

SPARKS



Next Meeting: Thursday, November 29, 2012

Guest Speaker: David Ratterman, Partner - Stites & Harbison

Topic: "World Trade Center; a Decade and a Year Later"

Introduction by Charles Cronan

Buffet Opens: 11:30 am / Meeting Begins: 12:15 pm

Galt House West - Third Floor, Cochran Room



David Ratterman is a graduate engineer and construction lawyer with Stites & Harbison. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville for nearly 30 years. David served as Secretary and General Counsel of the American Institute of Steel Construction for nearly 25 years. The AISC writes the engineering codes and standards used in steel-framed construction in the United States.

David provides a unique perspective on the evolution of the New York World Trade Center from its original construction in the 1960's, through its destruction in 2001, to its redesign and current reconstruction. He has represented construction industry clients involved in each of those phases of the World Trade Center's existence.

In 2002 David presented a program to Rotary based on the FEMA analysis of the mechanics of the collapse of the Twin Towers and some of the human agony and heroism involved in the cleanup effort. He's back now, ten years later, with firsthand photos and engineering data on the World Trade Center's reconstruction, and stories of the indomitable spirit of the New Yorkers who are rebuilding it.



Friday, December 7

6:30 to 11:00 pm

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres 6:30-7:30 pm

The Pendennis Club

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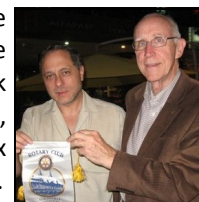
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Thank you!



Club member, Rick Harned, visited a Rotary meeting in Mendoza, Argentina recently. Their meeting was held outdoors on the patio of an ice cream shop. Rick returns next week, after spending six months in Uruguay.



Birthday Note

Birthdays were not observed last week due to the joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club.

Birthday Table

Frank Perrin	Nov 21
Bill Knopf	Nov 22
Bill Receveur	Nov 22
Bob Bordogna	Nov 24
Charles Brockwell	Nov 24
Niels Ewing	Nov 24
Henry Fairleigh	Nov 24
Walt Kunau	Nov 24
Sean Letwat	Nov 28
Paul O'Flynn	Nov 28
Dick Fenley	Nov 29
Donovan Reynolds	Nov 30
Charlie Oberst, MD	Dec 1
Bobbie Rafferty	Dec 1
Chris Padgett	Dec 2
Bill Buckaway	Dec 3

Please sit at the Birthday Table on November 29.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December 6 — Nomination Day - Announcement of Officer/Director Nominations for 2013-14

December 13 — Bill Samuels, Chairman Emeritus of Maker's Mark Distillery, and Mike Veach, Filson Historical Society Associate Curator of Special Collections & Bourbon Historian

December 20 — St. X Choir, *Holiday Music Program*

December 27 — *No meeting.*

January 3 — Bos Todd, Chairman, Todd Investments, *'Annual Stock Picks'*.

January 17 — Rick Bell, Author, *'Louisville's Historic Waterfront'*.

January 24 — 'Rotary Neighborhood Barbecue' with Mayor Greg Fischer, *'State of the City Address'* - **(LOCATION: KY Center for African American Heritage, 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd. - Free Parking)** Catered by Mark's Feed Store.

February 7 — Christen Boone, Director, Greater Louisville Project *'2012 Competitive City Update Report'*.

March 21 — Terry Brooks, Executive Director of KY Youth Advocates, *'National Child Abuse & Awareness Month'*

March 28 — Dr. Lyle Roelofs, President of Berea College

April 4 — Fr. Clyde Crews, Bellarmine University Historian & Archival Coordinator *'Religious History of Louisville'*.

May 9 — Rotary Speech Contest District Finals

June 6 — Charlie Mattingly, President & CEO, Better Business Bureau of Louisville, Southern Indiana & Western Kentucky, *'BBB 100th Anniversary and Update'*

June 13 — Maria Hampton, Co-Chair Vision Louisville & Federal Reserve Bank Vice President, *'Vision Louisville'*

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7 — Rotary Holiday Party, The Pendennis Club (6:30 - 11:00 pm)

January 23 — Meet at MEAT, Membership Party with YPAL.

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Rotary Meeting - November 21, 2012

On a rare Wednesday, President Alexander called our special Thanksgiving/Joint Kiwanis Club meeting to order. Glen Stuckel gave our invocation, followed by Keith Knapp with our pledge. Keith then led us in *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, accompanied by Charlie Castner on piano.



