



SPARKS

Next Meeting , July 28, 2011, Galt House West,
Archibald Room, 3rd Floor
Coach Scott Davenport, Bellarmine University

On April 29, 2005, Scott Davenport became the 11th coach in Bellarmine’s history, and in six years took Bellarmine all the way to the top by leading the Knights to the 2011 NCAA Division II National Championship. For his efforts, he was named national coach of the year by two different organizations: the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the Division II Bulletin.

In his debut season, Davenport—who inherited a team program that had finished last in the Great Lakes Valley Conference the year before—led his troops to BU’s first .500 finish since 2001, and the first conference tournament appearance since 2002.

In the 2008-09 season, Davenport led the Knights to one of the best seasons in Bellarmine basketball history, setting school records for most wins in a season, most games played and highest in-season

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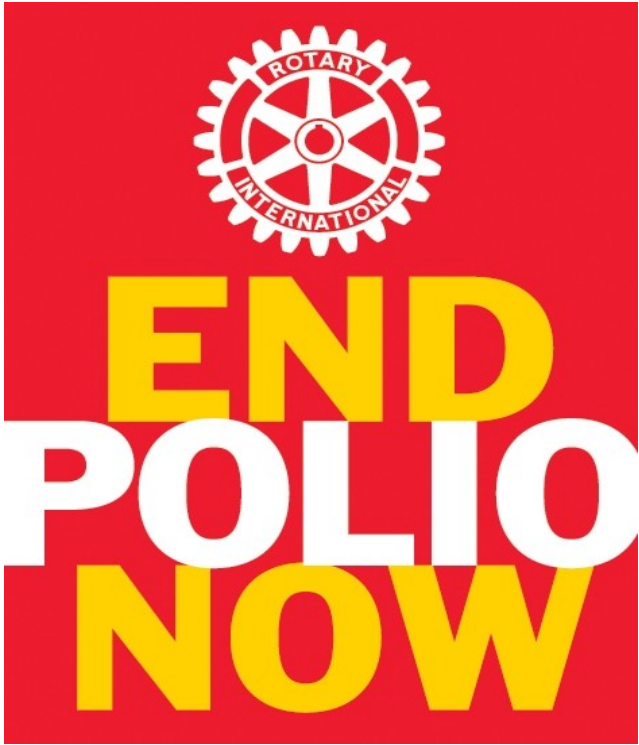
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July 7, 2011 Meeting

President Maynard “Stet” Stetten called to order his first meeting. Steve Lannert gave the invocation; Gordon Costley led the Pledge and introduced Lauren Zoeller, who sang two great standards, with Charlie Castner at the piano.

President Stet introduced Franzy Brenner, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Germany, and Michael Vincenti toasted birthday celebrants. Stet promoted “Rotary Night Out” at the Cardiac Innovation Institute and gave shout outs to Chris Johnson and Bob Patterson. Arne Judd became our newest Paul Harris Fellow, and Craig Scherman introduced Stet’s first new member, attorney Richard Schiller.

Program Committee Chair Ken saluted his predecessor, Phil Tamplin, before he introduced speaker Jean Schumm, founder and President of Operation: PARENT.

Operation: PARENT helps parents become informed about the toxic side of today’s teen culture, and nurtures parent-teen relationships. For example, every day 7,000 *middle schoolers* take their first drink of alcohol—the top source being their own homes. Other awareness issues include teens cutting themselves, and “pharm parties,” in which teens swallow a handful of medicines to see what happens. Mrs. Schumm offered a “top 10 list” of solutions:

1. Look in the mirror and model healthful behaviors.
2. Lock up your alcohol and prescription medicines.
3. Visit your teen’s bedroom.
4. Buy a drug testing kit (it gives teens an excuse to say “no” at parties.)
5. Spend time with your teens. Rules without Relationship = Rebellion.
6. Limit sleepovers: minimize in middle school; eliminate in high school.
7. Take away cell phones before bed time.
8. Hold family dinners whenever possible
9. Let the consequences (not you) do the screaming.
10. Stay connected to other parents of teens.

Jean Schumm’s words to live by:

I love you; I love you too much to let you engage in a risky behavior; I’ll pick you up any time, any place, no questions asked -until the next day; Nothing can happen that is so bad that it is worth taking your life.

She distributed an excellent parenting handbook available free at operationparent.org.
--Lelan Woodmansee



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national ranking. His 26-7 Knights made it to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, narrowly losing to the eventual national champion in overtime in the NCAA Midwest Regional Final.

In 2011, everything came together as Davenport led Bellarmine to a 33-2 record while capturing the Knights’ first national championship in any sport. Among the milestones reached by the 2011 squad were best winning percentage, most wins, and most consecutive wins, while recording a third straight 20-win season. His Knights had a 17-1 GLVC regular season record while competing in arguably the toughest conference division in all of college basketball. His colleagues recognized him for this accomplishment by voting him the 2011 GLVC Coach of the Year.

Prior to coming to Bellarmine, Davenport served nine years as an assistant coach at the University of Louisville under Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum and national championship-winning coach Rick Pitino. He also served a year as an assistant coach on Mike Pollio’s staff at Virginia Commonwealth where he coached alongside Tubby Smith.

A Louisville native, Davenport and his wife, Sharon, have two sons: Russ and Doug, who are both Bellarmine graduates.



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Meeting July 14, 2011

Tony Kemper gave the invocation, Cindy Collier led the Pledge and for the song, accompanied her daughter Rebecca who presented the trumpet solo *Andante et Allegro*. Jim Shake was serenaded as our lone birthday celebrant.

President Stet reminded us of the July 19 “Rotary Night Out.” He alerted us to mark the same date in our 2012 calendars, when we will kick off our Louisville Rotary Centennial celebration. Stet had shout-outs to Joe Kutz, for the recent hand transplant; and to Rotarian members of the Fund for the Arts Board, Greg Heitzman, Devone Holt, Dan Rivers and Carl Thomas, for the Fund’s successful campaign.

For the second consecutive week Stet presented a Paul Harris Fellowship, this one to Susan Zepeda—her third!

Karen Dahlem introduced speaker Ben Jones, president of the World Affairs Council of Louisville and Southern Indiana. Locally governed and independent, Louisville’s WAC serves as an informal arm of American diplomacy. It is one of 90 such groups, and has two major thrusts. First, WAC contracts with the U.S. State Department to host international VIP visitors in local businesses and homes. They learn about American democracy and free enterprise and they get a first-hand view of our way of life. Our Council has hosted 2,500 such guests, of the 200,000 nation-wide, who include 25 sitting heads of state.

Second, the World Affairs Council uses non-governmental funds to present programs, speakers and social events to teach citizens of Greater Louisville how to function in today’s large global economy. He listed diverse examples just in the current 30-day period.

Jones said when he started in 2002, half of WAC visitors came from the former Soviet Union, but now a majority comes from the Muslim world to learn about democracy and to dispel misconceptions about America. For example he was walking downtown with a visiting Russian journalist. Along the way they ran into Police Chief Robert White, who paused to chat. Later Jones asked about her pensive silence to learn the reporter was amazed that such a high ranking official would walk alone without limousine or chase cars, and stop to talk with a citizen.

Through WAC future world leaders see our way of life one handshake at a time, and return home to influence opinion and policy in their home countries.

--Lelan Woodmansee



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WE ARE SORRY: The July 15, 2011 issue of Sparks was not published due to production difficulties. The meeting notes from July 7, 2011 are found on page two.

I again apologize and thank you for your understanding. Debe and I are working non-stop to keep your Club running smoothly!

Donna M. Neary

Sparks Managing Editor