

## Upcoming Programs

No Meeting - Rotary Antique

Quilt Show

April 24

General Assembly – New

Generations Visit the Club

May 01

Dr. Barbara Veazey – The

Community Scholarship Program

May 08

Senator Bob Leeper – Kentucky

Legislative Update

May 15

Chad Chancellor – Paducah

Economic Development Progress

May 22

Susan Guess – The Issue of

Bullving

May 29

## 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

**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

**William F. Paxton III**

April 26

**Ronald L. Stonecipher**

April 29



# GearTeeth

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## The Bowels of Paducah and McCracken County



John Hodges, Executive Director of the **Paducah McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency** and fellow Rotarian literally understands the phrase, "It's a dirty job, but somebody has got to do it," as he oversees the miles and miles of pipe that make up the sewer system, most of which was constructed between 1900 and 1960. The system is ranked in the top 10 statewide and in "flow" it is in the top 5.

Hodges said the agency is operated "by the people and for the people," yet doesn't rely on taxes to operate. It is funded entirely by rates and fees, which fare favorably statewide. Hodges has reduced personnel, lowered operating costs and still provided

necessary maintenance, improvements and expansion of the system. One of his mottos is, "Our stuff is going to work," he said. In fact, between 2008-2012, the agency has put \$24 million into ground as an investment in the aging infrastructure and new improvements.

Some areas due for improvement include west of I-24 and expansion in the southern portion of the county. Hodges believes that sometimes the "hard stuff" has to be done so the community doesn't regret it 20 years later.

## Announcements

April 17th, 2013

**Rotarian Loss** - Richard Grana's father passed away last week and David Morse's mother died this week. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

**Quilt Show** - Rotary is still in need volunteers for the biggest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Antique Quilt Show April 23-27. Jamie Futrell said volunteers are particularly needed for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 3 to 6 pm. Everyone that works a shift at the show is entered into a drawing for 4 tickets to see the St. Louis Cardinals play ball. A special thanks was given to Rotarians who distributed the show flyers to promote attendance including Carolyn Roberts, Wally and Gerry Montgomery, Lisa Long, and Allen Dossey - great work!



**Paul Harris Society** - John Williams, Sr. presented a "Paul Harris Fellow + 1" to Jill Chambers, the newest member

of the Paul Harris Society. John said the list of members is steadily growing and perhaps sparking a competition with the Louisville Club.

**RYLA** - Todd Anderson said the Club is taking applications for the RYLA program (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) to take place in September. Two students have been accepted, but he hopes to have more. Sponsorships are needed to meet the \$250 cost of sending each student to the weekend program. Please let the office know if you are willing to sponsor a student. President Missy will lead the way by covering the cost of a student to attend.

**District Simplified Grant - Summer Reading Backpack Program** - President Missy thanked PTHS Interact members for putting together the Summer Reading Backpacks for all Reading PALS in four elementary schools, Rotaract for supporting the grant match financially, and the Rotarians who delivered the backpacks to each student this week - Eileen Duobinis-Gray, Cathy Crecelius, Elaine Spalding, Joni Hogancamp, Missy Eckenberg, Randy Bridges, and Ashley Wright. The students were "ecstatic."

**Magazine Month** - April is Magazine Month - Rotarians were guided to page 13 of the April issue - *Harley Jordan on Living by Example* that discusses his generosity to The Rotary Foundation. Did you know that our club provides the Rotarian Magazine to all honorary members and gift subscriptions to all Paducah and McCracken County High Schools, the Paducah and McCracken County Library, and WKCTC?

## Community Donations

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President Missy presented a check to Danny Carroll on behalf of the **Easter Seals Center of Western Kentucky**.

## Guests

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### Visiting Rotarians:

Sandie and Jim Cargill, Glendive, MT

### Guests of Rotarians:

Jim Smart, Carol Gault, Ronnie Freeman – Basil Drossos

Anna Berlekamp – Art Feather

Raffaele Ponti – Daniel Sene

Doug Truitt – Roger Truitt

Danny Carroll – Guest of Club



### Student Guests:

Darius Garrett – PTHS

Jonathan Emmons – Heath



Ashton Farmer – Lone Oak  
Matthew Osterhaus – St. Mary  
Bailey Robertson – Reidland