

SPARKS



Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2013

Guest Speaker: Salim K. Najjar, P.E.

Heart of America — RLI Regional Coordinator

Title: *Miracles Made Possible by Your Rotary Foundation Contribution*

Introduced by: President Randy Coe



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

Meeting Location: Galt House West, 3rd Floor, Archibald Room



Salim came to the U.S. from Lebanon in 1958 at the age of 17 to attend college. He graduated from Tri State University in Angola, Indiana in June of 1962, and began his career as a bridge design engineer for the Indiana Highway Department. He joined the Rotary Club of Indianapolis in 1982, and in 2001 Salim led District 6560 Group Study Exchange Team to Brazil District 4590. Since then he has championed the work of the Rotary Foundation and especially global projects. He served District 6560 as GSE Chair for five years, and in 2003 he transferred his membership to the Rotary Club of Carmel, Indiana. In 2006-07 he served as President of the Carmel Rotary Club, followed by two years as Assistant Governor and in the Rotary year 2010-2011 served as District Governor of Central Indiana District 6560. In 2011-2013 he served as an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for

Zone 30.

Salim and his wife Paula are the proud parents of six children and twelve grandchildren. They are Major Donors of The Rotary Foundation; Salim is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society and a member of the Bequest Society; Paula and two of their children are also Paul Harris Fellows. In September 2013, Salim received the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service Award.

The presentation is entitled "The Miracles Made Possible By Your Rotary Foundation Contribution", a first-person account how a Rotary Foundation grant made it possible to perform life-saving pediatric heart surgeries, while training surgeons and medical staff at a hospital in Uganda to perform these pediatric surgeries.

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Thursday, November 14 is the deadline to sign up! Enjoy friendly competition with fellow Rotarians while supporting The Rotary Fund of Louisville, your club's 501(c)(3) organization.

CLICK HERE for details to sign up today!



Congratulations RLI Graduate Phil Tamplin!



What is RLI? Rotary Leadership Institute is a leadership development program in three one-day fast-paced, interactive sessions that provide Rotary knowledge and develop leadership skills for future leaders of Rotary clubs and districts. Rotarians interested in RLI should email rotary@rotary45.org.



Birthday Table

Dennis Dolan	Nov 7
Ann Wells	Nov 7
Dick Brien	Nov 8
Bob DeWeese	Nov 8
Jim Hill	Nov 8
Tom Hirsch	Nov 8
Pete Lanham	Nov 8
Ken Selvaggi	Nov 8
Ken Grossman	Nov 9
Cynthia Knapek	Nov 9
Mike Kull	Nov 10
Jon Mapp	Nov 10
Cyndi Caudill	Nov 12
John Bush	Nov 13
Jerry Gerichs	Nov 13

Please sit at the Birthday Table on November 7.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

November 14 — Missy Eckenberg, Paducah Rotary Club President, *Global Grants (MEETING WILL BE OFF-SITE at Kosair Shrine Club, 812 South Second Street, in the ballroom)*

November 21 — Russel Vandenbroucke, Rotary Peace Fellow (Bangkok 2006), UofL Professor of Dramatic Arts, *Peace Fellowship Program FYI: Candidates for Club Board Officers/Directors will be introduced at the meeting.*

November 27 (Wednesday) — *Annual Thanksgiving Program with Kiwanis*

December 5 — John Roush, President of Centre College

December 19 — Christmas Program

December 26 — No Program

January 2 — No Program

January 9 — Bob Bordogna, Stock Market Predictions

January 16 — Mayor Greg Fischer

February 27 — Ted Bishop, PGA President

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13, 2014 — Biennial 'Rotary Trade Expo'

March 20, 2014 — Unsung Heroes Program

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Wednesday, November 20 — Rotary Night Out 'Urban Style' at **WaterStep**, 625 Myrtle Street. \$20/person (includes food, beer/wine/water) We're going urban! Enjoy Food Truck while watching fire jugglers and entertainment by the Blues Brothers. Tour amazing WaterStep facility & special program.

