

# Rotary Club of Louisville



## SPARKS News

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### Upcoming Meetings

**October 1: Eva Kor,**  
Lecturer and Holocaust Survivor **\*\*See recent C-J article and video about Eva Kor [here](#).**

**October 8: Speaker TBD**

**October 15: Dr. Gary Gregg II,**  
Director, McConnell Center

**October 22: Ghislain d'Humieres,** Director,  
The Speed Art Museum

**October 29: Kirk Bloodsworth,** Exonerated  
Former Death Row Inmate

**November 5: District Gov. Mike Kull,** Club  
Assembly

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

**November 19: David Taliaferro,** Director of  
Microfinance / KIVA Fellow

**December 10: Tori Murden McClure,** President  
of Spalding University

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

## September 24 Rotary Meeting



### Vince Gabbert, Keeneland VP & COO

**LOCATION: The MARRIOTT, 280 W. Jefferson  
Second Floor Ballroom**

Buffet Opens at 11:30 am  
Meeting begins at 12:10 pm

**LOCATION & PARKING:** Thursday's meeting will be in the Ballroom on the 2nd floor at **The MARRIOTT, 280 West Jefferson Street**. Free parking is available in Marriott garage. Enter the garage on West Liberty Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets.

Vince Gabbert joined Keeneland in October 2009 and serves as the company's Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. A native of Northern Kentucky, Gabbert graduated from the University of Louisville and the Brandeis School of Law. He was the state Senate Caucus Director for the Kentucky Democratic Party from 1999 to 2002, and directed state Treasurer Jonathan Miller's successful re-election campaign in 2003. He served as the Local Government Division Director for Ross Sinclair and Associates, a regional investment banking firm, from 2004 to 2007. Gabbert served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear prior to joining Keeneland. ([more here](#))

## Member Spotlight

**Stuart Alexander** was born in Heidelberg, Germany and was raised in Louisville, Kentucky. He obtained his undergraduate degree from St. John's University and his J.D. from the University of Louisville. He is also Senior Professional Human Resource (SPHR) certified which assists him in his Louisville law practice, focusing on employment and business law. Stuart has served on the boards of Sister Cities of Louisville, the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival, and the Americana Community Center, which provides services for the US Department of State's refugee resettlement program. Stuart is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Louisville, of which he has been a member since 1994. He has ... ([more here](#))



### 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**

**David Ray** was selected to become a U. S. Secret Service (USSS) Special Agent in January 1965 in Charlotte, N.C. He worked in the Field Office until 1969 when he was assigned to the Presidential Protective Division (PPD) at the White House in Washington, D.C. (WDC). His duty stations in WDC included the USSS Liaison Division, Inspection Division, two PPD assignments, two Vice Presidential Protective Division (VPPD) assignments, Dignitary Protective Division, Deputy to the Assistant Director for Training, and Special Agent in Charge of the Technical Security Division before returning to work in Kentucky. David was assigned as the Special Agent in Charge of the Louisville Field Office after 17 years in WDC, retiring in 1996 after 31 years with the "Service. During his 34 years with the USSS, he ... ([more here](#))



Tracy Holladay  
Mac McClure  
Michael Ray Shackelford

### Fund Officers

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Luke Schmidt • Secretary  
Tom Bohnert • Treasurer

### Fund Directors

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

### Birthdays This Week



Phil Johnston - Sept 25  
Steve Tarver - Sept 25  
Gant Hill - Sept 27  
Robin Jennings - Sept 27  
Steve Payne - Sept 27  
Marie Humphries - Sept 28  
Pat Payne - Sept 28  
Di Nelson - Sept 29  
Phil Tamplin Jr. - Sept 30

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

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*We want to meet YOU! Send your profile for SPARKS to include a photo and bio of 200 words or less to [rotary@rotary45.org](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org) with "Bio for SPARKS" in the subject line.*

## Service Above Self

### Repair Affair - Saturday, Sept 26



The project involves both indoor and outdoor work: painting, clean-up and landscape work as part of a "green" program coordinated by the U.S.

Green Building Council at an early childhood center (St. Benedict) in West Louisville (946 South 25th Street). Timeframe: 9am - 1pm. If you can participate, please contact Mike Fallot: 400-3011 / [mike.fallot@ecomtek.com](mailto:mike.fallot@ecomtek.com).