President Stuart welcomed our guests from the Kiwanis Club. George Graham, Kiwanis Club President, (*pictured at left*) introduced his officers, including the Kiwanis Governor from KY/TN. President Stuart then introduced our officers. President Stuart announced the date for our Holiday Party on December 7 at the Pendennis Club. Kiwanian Jim Oetken then presented the "Ode", a 15-year tradition of rhyming names of both clubs' officers. *See article below.*



Ken Grossman, Rabbi Chester B. Diamond and President Stuart E. Alexander, III

George Brakmeier announced that 70 Rotarians have signed up for bell ringing to benefit the Salvation Army in our annual competition with the Kiwanis Club. Despite the fact that the Kiwanis Club has beaten us in this competition the last few years, both clubs really win, and the ultimate winner is the Salvation Army. Major Michael Hawley, Area Commander of the Salvation Army and a Rotarian, (*pictured at right*) expressed his gratitude to both clubs for their efforts.

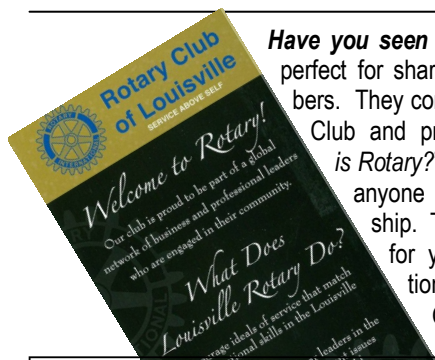


Woody Northup spoke on behalf of The Rotary Foundation and its many causes. It is a top rated foundation in the country, with very little of the funds covering overhead. Look for a letter describing a special fundraising effort between now and the end of the year with accelerated credits for members toward achieving "Paul Harris Fellow" status.

Ken Grossman then introduced our guest speaker, one of our own, Rabbi Chester Diamond. Rabbi Diamond started off by presenting President Alexander with a copy of the November 26, 1929 Sparks newsletter special Thanksgiving edition. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Rabbi Diamond then talked about our gratitude to God for our many blessings and quoted Abraham Lincoln who said "*thank God for our fruitful fields and our heartfelt skies.*" Despite the competitive banter between our two clubs, Rabbi Diamond commended Rotary and Kiwanis for what we hold in common – who we are and what we value.

Rabbi Diamond then told a parable demonstrating those things that we are truly thankful for. Things that are material that we work hard for are most valuable when we share them with others, and the wonders and miracles of nature that exist at a higher level than our physical wealth, which encircle our inner life. And finally, the vision for the future, causing us to reach higher and higher to achieve great things - a vision of hope, a vision to share, a vision of faith and a vision of peace. Rabbi Diamond certainly put us in a proper frame of mind as we left to celebrate a joyous Thanksgiving.

- Jerry Gerichs



Have you seen the new brochures? They're perfect for sharing with *prospective* club members. They contain basic information about our Club and provide details about the "*What is Rotary?*" sessions (time and location) for anyone seriously interested in membership. These brochures will be available for you to pick up at the registration table at Thursday meetings. Questions? Call 589-1800.

Continuing the 15-year tradition, Kiwanian Jim Oetken shared the "**2012 Ode to Rotary-Kiwanis**" at the Nov. 21 meeting. A few lines from his ode are:

*We're into the holidays, by gosh and by gaw-ly;
The Salvation Army is led by Mike Hawley.*

*Rotary has a great commander, who's widely known as Stu Alexander;
He's in labor relations, he's an attorney; He seems to enjoy his Rotary journey.*

*The guy who runs the Kosair Charities, a community resource, one of its rarities;
So eenie, meenie, miney, moe ... your President-Elect is Randy Coe.*

CLICK HERE to read the Ode in its entirety.



Club Member in 'The Rotarian' Magazine!

Check out the latest **Rotarian** magazine on pages 16 and 17. **Bob Ewald**, a member of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers, is quoted throughout the article. The underwater creatures pictured below (red and golden crinoids, chambered nautilus and clownfish) were photographed by Ewald. Since 1991, the fellowship schedules two annual diving trips, and charities are selected through local Rotary clubs. Donations (exceeding \$100,000) have been made to charitable organizations during their trips.



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