



SPARKS



Next Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 2012

Speaker: Jim Gray, Mayor of Lexington

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

Galt House West, Second Floor, Daisy-Sunflower Room



The former CEO of Gray Construction, one of the nation's leading designers and builders of large-scale manufacturing facilities, Gray has brought a businessman's approach to city government by creating strong financial and operational management systems; and by making strategic investments in planning and development initiatives. Mayor Gray has received national attention for his partnership with Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer. The Bluegrass Economic Advancement Movement (BEAM) is a partnership between Louisville, Lexington and the Brookings Institution with a mission to create a world-class advanced manufacturing and technology super-region in Central Kentucky.

Since taking office in January 2011, Gray addressed an immediate short-term budget deficit of \$9 million; as well as the next year's \$27 million deficit, an amount equal to 10% of the City's General Fund Budget. Gray has led the charge to build an arts and cultural district centered on a reinvented Rupp Arena, home of the NCAA champion University of Kentucky Wildcats, on 46 acres of city-owned land in the center of Lexington's historic and vibrant downtown. Gray is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and in 1996 was appointed a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University.

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Birthday Table

John Brasch	April 19
Donald Cherrie	April 19
Todd Spencer	April 19
Barry Barker	April 20
Bill Kelly	April 22
Gordon Ragan	April 22
Tracy Holladay	April 23
Gary Noel	April 24

***Please sit at the Birthday table
on April 19!***



47th Annual 'Rotary Day at the Downs'

May 1 (11:00a - 6:00p)

Cost: \$70 per person

(includes entrance to track, buffet lunch & gratuity)

Purchase tickets online at www.dacdb.com/rotary; click on the 'Calendar' tab and scroll down to 'Day at the Downs' event. Tickets are going fast, so don't wait too late! Your guests are also welcome.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- April 26** — Rotary Speech Contest Program
- May 3** — John Asher, Vice President of Communications at Churchill Downs (*tentative*)
- May 10** — Governor Steve Beshear (*tentative*)
- May 17** — Dr. James Bullard, President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
- May 24** — Michael Saag, M.D., Director of Center for AIDS Research, University of Alabama at Birmingham, *30 Years of AIDS ... Where Have We Been & Where Are We Going?*
- May 31** — Peter Morrin, *50th Anniversary & History of Studio Glass*
- June 7** — Ted Smith, Economic Development Director, City of Louisville
- June 14** — Gary Knell, President of National Public Radio
- June 21** — David Bell, Manager of Louisville Bats (*tentative*)
- June 28** — Changing of the Guard
- July 5** — Tom Owen, U of L Professor / Historian, Metro Council Member, *What Was Louisville Like 100 Years Ago?*
- July 19** — Ray Klingensmith, Rotary International President, *100th Anniversary Rotary Club of Louisville Celebration*
- July 26** — Dr. Susan Harkema, Rehabilitation Research Director, KY Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, *Locomotor Training: Helping Patients Walk Away from Paralysis*

CLUB EVENTS

- April 18** — Luckett & Farley Tour 5:30-7:30 (*light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar*) followed by dinner in the Oak Room at the Seelbach.
- May 1** — 47th Annual **"Rotary Day at the Downs"**. To purchase tickets online, go to www.dacdb.com/rotary, then select event on the Calendar ... or call the office. Limited availability, so don't delay!
- May 12** — Shooting Event (10:00 am - 2:00 pm) at Springdale Woods Farm. RSVP to lukas.dwelly@louisville.edu or call Lukas at 235-1003.
- July 21** — Rotary Club of Louisville's Centennial Event, **"Celebrating 100 Years of Service"**. Purchase tickets online at www.louisvillerotary.org. Open to public!

