



SPARKS

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2013

Guest Speaker: John A. Roush, Ph.D., Centre College President

Topic: "The American Academy: 2038"

Introduction by: Rev. Robin Jennings

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

Galt House West, 3rd Floor, Cochran Room



Dr. John Roush has served as the 20th President of Centre College in Danville, Kentucky since 1998. Throughout his career, he has worked to advance higher education and is a regular contributor to professional journals in the areas of leadership, governance, and finance. He believes the real challenge facing the nation's institutions of higher learning is offering high-quality experiences that prepare America's young people for work and service on a global level. On Thursday, he will share his vision for the future of higher education.

Centre College is located in the "centre" of Kentucky in Danville and has been named No. 1 among all colleges and universities in the South by *Forbes* magazine in both 2009 and 2010. Centre continues to receive lofty rankings across the board. Additionally, Centre hosted the 2000 and 2012 Vice Presidential debates.

Centre's campus includes 67 buildings on 152 acres. But, learning doesn't just occur on campus. International study is a way of life, and about 85 percent of students study abroad at least once. Unlike most schools offering study abroad programs, Centre completely runs and staffs its own long-term, residential programs, which are located in Strasbourg, France; Merida, Mexico; and London, England. In each of these cities, students live with fellow Centre students and are taught by Centre professors. The College also has exchange programs in England, Japan, China, and Northern Ireland. All full-term study abroad trips cost about the same as study in Danville. In addition to full-term offerings, Centre offers short trips to almost every continent: Bali, China, Costa Rica, and New Zealand. Student profile: 1,337 opening enrollment for 2012-13; 44 states represented; 9 countries represented; 26-31 ACT midrange.

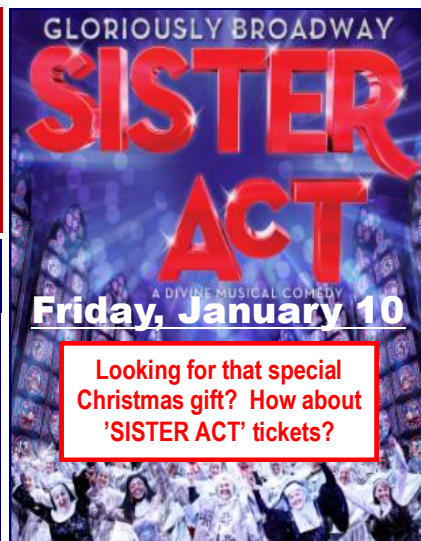
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Looking for that special Christmas gift? How about 'SISTER ACT' tickets?

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Website Tip #2

Hopefully by now you have had a chance to visit the new Louisville Rotary Club website and have logged in to the site's *Members Only* section. If you haven't had a chance yet, the Communications Committee encourages you to do this soon so that you can enjoy all the benefits of the new site. Securing your password is easy. If you need help, please contact Debe Skidmore.

Over the next 3-4 weeks, ... (See p. 3)

Birthday Table

Bob Slider	Dec 5
Jim Murphy	Dec 7
Michael Dees	Dec 9
Ingrid Hernandez	Dec 9
Jim Remmers	Dec 9
Mark Trier	Dec 9
Sam Watkins	Dec 9
Mack Shwab IV	Dec 11
Doug Yates	Dec 11

Please sit at the Birthday Table on December 5.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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 13 — Rotary Trade Expo
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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November 27, 2013 Rotary Meeting

On Wednesday, November 27, 2013 we enjoyed our annual joint Thanksgiving meeting with our Kiwanis Club hosts at the Galt House East Grand Ballroom C. President Randy Coe rang the bell at 12:15 p.m. and Kiwanis President Lori Skelton welcomed us. Kiwanian Kay Manning gave the invocation, and we sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," accompanied by Charlie Castner on the piano. President Lori then introduced President Randy, who in turn introduced the Rotary Club's officers, directors, and staff: Kevin Wardell, 1st VP, Phil Tamplin, 2nd VP, Craig Scherman, Secretary, Joey Bailey, Sergeant-at-Arms, Directors Stuart Alexander, Alice Bridges, Alan Griffes, Ken Grossman, John Hubbuch, Ken Middleton, Julie Schmidt, Susan Zepeda, and our staff, Debe Skidmore, Executive Director, and Kathy Reisert, Administrative Assistant. Cyndi Caudill announced one birthday Rotarian; and we sang Happy Birthday.



