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Next Meeting: Thursday, December 4, 2014

Speakers: Angela Bisig & Tom Williams

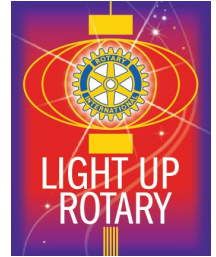
Titles: Circuit Court Judge & Stoll Keenon Ogden Member

Topic: *Restorative Justice Louisville, Inc. Providing Victim-centered, Business-oriented Justice to Louisville's Juvenile Courts*

Introduced by: Bill Schneider

Archibald Room, Galt House West, 3rd Floor

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



Judge Angela McCormick Bisig was elected Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge in November, 2012. Prior to this position, she served for ten years as a Jefferson County District Judge, where she was first elected in 2002. Judge Bisig served as the Chief Judge of District Court in 2012. Before serving on the bench, Judge Bisig worked for six years as a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prosecutor for the Jefferson County Attorney's Office. In her first six years of practice, she worked in civil law with the firms of Brown, Todd & Heyburn and Greenebaum Doll & McDonald.

Judge Bisig has worked on several projects to help improve the justice system: Enhanced Domestic Violence Supervision Docket, Spanish Language and Cultural Immersion Program, and the Restorative Justice Pilot Project. Other community involvement includes serving on the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana where she has been involved for years. She also is a 20-year participant in Sister Cities of Louisville. She traveled in 2008 to Oaxaca Mexico with USAID to work on improving their Rules of Criminal Procedure. In 2011, Angela was selected as one of ten individuals from the U.S. to participate in a leadership mission sponsored by the Taipei Foreign Ministry in Taiwan. She is a former Trustee of the University of Louisville and currently serves on its Board of Overseers. She also serves on the Chief Justice's Racial Fairness task force and the Disproportionate Minority Confinement Committee of the Juvenile Court.



Tom practices management-side employment law as a member of the Kentucky law firm of Stoll Keenon Ogden. Since 2007, he has been active in both civic and legal developments in the Louisville community. In 2010, he served as Board Chair of Leadership Louisville being recognized by that organization as one of Louisville "Connectors." Prior to this, Tom was instrumental in having a marker dedicated to Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln memorial. He advanced a similar resolution naming Thomas Merton Square in Louisville in 2008.

In 2007, Tom served as President of the Louisville Bar Association. In this role, he learned about restorative justice and has worked since 2009 to help develop and grow Restorative Justice Louisville, Inc.—that provides restorative justice in juvenile matters. He now serves as Board Chair for this organization. This work is based upon a model that reduced recidivism by 2/3 in a community that fully utilized it. Tom believes that restorative justice could be a break-through development for the legal system and the Louisville could a leader in this effort. This past Sunday, the Courier-Journal featured Tom's other civic passion: Compassionate Louisville. Tom now serves as co-host of the Partnership for a Compassionate Louisville. For that work, he received the Jack Olive International Heart of Compassion award from the Charter for Compassion. Tom believes that restorative justice is the compassionate way to do justice that is victim-centered but requires full accountability by the offender. Tom and his wife, Sarah, have three children, Lilly, Lincoln and Nelson.

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Birthday Table

Amy Luttrell	Dec 4
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 Jr.	Dec 9

Please sit at the Birthday Table on December 4



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December 4 Evening — Rotary Christmas Party at St. Charles Exchange!

December 11 — Eric Gregory (Exec Dir, KY Distillers Association) *'Bourbon'*

December 18 — Holiday Program (Louisville Youth Choir)

Dec 25 & Jan 1 — (No Meetings)

January 8 — Bob Bordogna (Chairman of Todd Asset Management) *'Annual Stock Market Predictions'*

January 15 — Coach Dan McDonnell *'Louisville Baseball'*

January 22 — Scott Colosi (President of Texas Roadhouse)

January 29 — Mayor Greg Fischer *'State of the City Address'* (Location: New Southwest Library on Dixie Highway)

February 5 — Jonathan Wolff (Louisville Native and Seinfeld Composer) *'I Got a Call From This Comic Named Jerry ... Louisville to Hollywood and Back Again'*

February 12 — Ted Smith (Chief Economic Growth & Innovation, Louisville Metro Govt) *'Institute for Healthy Air, Water & Soil'*

February 19 — Wil James (CEO, Toyota Georgetown) *'Toyota'*

February 26 — Ralph de Chabert (Brown-Forman Chief Diversity Officer)

March 5 — Ray Burse (KY State University President / Recently Featured on NBC Brian Williams) *'Making a Difference'*



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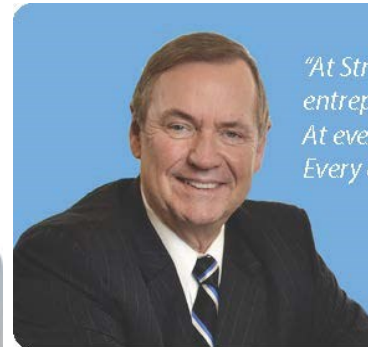
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Questions? Contact Debe at 589-1800 or at rotary@rotary45.org.



