

# **SPARKS** News



#### **Committee Meetings**

11:00 am Foundation Committee in Sampson Room

1:15 pm Lifeline Committee's Fifth Thursday Forum "Aging Well" in Stopher Room

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

November 5: District Gov. Mike Kull, Club Assembly

November 12: Dr. Jay McGowan, President of **Bellarmine University** Location: Seelbach Hilton, Medallion Ballroom

**November 19: Governor Steve** Beshear Location: Marriott Hotel, Kentucky Ballroom

Wednesday, November 26: Kiwanis Meeting

December 10: Tori Murden McClure, President of Spalding University

**December 24: No Meeting** 

**December 31: No Meeting** 

January 7: Bob Bordogna, Annual Stock Market Report

January 21: RDML Gene Price, Deputy Commander, 10th Fleet - 'Cyberwarfare'

February 4: David Taliaferro, Director of Microfinance / KIVA Fellow

February 18: Bill Lamb, Leadership / Media

March 10, 2016: Speaker TBD. Location: Speed Museum (just before it re-opens to the public)



# October 29 Rotary Meeting



#### Kirk Bloodsworth, Exonerated Former Death Row Inmate

Topic: DNA Testing with Capital Punishment Cases

Galt House East, Grand Ballroom A

Buffet Opens at 11:30 / Meeting Begins at 12:05 pm

An honorably discharged former Marine, Kirk Bloodsworth is the first person in the United States exonerated from death row by DNA testing. In 1984 he was arrested for the rape and murder of nine-year-old Dawn Hamilton. He was sentenced to death in Baltimore County, Maryland, in 1985. After Kirk's conviction was reversed in 1986, Kimberly Shay Ruffner, who was serving a sentence

for another rape, would later be linked by DNA to the rape and murder of the child. The circumstantial evidence pointing Kirk to the 1984 crime was the testimony of five witnesses who placed him either with the victim or near the scene of the crime. But the Maryland Court of Appeals overturned his conviction in 1986, finding that the prosecution had illegally withheld exculpatory evidence from the defense. Kirk was retried and convicted again, and sentenced to two life terms. .... (more here)

### Member Spotlight

Mitch Rue, owner of WMR Consulting, has over thirty years of business experience as a company owner, consultant, and leader. He has held leadership roles in his own businesses, private organizations and public Fortune 500 organizations. Mitch has been awarded for his achievements in business and volunteer roles. Mitch is committed fully to everything he is involved with whether it be his business, family or service. Character, honesty and integrity are all models of behavior he seeks in business partnerships, personal relations and service engagements. Life is short; Mitch lives one day at a time to do his very best at what he does to help make a difference. (more here)



Mike Kull has been a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville since 1982. He was Club President in 2005-2006. Prior to that he was club secretary, club director and committee chair. He and his wife, Kathy, are multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Mike is a graduate of the University of Louisville with a BA and MBA. He spent 46 years in the quick service restaurant industry with Burger Queen, Druther's and retired as President of Dairy Queen Corporate Stores. He serves as Chair of the Kentucky Restaurant Association Educational Foundation and is a past President of the Kentucky Restaurant Association, a past director of the National Council of Chain Restaurants and a Director Emeritus of the National Restaurant Association. (more here)



# Service Opportunities

Food Literacy Project - Saturday, Nov 7 (1 to 4 pm) <u>ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME</u> on Saturday, November 7 from 1:00 to 4:00pm at OXMOOR FARM, 9001 Limehouse Lane, 40222, to get the farm ready for the winter season. Inside work (prepare newsletter for mailing) will also be available for those who prefer to work inside.

> All volunteers will enjoy refreshments and farm fresh pizzas! PLEASE RSVP! CONTACT ALICE BRIDGES: alicebridges@kentuckyonehealth.org / 587-4603







Rick Smith



#### **Birthdays This Week**



Patrick Welsh - Oct 29 Thom Crimans - Nov 3 Chuck Eirk - Nov 4

Please join the Birthday Table this week so you can be recognized!