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Rotary Meeting - April 12, 2012

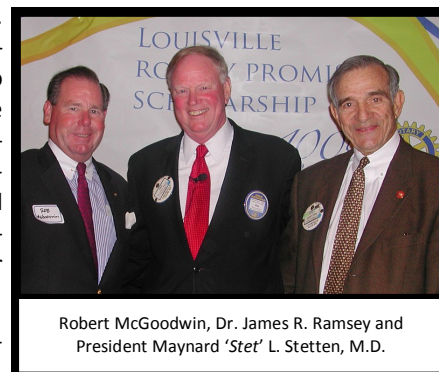
Our meeting was held in the Galt House West. Rev. Robin Jennings gave the invocation. Barbara Collins led us in the Pledge. She also introduced our soloist, Daniel Weeks, accompanied by pianist, Naomi Oliphant, both UofL faculty members. President Stet introduced two visiting Rotarians. Michael Vincenti hosted our birthday table of three celebrants. Wayne Perkey made a request for us to submit "Rotarian of the Year" nominations by May 3. President Stet thanked the Club volunteers who assisted in the WFPL phone drive. He also reminded us that the 47th Annual Rotary Day at the Downs is May 1. President Stet introduced Kathy Evitts as our newest Paul Harris Fellow. Lexington Rotary Club Member, Rob McGoodwin, and President Stet each bestowed an Honorary Club membership and badge to our guest speaker, Dr. Jim Ramsey, President of the University of Louisville.

President Stet then turned the meeting over to Henry Heuser, Jr., who introduced Dr. Ramsey. Dr. Ramsey provided information about three milestones in the history of UofL. First, the university was formed in 1798 by a group of forward-thinking benefactors who believed that Louisville needed a university in order to build a successful community. Second, in 1970 the university became a public institution. Lastly, in 1997 the Kentucky General Assembly set forth its charge that UofL should transform itself into a "Premier Nationally Recognized Metropolitan Research University."

Dr. Ramsey stated that a lot has happened at the university since 1997. The amount of research funding has increased substantially. The university is attracting better and brighter students, including 68 high school valedictorians who are in its entering class. UofL has 14 Fulbright Scholars. The university's list of accomplishments in the medical field is growing steadily. The university is reaching out to gifted students who need financial assistance. The School of Dentistry is taking dental care to rural areas of Kentucky. There are more students living on campus in wonderful new housing facilities. And the list goes on.

Dr. Ramsey is particularly dismayed that U of L has received 13 budget cuts in the last 12 years, with a 6.4% budget cut looming on the horizon. He stated that it is a sad commentary on our society that education is being cut at a time when it is needed the most. Of particular concern to Dr. Ramsey is the fact that only 24% of the Kentucky population has a college degree. He translates that into the reason why the average per capita income in Kentucky is only 80% of the national average.

— John S. Lueken



Robert McGoodwin, Dr. James R. Ramsey and President Maynard 'Stet' L. Stetten, M.D.



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Annual Commonwealth Rotary Golf Challenge



May 11, 2012
Juniper Hills Golf Course
Frankfort, KY

Cost: \$75/player
Limit to 18 Rotary Teams

Registration begins at 11:30 AM (EDT), with shotgun start at 1 PM.

Price includes entry into all events: 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch and door prizes. This annual Rotary event benefits the Frankfort Rotary Club Youth Scholarship Fund. Traveling banner AND net registration proceeds shared with the winning club! (Golf attire is required: collared shirt & soft spikes only.)

- 4-player teams counting 3 best scores each hole
- Longest drive contest
- Closest to the pin
- Hole-in-One — New Car
- Rotary Club Members Only—No Ringers

Questions: 502-226-0973

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After registering online, make your \$300 check payable to: Frankfort Rotary Youth Fund, P.O. Box 93, Frankfort, KY 40602

SHOOTING EVENT!

May 12

10:00 am—2:00 pm

\$20 (lunch/earplugs/targets, etc. provided)

Location: President Stet's farm (Springdale Woods Farm) at 6020 South Highway 53, Smithfield, KY 40068.

Please RSVP to Lukas Dwelly at:
Lukas.dwelly@louisville.edu or 502-235-1003



Do you know a member who deserves to be nominated as 'Rotarian of the Year'? Please complete a form today ([download form here](#)).

Submit your nominations before May 3!

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