

## Upcoming Speakers

April 2014

04/09 - Dr. Boyd Buser, Dean, Univ. of

Pikeville, Ky, Coll of Osteopathy

04/16 - Stephen Hanson, CEO, Baptist  
Health Kentucky

04/22 - Quilt Show

04/30 - Dr. Griffin Bicking, DO, Vasc  
Surgeon, Baptist Health Paducah

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## Birthdays

**Joseph D. Crawford**

April 05

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April 05

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April 07

**William Edward Barker**

April 07

**Laurie Latham**

April 09

**Edward Grant**

April 13

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April 16

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April 17

**Bonnie Schrock**

April 17

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April 21

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April 21

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April 21

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April 26

**Rebecca J Straley**

May 01

**Dan M. Tkach**

May 03



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## Ky Rural Health Advocates Equitable Access to Health Care



"Imagine the last time you had a medical emergency. Then imagine if you had that emergency, and critical access health care was two hours away. Would the outcome of that emergency have been the same?" That was the question raised for Rotarians by Sheri Irwin, president of the Kentucky Rural Health Association. Many Kentuckians deal with this situation on a regular basis, and in many cases, it is the difference in life and death.

The purpose of the Kentucky Rural Health Association is to advocate *equitable distribution and access* to health care for all Kentuckians. The organization brings all of the entities in health care together to create one strong voice. They lobby on both the state and federal levels to improve health care for all Kentuckians.

Areas where KRHA focus their work include saving critical access hospitals in rural areas, leading the charge for a Smoke-free Kentucky, increasing the number of medical residencies in the State of Kentucky to at least equal the number of medical school spots at state medical schools, and increasing the capabilities of Physician's Assistants within the state.

Irvin applauded the City of Paducah for leading the way in limiting smoking in public places. "There are no studies indicating that there are any economic barriers to passing smoke-free legislation," she said.

KRHA also pushed for passage of the E-cigarette bill. As of yesterday, it will become illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase an E cigarette.

We (U.S. citizens) pay more for healthcare than any country in the world, yet we rank 37<sup>th</sup> in overall health care. The uninsured go to Emergency Rooms for treatment because they can't be turned away. Therefore, there is no follow-up or preventative care, Irvin said. "We must reverse the role of treatment and preventative care in America."

## Announcements

April 2nd, 2014

President-elect Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang spoke at the Midsouth PETS meeting in Nashville, TN. Past President Missy Eckenberg served as a trainer at the session.



March is Literacy Month in Rotary

Volunteer shifts are still open for the Club's Annual Antique Quilt Show and time is running out. Assistance is especially needed for the setting up and tearing down the show. Sign up sheets are available at weekly meetings or by emailing or calling Debbie.

Backpacks will be assembled TODAY from 4 -6 p.m. at Pebco, 4th and Monroe. Please stop by to help with this club project.

**If you have moved and not notified the Rotary Office of your new address, please do. The next invoice mailing will include your Quilt Show tickets and the office needs to ensure we have your correct address.**

Community Donation - Rayla Bridges accepted a donation from the Club on behalf of the St. Nicholas Family Clinic Foundation.

**Rotary Foundation Status:**

Every Rotarian Every Year - 98% of Club  
Paul Harris Fellows - 77 members, 44% of Club  
Paul Harris Society - 33 members, 19% of Club

Guests

April 2nd, 2014

Student Guests: Ross Whittaker, St. Mary High School; and Briana Sullivan, Commonwealth Middle College.

Mark Nettles, Dr. Bill Murphy, and Carrie Gottschalk-Singler, guests of Rayla Bridges;

Loretta Maldaner, Cole Samuelson, and Lindsay Noesen – guests of Mike Muscarella;

Matt Barks – guest of Sandra Wilson.

