

Upcoming Speakers

April 2015

04/08 - Jennifer Adrio, CEO, American Red Cross of Kentucky
04/15 - Clay Campbell, Kentucky Opry
04/21 - 27th Annual Rotary Antique Quilt Show
04/29 - Donald Shively, Superintendent, Paducah Independent Schools

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Birthdays

Charles R Manchester

April 02

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April 05

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April 07

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April 07

Laurie Latham

April 09

Edward Grant

April 13

William E. Hay

April 17

Bonnie Schrock

April 17

Joseph David Bailey III

April 21

Susan P. Carr

April 21

Desiree Owen

April 21

Roy Lowdenback

April 22

William F. Paxton III

April 26



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Bearss Shares Civil War History

April 1st, 2015



Ed Bearss, a renowned civil war historian regaled Rotarians with facts about the war beginning with the arrival of General U.S. Grant and his troops on September 6, 1861, very near where the Club was meeting in the Myre River Room. The 91-year-old combat Marine veteran of WWII has probably forgotten more about history than many of us will ever know.

Bearss said Grant was "not a popular visitor" in Paducah, nor was he any friendlier at nearby Fort Donnelson where he demanded an unconditional surrender by the Confederate forces, much like he would go on to do when he met General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox 150 years ago on April 9th.

Bearss is the author of several books and travels extensively as a popular tour guide at Civil War Battlefields. He served as the Chief Historian for the National Parks Service from 1981 to 1994 and is credited with finding a long lost Union gunboat, the U.S.S. Cairo, as well as to forgotten forts in Mississippi. After his retirement in 1995, he was named Chief Historian Emeritus and has earned a numerous other awards for his field of work.

Announcements

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David Morse was pleased to announce a grand total of \$4,764 was raised to fund Impact One, which was \$348 above the goal. The funds will buy computers and tablets for 350 students in Africa.

Volunteers are needed to man stations during the upcoming Rotary Antique Quilt Show. Sign up sheets are now available at every meeting.

The Club welcomes two new members! Roy Lowdenback, sponsored by Mike Muscarella, is Director of Development for Baptist Health Paducah. Suzette Frick, sponsored by Tammy Potter, is the owner of Frick Investments. Welcome Roy and Suzette!

Todd Anderson reported March attendance was an impressive 65%. Ken Schuppert won the Perfect Attendance Drawing for 2 tickets to see Kitchen Witches at the Market House Theatre.

Bill Paxton was the winner of the Birthday Floral Bouquet for April.

Gueda Wooldridge of the McCracken Co. Senior Citizens Center and Victoria Terra of the Lowertown Arts and Music Festival each accepted checks from the Club on behalf of their organizations.

Guests



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Student Guests: Noah Houser and McKenna Garneau – McCracken County High School; and Benjamin Hopper – St. Mary High School;

Bill Black – guest of David Black;

Bill Baxter, Nathan Lynn, and Art Farrell – guests of Julie Hart;

Danny Carroll and Bill Feaster – guests of Ken Wheeler;

Sam Speck – guest of Carolyn Roberts; Guests

Jack Johnston – guest of Bob Johnston;

Katherine Byassee, Chelsea Edgar, Chelsea Hook, Kayla Houston, Josh Nagode, Derek Bass – guests of Mike Muscarella;

Sarah Hendley – guest of Missy Eckenberg;

Teresa Grubbs – guest of Ron Bacon;

Julie Harris – guest of Laurie Latham;

Shea Nickell – guest of Tom Grassham.