GREEN APPLE  
DAY OF SERVICE

## Give Local Louisville - October 1

Match \$\$'s are Available for the Rotary Fund of Louisville!



The **Rotary Fund of Louisville** is registered to participate in the biggest day of local giving on October 1, when Give Local Louisville will be hosted by the Community Foundation. For every dollar given on October 1, local nonprofits will be augmented through proportionate match and prize dollars! Please plan to arrive early at the October 1 Rotary meeting to participate with an online donation. Laptops and Rotarians will be ready to assist you!

## New Member Celebration With a Purpose - Nov 10



Love the Hungry  
Local Action. Global Compassion.

Exciting plans have been made to include a meaningful project with the November 10 New Member Celebration Dinner. You will be invited to participate in a "Love the Hungry" packaging project in which more than 7,000 meals will be packaged for children and families throughout the world. This hands-on project will be completed in a very short period of time. You will also enjoy a delicious catered meal and our new Club members will be welcomed and will receive their Rotary pins. We are excited about the plans coming together for this great evening. More details will be provided within the next few weeks, so SAVE THE DATE!

## That's Entertainment

### Sunday, September 27, 5:00pm - End of Summer Party

End of Summer Farm Party at Stet Stetten's Springdale Woods Farm, 6020 South Highway 53, Smithfield, KY 40068. Cost: \$25 per person (children 12 and under are free) includes food, beverages, live music, fun, fellowship, fishing (bring your own pole). Children who fish must have parental supervision! Tour the beautiful farm. Stet's 'comfy cows' extend their own video invitation! Turn your volume up and [check it out here!](#) Register online at Sept 27 on the club calendar ([registration link](#)).

### Tuesday, September 29, 12:30pm Tee Off - Fall Golf Scramble



Rotary Fall Golf Scramble for all Rotarians and guests at Valley View Golf Club in Floyds Knobs, Indiana. \$60/player includes golf, cart, drinks and appetizers afterwards. Email [events@rotary45.org](mailto:events@rotary45.org) or email Gary Noel at [gnoel@rhcgroupp.com](mailto:gnoel@rhcgroupp.com).

**Tuesday, October 6, [time/location TBD]**  
Membership Cocktail Reception

### Thursday, October 29, 5:30-7:00pm - Business Synergy Event

Business Synergy Event at USA Image Technologies (email [events@rotary45.org](mailto:events@rotary45.org))



## 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!



is ...

**Ugly Holiday Sweater  
and**

**Ugly Holiday Necktie  
MONTH**

Fun and prizes are planned  
for each Rotary meeting in December.  
Judges will determine winners for the  
*Ugliest Holiday Sweater and Ugliest  
Holiday Necktie* on Dec 3, 10 and 17. You  
have three months to plan your wardrobe  
for December!

## Saturday, December 5, 6:00pm - Holiday Party

Rotary Holiday Party at historic Nunnlea House on Hurstbourne Parkway. Make your reservation 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](mailto:events@rotary45.org)**

## Member Engagement

### Rotary Leadership Institute - FREE to Rotarians!



Opportunities to Attend RLI:

**Saturday, October 10, 2015** in Louisville (8am to 3pm)

**Saturday, January 9, 2016** in Lexington (8am to 3pm)

*Continental breakfast and lunch included.*

Do you want to learn more about Rotary? Are you interested and 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](#).

### 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](mailto:rotary@rotary45.org) and to Ashley Brauer at [Ashley@guthriemayes.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).



## Know a Good Rotarian Candidate?

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 criteria [here](#).

## Sept 17 Meeting: Scott Martin, Parks Director

After the invocation by Laura Douglas, pledge and Rotary 4-Way Test led by David Wood, we were entertained by the talented Charlie Castner and his daughter, Louisa Castner. They dazzled us all with their piano duet performance of "D & G Louisville Stomp" boogie-woogie style!

Scott Martin, Director of The Parklands, provided a great presentation that included interesting historic information about several other parks in the Louisville area. He also shared exciting info about all the The Parklands has to offer: 100 miles of trails for hiking and biking; 19 miles of canoe trail along Floyds Fork Creek; children's playgrounds, walking paths and bark parks; numerous facilities for family picnics and community events; accessible fishing holes, canoe launches, recreational fields, and so much more! ([more here](#))

