

Upcoming Programs

John Hodges -

Paducah-McCracken County

Sewer Agency

April 17

No Meeting - Rotary Antique

Quilt Show

April 24

Club Leaders

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Birthdays

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

Joseph David Bailey III

April 21

Desiree Owen

April 21

Terry N. McKee

April 22



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Our Underappreciated Industry



The river industry is somewhat like the Rodney Dangerfield of transportation. It doesn't get the respect it deserves for being the most efficient and affordable means of transporting goods. **Paul Rhode, Vice President of the Waterways Council** said his group is trying to change that in the halls of Congress and in the minds of the public. The group's primary focus is funding for proper maintenance and repair of the locks and dams nationwide, especially in our region.

The river industry is the largest employer in the region and is responsible for 50 million tons

shipped out of state and 25 million tons received in state and some 19 million tons are shipped intrastate, primarily coal. All that coal, aggregate, grains, petroleum and other goods add up to 12 billion dollars in value. Despite the importance of this economic activity, Federal funds to repair the aging infrastructure of our locks and dams is difficult to come by.

Rhode said an excellent example of the Olmsted Lock project, which was first approved as a 7-year at a cost of \$775 million is currently on a 30-year completion schedule with a cost of \$3.1 billion. There are now \$8 billion in backlogged construction projects for the nation's locks and dams. Rhode said, "We are milking the same cow and not feeding her. He called the locks and dams the "America's largest antiques."

However, he said a bill sponsored by U.S. Representative Ed Whitfield would help. The bill would allow the Sustainable Inland Waterway Trust Fund to more fully support new projects rather than being stretched by paying for emergency repairs. The fund, supported by a river industry fuel tax, was originally designed to pay for half of capital construction projects, like Olmsted. The bill would also increase the fuel tax.

For more information visit www.waterwayscouncil.org.

Community Donations

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President Missy presented charity checks to Mary Katz of **The Carson Center** and Samuel Hawkins of the **Oscar Cross Boys and Girls Club**. Both were appreciative of Rotary's support of their life-changing youth programs through the funds we raise through the Rotary Antique Quilt Show.

Announcements

April 10th, 2013

Membership - Please remember to invite new members into the club. Who do you know that would make a good Rotarian? Invite them today!

Rotary on the Move - Thank you to Josh White and the Yeiser Art Center (YAC) for hosting us this month and sharing their Fantastic Fibers exhibit last night. The Carson Center will host us in May.

Polio Plus Dessert Auction - We want to apologize for leaving Kirchoff Bakery off the list of business contributors. They provided both a cake and a loaf of bread each month for a year. We appreciate their continued support!

Quilt Show Update - Q Day draws near! The Quilters are coming and Rotary needs volunteers for the biggest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Antique Quilt Show April 23-27. John Williams, Jr. said volunteers are particularly needed for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. He said a fifth sponsor has come forward to pay for the fee to be sanctioned event by the American Quilters Society. Bluegrass BMW, CSI, Regions Bank, Banterra Bank and USEC have each contributed to the cause. John said a home with two guest rooms is still needed for the show's curator and her helper for the week.

President Missy said the new quilt show pins are in! The pin draws it's design from the number one quilt in the show, which this year will feature Signature quilts from 1840 to 1990 made to celebrate special events, for hails and farewells, and to benefit needful social causes. We are also featuring the ever popular Hoffman Challenge Quilts as well. This is the 25th year for the Rotary Antique Quilt Show, which typically raises around \$35,000 - \$25,000 is donated to the Community Scholarship Program to support the effort that will allow Paducah and McCracken County students two years of free college education and \$10,000 is used to support non-profit youth programs such as our two recipient charities today.

Rotary Riddle - Guess which Rotarian joined the Rotary Club of Paducah on March 10, 1974 and celebrates his 39th anniversary today? Answer - Dan Key Congratulations to him for his years of service above self!

Guests

April 10th, 2013

Guests of Rotarians

Michael Pape - Ken Wheeler

Janese Everitt - Ken Wheeler

Adam Schull - Ken Wheeler

Gloria Meriwether - Dr. Bob Meriwether

Marj Heyduck - Check Heyduck

Robbie Englert - Michael Byers

Lakeasha Jones - Don Barger

Anna Shelton - Don Barger

Samuel Hawkins – Club, charity donation acceptance

Mary Katz – Club, charity donation acceptance

Guest Rotarians

Dennis Jewel – Lemon Bay Sunrise – Englewood, FL

Sandra & Jim Cargill – Glendive, MT

Students

Darius Barnett - Tilghman

Jonathan Emmons - Heath

Ashton Farmer - Lone Oak

Hannah Brown - CCA

Kline Stacy - Middle College