"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

December 4, 2014 (Thursday) — Holiday Party at St. Charles Exchange! Prepare for a fun-filled evening!

January 14, 2015 (Wednesday) — Horseshoe Casino \$45/person (includes tax & gratuity) 6:00 Bar / 6:30 Buffet — Free Valet — Free \$10 token for each attendee. Tour facility afterwards or hit the tables. Your guests are welcome.

January 21, 2015 (Wednesday) — Award-winning Musical "ONCE" at the Kentucky Center! Optional Bristol dinner before the musical. Additional details/reservations at **THIS LINK**.

May 12, 2015 (Tuesday) — FUNdraiser Event at Copper & Kings (Details to follow.)

2015 Date to be Announced! — Louisville City FC Soccer "Opening Night"

November 26, 2014 Rotary Meeting

In accordance with tradition, the Louisville Rotary Club invited the Louisville Kiwanis Club to our Thanksgiving Day celebration which was held in the Galt House East Grand Ballroom 'A'. We were greeted by the Salvation Army band playing Christmas music. President Kevin opened the meeting and welcomed the Kiwanians and Rotarians to the luncheon meeting. Tony Kemper led the Invocation with a reading from Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Paul Bickel followed with the Pledge to the Flag and the Rotary 4-Way Test. The Band played "Silver Bells" under the direction of Major Art Penhale.

The Kiwanis President, Mike Nantz, was welcomed and he introduced the Kiwanis officers and staff, before speaking of the annual "Bell Ringing" competition between the two clubs, with assurance that the weather in Louisville would be warmer than in Buffalo, NY, and a notice of the Heuser Hearing & Language Academy Christmas Party for young people on December 18. The famous Jim Oetken provided the annual entertaining "Ode" (available at [THIS LINK](#)). The officers of the Rotary Club were then introduced and visiting Rotarians, Kiwanians and guests were welcomed. Two birthday-ites were introduced by Stacy Funk and recognized, and announcements of the next December 4 Rotary meeting and Holiday Party were made.



Kiwani President Mike Nantz, Rotary President Kevin Wardell, Rev. Robin Jennings and John Jennings



Rotarian John Jennings was welcomed to the podium to introduce our speaker, his father and Rotarian, The Rev. Robin Jennings, who began by saying that he was "in cold sweats" at the thought of his son introducing him. He then introduced John's mother, his wife, Mary Jennings. He framed his story of William Bradford by speaking of the importance of individuals, as well as organizations, understanding clearly what their "mission" (reason for existence) was. "What does it say about us, if we have no sense of mission? We are here for a reason." William Bradford, leader of the original Plymouth colony, was a good example of a man with a clear mission. He fled his native England in the early 17th C. because of the intense violence of the newly reformed Church of England against dissenting Puritans. "Religious Freedom" became his mission. He led a group of English Puritans to Holland where "they were more relaxed about religion" and there they boarded a sailing ship, the "Speedwell" to establish a colony (plantation) in Northern Virginia. Severe weather forced the Speedwell to land near the English town of "Plymouth" on the Southwest

tip of England, where Bradford and his fellow Puritans joined another ship already leaving for the new world carrying craftsmen and merchants intent on settling in the Hudson River valley ("New York" to us). Once again, strong seas prevented them from reaching their objective, but they were able to disembark at what is now known as Plymouth, Massachusetts, where they were able to establish a Puritan plantation with Bradford as their "Governor." They had already agreed on the nature of the community they wanted to begin, as they drafted "The Mayflower Compact" while still at sea. They were convinced that the Grace of God had held them through the dangers of the sea voyage and believed that giving thanks to God was the essence of their new life as Puritans in the New World. William Bradford had been faithful to his mission in life, and freedom of worship was central to the "Compact" of his community in the New World. Giving thanks to God was of the essence—to his Mission.

- Respectfully submitted by David Reed

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