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Next Meeting: November 6, 2014

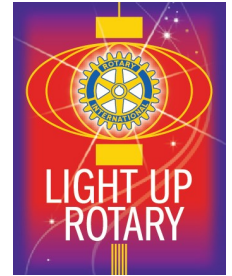
Guest Speaker: Teddy Abrams

Title: Louisville Orchestra Music Director

Introduced by: Christen Boone

Galt House West, 25th Floor, The RIVUE

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



An unusually versatile musician, Teddy Abrams is a widely acclaimed conductor, as well as an established pianist, clarinetist, and composer. This season marks the beginning of his tenure as Music Director of the Louisville Orchestra and Music Director and Conductor of the Britt Classical Festival. He also serves as Resident Conductor of the MAV Symphony Orchestra in Budapest, which he first conducted in 2011. Teddy recently concluded his appointment as Assistant Conductor of the Detroit Symphony.

Active as a guest conductor, the 2014-15 season includes Teddy's debuts with the Louisiana and New Mexico Philharmonics, and the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, as well as returns to the Indianapolis Symphony and New World Symphony on subscription with Joshua Bell as soloist. Recent performances include a debut with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and returns to The Florida Orchestra, the Jacksonville Symphony, and the San Francisco Symphony,

where he conducted the orchestra's summer classical series in July 2013. From 2008 to 2011 Abrams was the Conducting Fellow and Assistant Conductor of the New World Symphony (NWS) and conducted many performances, including subscription concerts and numerous other full and chamber orchestra events. Abrams has conducted the NWS in Miami Beach, Washington, D.C. and at Carnegie Hall, and has worked with many other orchestras around the country.

Abrams studied conducting with Michael Tilson Thomas, Otto-Werner Mueller and Ford Lallerstedt at the Curtis Institute of Music, and with David Zinman at the Aspen Music Festival; he was the youngest conducting student ever accepted at both institutions. Abrams is also an award-winning composer and a passionate educator - he has taught at numerous schools throughout the United States. His 2009 Education Concerts with the New World Symphony (featuring the world premiere of one of Abrams' own orchestral works) were webcast to hundreds of schools throughout South Florida.

Abrams performed as a keyboardist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, won the 2007 Aspen Composition Contest, and was the Assistant Conductor of the YouTube Symphony at Carnegie Hall in 2009. He has held residencies at the La Mortella music festival in Ischia, Italy and at the American Academy in Berlin. Teddy was a proud member of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra for seven seasons, and graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music with a Bachelor of Music, having studied piano with Paul Hersh.

Saturday, Nov.15 (10a-1p) is FOOD LITERACY VOLUNTEER WORKDAY - See Page Three!

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BUSINESS SYNERGY NIGHT

**November 11 at 5:30
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Please send the form to: rotary@rotary45.org.


Your participation is much appreciated! Thank you!

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 Knapke	Nov 9
Mike Kull	Nov 10
Cyndi Caudill	Nov 12
Nov 6 Birthday Table	

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

November 13  — **Wayne Estopinal and Coach O'Connor** (Louisville City Football Club) "New Soccer Team"

November 20  — **Tony Zippel** (President & CEO, Seven County Services) "Mental Health"

November 26 (Wednesday) — **Rev. Robin Jennings** (Joint Meeting with Kiwanis)

December 4 — **Circuit Court Judge Angela Bisig & Stoll Keenon Ogden Member Tom Williams** - Program Topic: "Restorative Justice"

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

December 11 — **Eric Gregory** (Executive Director, KY Distillers Association) "Bourbon"

December 18 — **Holiday Program**

Dec 25 & Jan 1 — **Christmas Day & New Years Day** (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"

February 12 — **Ted Smith** (Chief Economic Growth & Innovation, Louisville Metro Govt)

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



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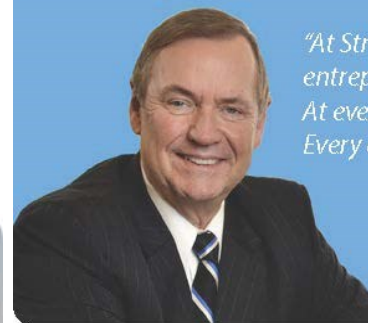
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"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!"

November 11 (Tuesday) — **BUSINESS SYNERGY NIGHT** At 5:30 pm. Location: **ARGI Financial, 1914 Stanley Gault Parkway.** **FREE** appetizers and appetizers. This will be a great opportunity to speak face-to-face with other Rotarians about each other's business. Questions? Contact John Jennings: 489-6235 or johnj@uscky.com.

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.

