

SPARKS



Next Meeting: Thursday, December 6, 2012

NOMINATION DAY

Introduction of Candidates for 2013-14 Officers & Directors

Presented by Mike Kull and Lelan Woodmansee

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

Galt House West - Third Floor, Cochran Room



It's time to select club officers and directors for fiscal year 2013-14. Your nominating committees have been hard at work to secure a slate of candidates, and they will be presented to you at this week's meeting. Plan to be present on December 6 to learn who the candidates are, so you will be better prepared to make your selections for the new First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Directors.

The ballots will be mailed on December 5 to each member, and a stamped, self-addressed return envelope will be enclosed. Your completed ballots must be returned to the Rotary office no later than December 18, and they will be officially counted by seven Club past presidents. Winners will be announced at the December 20 Rotary meeting. Your participation in the election of the Club's future leadership is important.



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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CLICK HERE to read details about the Western High School 2016 graduates who will be eligible for these scholarships. The impact of this project will affect our community in countless ways for many years to come. Be a part of it!



Birthday Table

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| 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 | Dec 11 |
| Doug Yates | Dec 11 |

Please sit at the Birthday Table on December 6.



Birthday Quote

"When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it happened or not."

Mark Twain

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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 10 — G. Keith Alvey, Regional CEO Kentuckiana Region, American Red Cross, *'Emergency Preparedness & Report on Hurricane Sandy'*.

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

January 24 — 'Rotary Neighborhood Barbecue' with Mayor Greg Fischer, *'State of the City Address'* - (At KY Center for African American Heritage, 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd. - Free Parking)

January 31 — Robert P. Friedland, MD, Rudd Chair & Professor University of Louisville Dept. of Neurology, *'Alzheimers, Dementia and Aging'*.

February 7 — Les Waters, Artistic Director, Actors Theater of Louisville.

February 21 — Christen Boone, Director, Greater Louisville Project *'2012 Competitive City Update Report'*.

February 28 — Greg Heitzman, President Louisville Water Company, Executive Director MSD, *'One Water - Consolidation of MSD & LWC'*.

March 21 — Unsung Heroes Program.

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

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

April 11 — Terry Brooks, Executive Director of KY Youth Advocates, *'National Child Abuse & Awareness Month'*.

May 9 — Rotary Speech Contest District Finals

May 16 — Rotary Fundraiser / Compassionate Louisville (*Dali Lama May 19 visit*)

June 6 — Charlie Mattingly, President & CEO, BBB 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'*

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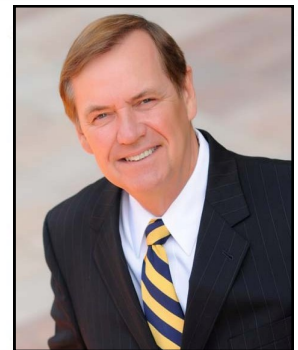
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

April 30 — 48th Annual 'Rotary Day at the Downs'.



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Rotary Meeting - November 29, 2012

President Stuart Alexander called the meeting to order and Alan Griffes gave our invocation. Gordon Costley led us in the pledge and along with Charlie Castner on the piano, led us in "New York, New York" in honor of our speaker and his topic. We've never sounded better!

Paul Gold hosted our birthday table which had several celebrants. President Stuart reminded everyone of the Holiday Party at The Pendennis Club on Friday, December 7th. Members were previously emailed a link to pay for the party online.

Kevin Wardell gave a Rotary 101 presentation about Vocational Service. The three cornerstones of vocational service are ethical standards, importance of all useful occupations, and the application of our professional skills to our societal needs. Habitat for Humanity and Rotary Promise Scholarship Fund are some of their activities. Charlie Castner introduced our newest member, Bobbie Rafferty, Chief Development Officer for Spalding University (pictured at left). Welcome Bobbie!

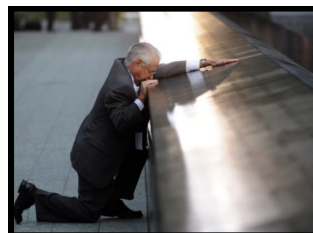


David Ratterman and
President Stuart E. Alexander, III


Mike Cronan then introduced his law partner, David Ratterman, as our guest speaker, and one of our own. With a background that includes engineering and construction law, David was asked to be a member of the FEMA team to understand the collapse of the twin towers shortly after their downfall on 9/11/01, and spoke of this to our club back in 2002. Now ten years later, David titled his presentation "Re-Birth!" [Click links to view video \(two parts\) of David's presentation: Part 1 and Part 2.](#)

David spoke briefly of the anatomy of the old twin towers and how the collapse occurred, and then explained the intricate design of the new structures. At 1,776 feet, tower one will be the tallest structure in America. The thickness of the walls at the base of the structure, the PSI of the concrete used, and the amount of reinforcing steel is well beyond the limits of any other building erected. The remains of over half of the 2,983 people who perished were never recovered, emphasizing the need for a significant memorial. The second piece of the "Re-Birth" is Memorial Plaza, which includes the names of all of those that perished, etched in metal.

The third piece of the "Re-Birth" at the site is the redesign and construction of the Transportation Hub, which is significant due to its location in lower Manhattan and its connectivity to New Jersey. How Much and Who Pays? That will be an issue for the Port Authority of New York for years to come. But the construction of this massive project is important to show the rest of the world our resiliency and resolve. - Jerry Gerichs



Robert Peraza, who lost his son, Robert David Peraza, in the 9/11 World Trade Center attack, kneels before his son's name at the Memorial Plaza.



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How many brochures have you shared?

Perfect for sharing with *prospective* club members, these brochures contain basic information about our Club and provide details about the "What is Rotary?" sessions (time and location) for anyone seriously interested in membership.

NOTE: Normally offered two times per month, the 'What is Rotary?' session will be offered only once in December (12/6 at 11:00 AM) at the usual place (Rotary's conference room).

In case you aren't aware ... attending a 'What is Rotary?' session is required for anyone interested in club membership.

The new brochures are available at Thursday meetings, and you're welcome to take as many as you need. Sharing Rotary is now simple and easy. Give a brochure to someone today!

Questions? Call Debe at 589-1800.



Who deserves the next Lifetime Service Award?



Each year we recognize a fellow Rotarian for their achievements within Rotary and our community. Please nominate a Rotarian who excels in lifetime service to our community.

Look through your Rotary roster and you'll discover that there are many who fit this category! Nominees must be a Rotarian for at least ten years. When considering an individual, seek input from their spouse, friends or family to obtain information about achievements, of which you may not be aware. Criteria/guidelines are listed on the form at the link below.

CLICK HERE to access the LSA form. Submit by 12/20 at 1:00pm.

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