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"
Receipt of payment confirms your reservation! Thank you!

Can you play a trumpet or a saxophone?

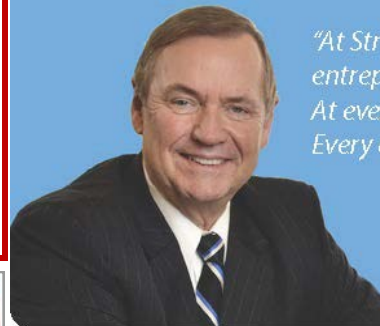


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October 31, 2013 Rotary Meeting

Impressive—heartwarming—entertaining ... three words that one would hardly expect to describe a Halloween program that featured a triple amputee from the Iraq conflict. Having Past President Wayne Perkey as substitute for President Randy began setting a tone for the day and the Invocation delivered by Susan Smith was comforting. Suddenly we were confronted by 75 uniformed young people in their Future Farmers of America uniforms, who filed in and stood, three deep, before the speaker's platform where they sang the "Ignite" medley following the Pledge of Allegiance. Only one of the four eligible birthdays was "recognizable", Thom Crimans, who was serenaded appropriately. Guests were introduced as was the table up front with ten guests with distinguished military service. Several announcements were made by President Randy, Past President Alexander and Greg Braun.



Bryan Anderson

Bill Roby Sr. & Past Pres. Wayne Perkey



Bill Roby then introduced our uniformed and decorated speaker as he wheeled himself up front in his wheel chair, jumped backwards from the chair onto the platform and then lifted the chair up behind him and jumped onto it until he was able to sit on the back of the wheelchair, high enough to be seen by everyone.—all of this with no legs and only one hand! After introducing himself, 32 year old Bryan Anderson thanked us for inviting him and then introduced "the elephant in the room," the fact that he had no legs and only one hand. *"Don't be afraid to laugh at me. I'm okay."* And, as a true showman, he made us laugh as he told his life story, beginning with growing up in Chicago and his first job, at American Airlines, the decision he and his fiancée made to join the Army, because they wanted to "see the world." He joined the Army in April 2001. But that life was not for her. *"It cost me \$10 to get married and \$900 to get a divorce,"* he said. In 2003 he was deployed to Kuwait, where they never seemed to know what was going on in Iraq, until they were finally transferred there and found the heat oppressive (153 degrees). In January of 2005 he was flown to Baghdad where he began to learn about IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) and where there were 60 bombs a day within six miles of his base. On October 23rd he was driving a truck and remembers the spark as he lit a cigarette at the moment that an IED exploded by his truck. He knew he was injured when he tried to wipe the flies from his face but did not know how badly until he awoke a week later in Washington and saw his mother's face looking down on his mangled body. At this point in his talk he jumped from his chair to the stage and demonstrated how he learned to skate board and snow board during his rehabilitation. He concluded by saying that from that time on he has only wanted to help other people, and he closed by thanking Rotary for our commitment to service! - David Reed

**ROTARY NIGHT OUT
URBAN STYLE**

Wednesday, November 20 at 5:30 pm
625 Myrtle Street

- ✓ Experience the cultural integration with some incredible cuisine. We'll also have the Grind Food Truck. Wine and beer tickets included in your price.
- ✓ Enjoy Fine Jugglers and the Blues Brothers!
- ✓ Finally - a tour of the WaterStep facility. GLIP (Greater Louisville International Professionals) has also been invited.

WaterStep

**2013 HOLIDAY
EXTRAVAGANZA**

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Thursday, December 5th @ 5:30 pm
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**SISTER
ACT**

Friday, January 10
Tickets go on sale to the public Nov 8, so purchase your tickets ASAP!!

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, just across from the Kentucky Center! **CLICK HERE** to purchase online!

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