

# SPARKS



**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 31, 2013**

**Guest Speaker: Bryan Anderson**  
*Iraq War Veteran, Triple Amputee, Quantum Rehab & USA Cares Spokesperson, Author & Actor*  
**Introduced by: Bill Roby, Sr.**



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

**Meeting Location: Galt House East, 2nd Floor, Grand Ballroom A**



Bryan is the national spokesman for Quantum Rehab, a division of Pride Mobility Corporation, and travels the country making numerous personal appearances while delivering his message of perseverance and determination in major rehab facilities. In addition, he is an Ambassador for the Gary Sinise Foundation and a USA Cares spokesman. USA Cares is a national nonprofit organization based in Radcliff, Kentucky focused on assisting post 911 veterans in times of need.

Bryan enlisted in the Army in April, 2001 and had a 'ship out' date of September 11, 2001. He served two tours of duty in Iraq, stationed in the Baghdad area. He attained the rank of Sergeant in the Military Police (MP), conducted police training courses in Iraq and gained additional law enforcement experience at Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary as a prison guard. In October 2005, Bryan was injured by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) that resulted in the loss of both legs and his left hand. As a result of his injuries, he was awarded a Purple Heart. Bryan received rehabilitation for a period of 13 months at Walter Reed Army Hospital. He is one of the few triple amputees to have survived his injuries in Iraq.

In addition to media coverage (USA Today, Esquire, 60 Minutes segment, etc.), Bryan has appeared in the HBO Documentary, *Alive Day Memories: Home from Iraq*, and in a CSI: NY episode titled *DOA for a DAY* as a murder suspect. He appeared in the Golden Globe Award winning film *The Wrestler* which was released in December 2008. Bryan was interviewed by MTV News 'Choose or Lose Street Team' and has appeared on the daytime drama 'All My Children.' He was the subject of the Captain America comic, 'Theater of War – to soldier on,' released in August 2009. Bryan has finished work on a book titled *No Turning Back*, released November 1, 2011, and most recently hosted a new PBS show, *Reporting for Service with Bryan Anderson*, which received an Emmy Award. He also received a Telly Award for his work on a Quantum Rehab product video titled 'Life Beyond Limits.'

Bryan is energetic and enthusiastic and enjoys challenging his limits. He snowboards, wake boards, white water rafts and rock climbs. He loves to travel and meeting new people. Bryan resides in the Chicago area. In addition to academic excellence, Bryan excelled in high school sports and competed as an accomplished gymnast in state level competitions. Following graduation, he worked for American Airlines as a Ground Crew Chief at O'Hare airport.

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Before referring individuals for possible membership, it is important to know the following:



### CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP in the Rotary Club of Louisville



#### A member of the Rotary Club of Louisville will:

1. Be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation.
2. Have sufficient capability to meet financial requirements of membership (afford initiation fee, membership dues and prepaid lunch dues).
3. Have an interest and willingness to participate in projects of community service.
4. Have control over his/her time, talent and treasure.
5. Be philanthropically minded, a charitable giver, eager to volunteer, and a humanitarian.
6. Commit to serve on at least one or two committees.
7. Hold or be retired from a top management, leadership position in a recognized business or community organization.
8. Exceptions to #7 may be considered for any of the following instances. IF individual:
  - was a past Rotarian or president of another Rotary club;
  - was a Leadership Fellow;
  - has extensive community service experience;

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## Birthday Table

Amy Letke	Nov 1
Thom Crimans	Nov 3
Chuck Eirk	Nov 4
John Yarmuth	Nov 4

**Please sit at the Birthday Table on October 31.**



**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**November 7** — **Salim Najjar**, Past Rotary District Governor, Central Indiana District 6560, Vocational Training Teams **(MEETING WILL BE OFF-SITE at Kosair Shrine Club, 812 South Second Street, in the Ballroom)**

**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

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

**December 5** — **John Roush**, President of Centre College

**December 19** — **Christmas Program**

**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 Extraganza!!"** 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?