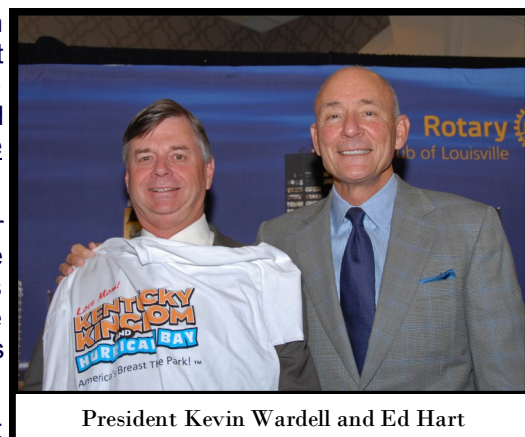
January 21, 2015 (Wednesday) — Award-winning Musical **"ONCE"** at the Kentucky Center! Optional dinner at the Bristol before the musical. Additional details/reservations at **THIS LINK**.

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

October 30, 2014 Rotary Meeting

President Kevin Wardell presided at the meeting held in Grand Ballroom A. The invocation was provided by Jean West Losavio, followed by Past President Randy Coe who led the pledge and recitation of the Rotary 4-Way Test. The National FFA Chorus, 72 high school students directed by Patti LaJoye, provided an entertaining performance of Medley of the States. A well-deserved standing ovation followed their performance.

A visiting Rotarian from South Dakota exchanged Rotary flags, and other guests were introduced and welcomed. Everyone was thrilled to see John Nerlinger who had been unable to attend Rotary for months. John's wife, Sue, spoke on his behalf and introduced John's guest and long-time friend, Karen Williams, who plans to join Rotary with John Nerlinger as her proposer.



President Kevin Wardell and Ed Hart

Bil Hirtzel announced that no birthday celebrants were present. The next Rotary meeting will be on the 25th floor in the RIVUE, with guest speaker Teddy Abrams. President Kevin thanked Craig Scherman and Rotarians who helped raise almost \$400,000 for Public Radio Partnership. Kevin announced that the Food Literacy Project Volunteer Workday is November 15 from 10a to 1p (contact Becca Barhorst at 491-0072 or becca@foodliteracyproject.org). John Jennings announced the Club's first **Business Synergy Night** event on November 11 at 5:30 at ARGI Financial on Stanley Gault Parkway (free cocktails/appetizers). Matt Gardiner announced our Holiday Party on December 4 at St. Charles Exchange. His announcement included throwing out 40-50 Christmas penguin stress balls that state: "You will have a ball at this year's Rotary Holiday Party!" The last announcement by Susan Zepeda provided details about how very close Rotary and its partner organizations are to eradicating polio worldwide!

President Kevin introduced guest speaker, Ed Hart, who shared an exciting presentation about reopening Kentucky Kingdom, which included its progress and plans, as well as its challenges. He shared impressive photos of *before and after* renovations and restoration of the 50+ acres preparing for its latest re-opening. Hart has a reputation for revitalizing troubled theme parks and, thanks to his vision and hard work, Kentucky Kingdom is well on its way to sustained success. He attributes much of this to the addition of new rides and attractions for all ages, such as family lagoon wave pool, triple slide tower complex, family raft ride, the region's first adventure river and triple-bump slide, a 12-story tall deep water dive (America's tallest body slide), a 5-D theater ... with plans for a new coaster, Terror to the 3rd Power, or "T-3", and later in 2016 plans to revive the Twisted Twins (a matching set of two long-dormant park coasters). As Ed mentioned, there's a well-known reframe about successful theme parks: "It's the rides, stupid." Ed also mentioned the bargain-priced Kentucky Kingdom season tickets to purchase before the holidays.

Prospective Members!

Anyone interested in membership is invited to the 'What is Rotary?' table at the end of the weekly Rotary meetings for a 15-minute informational session. They will receive a free lunch pass for their next visit to Rotary. Questions? Contact Exec. Dir. Debe Skidmore at 589-1800.

FOOD LITERACY PROJECT - VOLUNTEER WORKDAY Saturday, November 15 from 10 am to 1 pm

Would you like to get your hands dirty while contributing to the health and well-being of local children and families? Attend a volunteer workday for Rotary Club members with the Food Literacy Project at Oxmoor Farm, a local nonprofit inspiring a new generation to build healthy relationships with food, farming, and the land. The workday will consist of gardening and outdoor site work at the Food Literacy Project's home on Oxmoor Farm, and projects will be geared toward preparing our Learning Garden and Outdoor Kitchen for the winter season.

RSVP to Becca Barhorst, Resource Dev. Coordinator
becca@foodliteracyproject.org / (502) 491-0072






Holiday Party
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\$75 per person
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January 21, 2015

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