

Upcoming Programs

Paul Rhode - Mid-West

Vice-President, Waterways

Council

April 10

John Hodges -

Paducah-McCracken County

Sewer Agency

April 17

Club Leaders

Missy R Eckenberg

President

Chris McNeill

President-Elect

Jamie Futrell

Vice President

Phyllis B. Russell

Secretary

Thomas Scott Taylor

Treasurer

Michael A. Muscarella

iPast President

Birthdays

Joseph D. Crawford

April 05

Marvin G. Devers

April 05

William Edward Barker

April 07

Maurie McGarvey

April 07

Laurie Latham

April 09

Elaine Spalding

April 12

Edward Grant

April 13

Georgann Lookofsky

April 16

Bonnie Schrock

April 17

William E. Hay

April 17

Mark C. Whitlow

April 18



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Fear of Fracking



Rotarian Roger Truitt, a retired oil and gas engineer, is a proponent of fracking, a method to horizontally drill for oil and natural gas that has come under fire from environmentalists. Truitt said much of the controversy stems from emotional fears and not cold hard facts about the process. Fracking has actually been used for 60 years to drill for oil, but only in recent years has it been deployed to extract natural gas in some areas of North Dakota that has spurred an economic boom in that region.

Truitt said the environmental concerns are not non-existent, but in many cases are highly unlikely, such as ground water contamination and the threat of chemicals used in the process. In fact, only a very

small percentage of chemicals are used in fracking, which is conducted mostly with water and sand.

The real issue to Truitt is providing "readily available and affordable energy for a higher standard of living" for all, he said. This is not easily accomplished with renewable energy, such as wind or solar, which is very expensive to produce and would more than triple energy costs to the consumer. Truitt says an area lying far beneath the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia is rich in deposits. These shale formations, known as the Marcellus and the Utica, are believed to contain as much oil and natural gas as Saudi Arabia.

Truitt predicts the reliance on coal-fired electricity will wane in coming years as natural gas gains more prominence due to the economical fracking method of extracting gas to tap into such large resources that have remained untouched. It could potentially lead to the U.S. becoming an exporter of natural gas globally. Truitt said there are enough oil and gas deposits to meet the world's needs for hundreds of years.

New Rotarian

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Laura Duff became the newest member of the Rotary Club of Paducah. She was sponsored by Rotarian Phyllis Russell and owns the catering business *A Pampered Palate*. She already showed

her willingness to serve by assisting with the Polio Plus Dessert Auction last week. Please welcome Laura by introducing yourself and getting her involved in the activities of your committee. Make it your goal to bring in a new member too!

Announcements

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Salvation Army Bell Ringing Award - Hal Sullivan proudly announced the Club once again earned the trophy for bringing in the most money among competing civic clubs during last year's Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign. Many thanks to our Head Ding-a-Ling Hal for organizing the effort, which brought in more than \$6,100.

Dessert Auction - President Missy announced last week's First Ever Dessert Auction brought in over \$4,000 for Polio Plus. She thanked organizers Shawn Turner and Lisa Long for their great work and auction team Robert Alexander and Jamie Futrell for bringing in the bids. All Rotarians who provided desserts, made bids, and contributed when the buckets were passed worked together to double our \$2,000 goal. A special thank you was given to the following businesses that generously joined Rotary to eradicate polio: A Pampered Palate, Artisan Kitchen, Country Club of Paducah, Cynthia's, Doe's Eat Place, Kentuckiana Girls Scouts, Marie Wilke Cakes, Midtown Market, and Whaler's Catch.

Rotarians of the Month - President Missy proclaimed organizers Shawn Turner and Lisa Long as the "Rotarians of Month" for March for their Polio Plus Auction work. Club photographer Eddie Grant was also chosen for his energetic service each week and at other Rotary events.

Rotaract Mentors - Rotoract Club members Janel Tate, T.J. Colfield, and Brandon Moss were thanked for speaking to the Interact Club at Paducah Tilghman about preparing for college. The students enjoyed hearing the advice from young professionals.

Quilt Show - It is April and that means the Quilters are coming and Rotary needs volunteers for the biggest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Antique Quilt Show. Sign up sheets are available at each meeting on the back table. The Show is sanctioned by the American Quilters Society during their annual show, but the distinction comes with a price. Jamie Futrell said four Rotarians representing CSI, Regions Bank, Banterra Bank and USEC have contributed toward the \$5,000 fee, but one additional donor is needed to cover the cost. Jamie is also seeking a home for the show's curator and a friend for the week. Please contact Debbie at the Rotary office if you can help the club in either of these ways - office@paducahrotary.org or 442.3418.

Attendance - Jamie also announced March attendance was 57% with 60 Rotarians who had perfect attendance. One of those, Ken Schuppert was the winner of two tickets to see "Of Mice and Men" at WKCTC on the 14th.

Birthday Winner - Happy Birthday to all Rotary's April babies! Bill Paxton was the winner of this month's floral arrangement provided by The Green Door.

Carson Center - Debbie Wattier reminded everyone to check out the upcoming schedule of performances at The Carson Center this month, as well as the annual wine tasting and auction set for April 18th.

Rotary on the Move - The next event will be April 9th at 5:30 pm at the Yeiser Art Center. Fantastic Fibers is the featured exhibit - come join us!



Charity

Donations - Our club provided charity donations to Andrew Halford of Heartland Cares, Inc. and to Frank Bennett of



the American Quilt Museum. Fellow Rotarian, and club educator, Frank Benett noted that due to a reduction in government funding these donations are more important than ever to the mission of non-profit organizations and he thanked every member that regularly gives to "local charities" included on the Rotary invoice.

Guests

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Guests of Rotarians

Dr. Richard Smith, Leigh Smith, Juliette Grumley, John Truitt, Jean Truitt, Doug Truitt - Guests of Roger Truitt

Amy Glasgow - Guest of John Williams, Jr.

Barbara Worthen and Kristen Jones - Guests of Mike Muscarella

Bill Lentz - Guest of Anita Ward

Andrew Halford, Director of Heartland Cares - Club Guest

Student Guest

Kline Stacy - Commonwealth Middle College