#### **Club Officers**

Greg Braun • President Alice Bridges • President-Elect Kevin Wardell • Past President Dick Brien • Vice President Ken Middleton • Vice President Luke Schmidt • Secretary Tom Bohnert • Treasurer

#### Club Directors

Muhammad Babar, MD Barry Barker Mary Michael Corbett Lukas Dwelly Tracy Holladay John Jennings Mac McClure Michael Ray Shackelford

#### Fund Officers

Kevin Wardell • Chair Alice Bridges • Vice Chair



#### **Rotarians & Spouses Welcome to Attend**



All members and spouses/guests are welcome to attend the NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION on November 10 at 6:00pm at 4209 Gardiner View Avenue, 40213, the Love the Hungry headquarters of 'Love the Hungry.' Hors d'oeuvres and a wonderful dinner will be catered by Ladyfingers.

You will have the option to participate in a fun, hands-on packaging project, while enjoying 50's style music. In a very short timeframe, more than 7,000 meals will be packaged for children and families throughout the world.

Welcome our newest Club members who will receive their Rotary pins that evening.

Cost is \$30 per person. Please RSVP to events@rotary45.org by November 5.

# Help Ring the Bells for Salvation Army!



Volunteer as a bell-ringer on Tuesday, December 1 from 6:40am to 8:45am at 3rd & Main Street.

Bellringers are also need on the following Saturdays: Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at Holiday Manor. Select one of the timeframes on the schedule between 9am - 4pm. Sign-ups will begin at the October 29 Rotary

Questions? Contact George Brakmeier - gbrakmeier@centralelectronic.com meetina.

#### **Rotary Lifetime Service Award - Send in nominations!**



Send in nominations of Rotarians who are eligible for this award. Rotarians who over a lifetime have demonstrated Rotary's 4-W ay Test, especially in the area of community service are eligible. They must have also been a Rotarian a minimum of ten years, with significant achievements both in Rotary and in the local/regional community.

If you have someone in mind who may be eligible, <u>CLICK HERE</u> for details, complete the form and send it to the Rotary office at rotary@rotary45.org. Questions? Contact the Awards Committee Chair, Julie Schmidt at JSchmidt@ket.org.

# **That's Entertainment - Fun Events!**

### Thursday, Oct 29 5:00-7:00pm BUSINESS SYNERGY EVENT It's FREE!

Have you ever wondered how the Jennifer Lawrence 30 X 40 foot banner was created and hung on our KY Center for the Arts? And how do Colonel Sanders, Muhammad Ali, Diane Sawyer and Darrell Griffith loom so large in 'The Ville'?



All of their banners were created at Rotarian business USA Image Technologies, the location of our next Business Synergy event. Come hear Tyler Allen tell his story of his 20-year-old banner and printing business while networking with your fellow Rotarians. Bring a business colleague as your quest. Complimentary lite bites and cocktails will be provided.

#### Click on this link to see Jennifer Lawrence go up on the Kentucky Center for the Arts ... larger than life!

Location: USA Technologies, 2109 Watterson Trail, 40299 RSVP: events@rotary45.org. Remember to include the name, title and business of your guest!



#### <u> Saturday, December 5, 6:00pm - Holiday Party - \$50/person</u>

Rotary Holiday Party at historic Nunnlea House on Hurstbourne Parkway. Make your eservation for this year's holiday party! Live music, great food, and holiday spirit for just \$50 per person.

RSVP for these activities by emailing: events@rotary45.org

# Member Opportunities

#### Rotary Leadership Institute - FREE to Rotarians!

Saturday, January 9, 2016 in Lexington (8am to 3pm) Continental breakfast and lunch included.



Want to learn more about Rotary? Are you interested, willing, and have the potential to engage in future club leadership (Committee Chair, Vice Chair, Board member, Vice President, or President?

For more details and how to register, check out THIS LINK.

#### Fifth Thursday Forum - Conversations on Aging Series

active family accessibility positive regiver technology living

The next Fifth Thursday Forum is on October 29 at 1:15pm immediately following the Rotary meeting. The session will

Luke Schmidt • Secretary Tom Bohnert • Treasurer

#### **Fund Directors**

Paul Bickel III Greg Braun Dick Brien Aimee Johnson Ken Middleton Bob Slider

#### Rotary Club of Louisville

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**Executive Director** Debe Skidmore

Administrative Assistant Dawn Hodsdon

Member Database

Club Website





Have you tried M.dacdb.com yet? Access club calendar, member contact info, and more anywhere / anytime on your smartphone!