Lori Skelton, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz
and President Randy Coe



President Randy called on Mac McClure, who announced a \$25,000 matching pledge by Kosair Charities in support of the Rotary Promise Scholarship Fund, and urged us to step up and match it. President Randy then called for a champion to inflict bad verse upon Kiwanian Jim Oetken (*photo at left*), by whose pen many Rotarian worthies so long have suffered. Came forth Past President Lelan Woodmansee to recite the "Ode to Oetken," and "put the Ode in Odiferous," while his laughing victim's likeness was abused video-graphically. See Lelan's Ode below.

President Lori introduced the Kiwanis officers at the speakers table: Mike Nantz, President-Elect, Brian Taylor, Secretary, Keith Cole, Treasurer, Mike Erskine, Immediate Past-President, Mark Garmon, Past Governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee District, and Jim Garrett, current Lt. Governor of the District. President Lori announced three exciting Kiwanis Christmas programs: The "Christmas is for Kids," charity event on December 8, which will provide gifts for 400 children; the "Wayside Christian Mission Christmas Event," at Hotel Louisville on December 18, celebrating Christmas with homeless children; and the "Heuser Hearing Institute Christmas Program" on December 19. After Jim Oetken told us that last year's Rotary bell-ringers raised \$11,059 for the Salvation Army, and the Kiwanian bell-ringers raised \$11,611, he once more doggeralized our officers ([available at this link](#)).

Kiwanian President-Elect Mike Nantz introduced our speaker, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, to speak on "Giving Thanks." Ebenezer Scrooge's nocturnal encounters with his past, present, and future selves changed him." At the core of gratitude is an *encounter*," said Archbishop Kurtz. Scrooge's encounters led to joyfulness and generosity.

- Stan Whetzel

Tis the Season for

Bell Ringers!

[Link to sign up now.](#)



Ode to Jim Oetken - by Lelan Woodmansee

For years we've endured with patient goodwill,
An ode from Jim Oetken—a most bitter pill
To swallow after Thanksgiving Eve's meal;
That's meant to join clubs in for all, a good deal.

Jim annually toasts each club's leaders by name,
And comes up with couplets which lame jokes contain.
His poetic emissions put the ode in odiferous,
But hand it to Jimmy, his reading's vociferous!

I humbly submit just one well-known example,
Of how Jim's poetic eruptions can trample
A member's longstanding surname giving pride;
It's a good thing we all have a very tough hide.

Like rhyming my name with that of a simian,
Is something in which our dear friend Jimmy can
Apparently take an inordinate pride.

(Link to PDF for both Lelan's Ode, as well as Jim Oetken's)

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

...the Communications Committee will be presenting additional tips on how to use the new site. Today, I would like to call your attention to the first of four sections along the left side of the Home page: Our Club. This section contains important info on each of the following areas: (1) Meetings/Speakers, (2) Calendar, (3) Leadership, (4) Organization, (5) History, (6) Honorees, and (7) Joining Rotary.

The Meetings/Speakers page provides a quick overview on speakers who have been scheduled for future meetings, along with their topic. The Club's Calendar provides a list of upcoming events, many with links which provide additional information. The Leadership section provides a listing of the Club's Officers, while the Organization page provides a link to a PDF file which contains the Club's Organizational Chart. The History page provides a complete profile on one of Rotary's oldest and largest clubs. Rotary is all about service and the Honorees page provides a list of Rotarians that have excelled in this area and who have received the Lifetime Service Award. Also listed on the Honorees page is a listing of Club members who have been selected as Rotarian of the Year.

Finally, the Joining Rotary page provides a quick reference as to what is required in order to join Rotary. This serves as a helpful reminder for current Rotarians that may want to sponsor a new member, or for someone in the community who might be interested in joining.

All of this info is contained in just one primary section! Be sure and check it out!

— Luke Schmidt, Communications Committee

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