henry a hand and sang happy birthday. President Randy welcomed our five guests.



Russell Vandenbroucke, D.F.A.
and President Randy Coe

President Randy announced that on November 27 we meet at the Galt House East Grand Ballroom C, and join our Kiwanis pals for our annual joint meeting. President Randy announced the Rotary Foundation Football and Basketball results. Cynthia Collier, Ken Middleton, Allan Parnell, Jay Davidson and Jeff Underhill shone in Football. In Basketball, it was Joey Bailey, Jay Davidson, Steve Eggers, Keith Knapp, Randy Coe, John Hampton, Bill Kelly, Jr., and Aaron Walther. Our Club received six awards at the recent District Conference: Presidential Citation, Best Newsletter, Best Community Service Project, Best New Generations Project, Best Vocation Service Project, and Greatest Increase in RF Support. President Randy thanked Greg Braun for generating FUN at the Conference party, and Stuart Alexander, Mark Hogg and Greg Braun for the successful "Urban Style" Rotary Night Out. Greg Braun (*pictured at left*) promoted the Dec 5 "Holiday Extravaganza." Fire-breathers, street dancers, magicians and mentalists – all for \$75 per ticket!



President Randy introduced our newest member, Michael Faurest. President Randy then announced Club officer and director candidates for 2014-2015. For Vice President: Greg Braun, Chaz Lavelle, Julie Schmidt and Phil Tamplin. For Sergeant-at-Arms: Tom Bohnert and Chris Roberts. For Board Directors: Dick Brien, Lukas Dwelly, John Hampton, Tracy Holladay, Keith Knapp, Mac McClure, Mike Shackelford and Susan Smith.

President Randy introduced Russell Vandenbroucke, Professor of Theatre Arts and founding Director at U of L's Peace, Justice & Conflict Transformation Program. PJCT is a certificate program, not a major. It aims to create a "new generation of Peacemakers" and prevent "omnicide." The Rotary Peace Fellows Program will aid PJCT in studying conflict and its capacity to escalate into violence. Useful conflict can resolve disputes. Violence alone yields only more violence. If medicine is "biased" against disease, then Peace Studies is "biased" against violence. - Stan Whetzel

ROTARY NIGHT OUT URBAN STYLE



Website Tip #1 (cont'd from p. 1)

In order to visit the members-only part of the site, it will first be necessary for you to log in, using a password. There are two password-protected areas on the site that can be accessed by clicking on Member Login at the upper right corner of the Home page. Once there you will have two choices:

- Club Information (*members-only* info on the Club)
- Member Information (also known as DaCdb)

In order to log in to the Club Information site (which is new), you must first sign in using the password that was provided to you by the Club via a recent email. Once into this part of the site, you can easily change the complex password to one that is easier to remember.

In order to log in to the Member Information site, you must use your current Club User Name (your email address) and your current password. (Note: You can change your Club Information PW to your current PW on the Member Information site so that you'll only have one PW to remember for both sites. It's really easy! If you have questions, contact Webmaster Debe Skidmore at 589-1800.)

— Luke Schmidt, Communications Committee



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