#### Get your badge scanned!

Several members are slipping through the entrance at Rotary without getting their badge scanned. This is important for attendance records, so please be sure your badge is scanned when you attend each week. Thanks!





be held in the Stopher Room (Galt House East, 3rd floor take the escalator by the ballrooms up to the 3rd floor, turn left and room is at the end of the hall).

evolve The presenter will be Past President Merrily Orsini, and the topics covered will be normal aging versus dementia, the latest in research on Alzheimer's, and the latest info on how to maintain a healthy

mind as one ages. This is a free session open to all Rotarians.

#### Business Synergy Event - Oct 29 Free for Rotarians & Guests!

SEE DETAILS IN ENTERTAINMENT SECTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER

## Social Media & Web

#### **Connect with Social Media**

Connect to fellow members using our Club's social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Your participation will make it dynamic! Join in on discussions, post photos, and celebrate fellow Rotarian's accomplishments. LinkedIn is for members only to allow private discussions and can be found by searching "Louisville Rotary Club" in the category "Groups. Then click the yellow "join" button. You can also send photos, articles, featuring Rotarians and other news to Executive Director Debe Skidmore at rotary@rotary45.org and to Ashley Brauer at



Ashley@guthriemayes.com. We need members who want to post, too! If you'd like to help, please contact Ashley or Debe.

#### Join the Member Marketplace

Join our Club's new virtual Marketplace and showcase your business or organization through this new member's-only service. There are three options:

Basic Listing (No Charge): Includes the member's name, title and the name of his/her organization (company or nonprofit organization), email address (hyperlinked), and office and mobile phone numbers. While this listing is free, members must submit their information to webmaster@rotary45.org to be included.

Deluxe Listing (\$300/year): Includes everything listed above plus your logo and hyperlink to your website

Premium Listing (\$500/year): In addition to the features above, this includes a short description of the services provided by the member's company/nonprofit organization (up to 500 characters).

To showcase your business, click here for details

#### Member Development

Bring them to lunch and invite them to stay afterward for a brief "What is Rotary?" session, held immediately after every Thursday Rotary meeting around 1pm at a designated table in the meeting room. It's easier than ever for you to invite a friend or colleague. Check out our membership criteriahere.

# Oct 22 Meeting Recap: Guest Speaker Ghislain d'Humieres

President Greg Braun began the meeting with the bell. The invocation, 4-Way Test started it off, and the guest soloist Maggie Foster, a North Oldham High School honor student, accompanied by pianist Nancy Albrink, gave a standing-ovation performance! Birthday celebrants were congratulated, announcements were made, shout-outs were given, and a lucky table of Rotarians picked up gift bags with surprises inside (some valuable, some not so valuable). The new Rotary logo shirts were modeled ( caught on tape ... see it here). The guest speaker, Ghislain d'Humieres is Director of the Speed Art Museum, who began his tenure



just after the current expansion and renovation project had begun. He explained that UofL owns the property on which the Speed Museum is located; however, it is not legally or operationally connected to the University of Louisville. All of the new attractions, events and art on display will be available at a new website. The Grand Opening will be on March 12 and 13, with many events planned, but the Rotary Club of Louisville will receive a special preview prior to the opening! (more here)

# Member Perks Free Shoeshines by Shawn



DECEMBER is ... Ugly Holiday Sweater and Ugly Holiday Necktie MONTH

Fun & Prizes are planned for Rotary meetings during the month of December. Judges will determine the Ugliest Holiday Sweater and Ugliest Holiday Necktie on Dec 3, 10 and 17. You now have two months to plan ahead for your December attire!



Did you know that Rotarians receive FREE shoe shines by Shawn when our meetings are held at the Galt House? Members have been enjoying this Rotarian Perk' for the past month or so.

Here is Jerry Ward getting his shoes professionally shined by Shawn at last week's meeting.

#### **Rotary Club of Louisville Shirts**



Custom polo shirts with the Rotary Club of Louisville logo are now available in royal blue or white in Men's and Women's sizes (S,M,L,XL) for only \$25. President Greg Braun is modeling one of the shirts (over his dress shirt) in this photo. The shirts are available in both colors and sizes at every Thursday Rotary meeting to help you decide which size and color you would like to order.

Questions? Email rotary@rotary45.org.