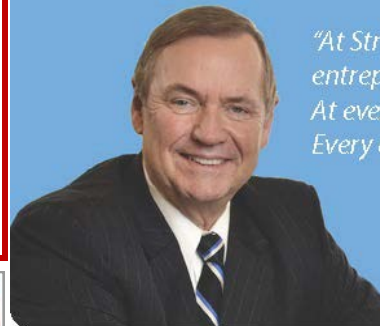


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## October 24, 2013 Rotary Meeting

We met in the Galt House East Grand Ballroom B on October 24, 2013. Past President Merrily Orsini presided in President Randy Coe's place. Robin Jennings gave the invocation. Rich Schiller led us in saying the Pledge, and most of us sang "Shine On, Harvest Moon." Charlie Castner was on the upright. Past President Merrily welcomed one visiting Rotarian and our four guests. We had a host of birthday Rotarians, although none was present.

Past President Merrily announced that we will meet on October 31 in Grand Ballroom A. Past President Wayne Perkey will preside. Bryan Anderson, Iraq War veteran and triple amputee, author and actor, and spokesperson for Quantum Rehab & USA Cares, will speak. Past President Merrily thanked Craig Scherman and his Rotary volunteers for helping the Public Radio Partnership raise \$402,000; thanked Gary Noel for leading Tuesday's successful Golf Scramble; and thanked Greg Braun and the Entertainment Committee for hosting yesterday evening's highly-praised walking tour and wine-tasting event. Past President Merrily next introduced Past President Henry Heuser, Jr. who introduced our own speaker, Maria Hampton.



Maria Hampton, Henry Heuser, Jr.  
and Merrily Orsini

Maria was appointed to Vision Louisville by Mayor Greg Fischer. Speaking for herself, Maria squeezed a six-hour presentation into thirty minutes. As understood by this Reporter, Maria described VL's strategy as summoning Louisville's established and emerging leaders, thinkers, doers and entrepreneurs to engagement and transformative action for the benefit of the community. VL seeks BIG IDEAS to re-imagine the City's future, build a FRAMEWORK to recruit "transformative" talent and investment, in support of QUALITY OF LIFE.

VL has three phases: Summer 2012, Summer 2013, and Fall-Spring 2013-2014. As part of VL's charge to develop "the Mother of All Plans," many of the City's long-standing imponderables and dilemmas will be brought into focus: How can we make west Louisville successful? Can SDF ever be integrated positively into the City's daily life and its neighborhoods? How to reap Fourth Street's potential? A virtual VL Town Meeting generated an explosion of ideas, 80,000 in all, that were communicated by and through traditional and non-traditional media. They ranged from the Google-esque "Wi-Fi-ing of Louisville," to "creating a downtown living room," and the whimsical, "rigging zip-lines over the Ohio River" (Wheee!). Another was "Grow and develop the City's immigrant talent," which could be a true vision of this community's future. - Stan Whetzel



### Kentucky Biking Adventures - by Kirk Alliman (19 days and 1,106 miles)

There are various ways of celebrating milestone birthdays. I decided to highlight my 70<sup>th</sup> year by pedaling a bicycle around the periphery of Kentucky while crossing into each of the seven bordering states (Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana). Autumn is a wonderful time of year for bike riding, and biking on Kentucky's lightly traveled country roads is so very pleasant. The rural sounds, smells and sights are ...

[CLICK HERE for entire article](#)

### College Basketball Season is Almost Here! Let's play!



The Deadline to sign up is November 14. Join the fun! Enjoy friendly competition with fellow Rotarians while supporting The Rotary Fund of Louisville, your club's 501c3 organization.

[CLICK HERE for details and sign-up form.](#)

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- is an individual with an exceptional sphere of influence; or
- If not in leadership position, his/her company's top management has been approached but has no Rotary interest.

If the prospective member is a former Rotarian, he or she must meet these criteria and have no dues or other debts outstanding at their former club. Any balance due must be paid before the proposed member will be accepted. Previous members of this Club or other Rotary Clubs and Rotaractors (a previous Rotaract member within the preceding two years) will not be required to pay an admission fee.

All prospective members must attend a "What is Rotary?" informational 30-35 minute session. These sessions are offered two times per month (first and third Thursdays) at 11:00 AM in the Rotary office conference room located at 401 West Main Street, Suite 810, Louisville, KY 40202. Reservations are not required. Attendees receive membership proposal forms at this session.



Register now to join fellow Rotarians  
as we celebrate together!

### All-Kentucky District Conference November 15-17

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