

## Upcoming Speakers

May 2015

05/06 - Dr. Scott Garrett, Encore Presentation on the Middle East

05/13 - Jim Waters, Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy

05/27 - Whitney Morreau, Impact One

## Club Leaders

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## Birthdays

**Rebecca J Straley**

May 01

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May 03

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May 04

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May 06

**David F Hutcheson**

May 07

**Steven A. Bright**

May 07

**Tony A. Hamilton**

May 12

**Tom Grassham**

May 14

**Mardie R. Herndon**

May 15

**Guthrie H. Allen III**

May 20

**Andrew S Wood**

May 20

**Suzanne Farmer**

May 20

**Robert L. Alexander**

May 21

**Andrew Carloss**

May 24

**Wally Montgomery**

May 24

**Jim Dudley**

May 28



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## A Tradition of Excellence Continues with Paducah Public Schools

April 29th, 2015



Paducah Public Schools has a 150 year old history of excellence, but may very well entering into a new chapter of student success under the leadership of new Superintendent Donald Shively, who has been in the position just a year, but who is implementing new standards to assure a more personal one-on-one experience of success for all students.

In the past year statistics, such as literacy skills have been greatly improved in the lower grades, while students at Paducah Middle are enjoying success with a mentoring program, which have improved GPA's by 60 percent. A newer program will roll out this fall there called, "Leader and Me."

Meanwhile, students at Paducah Tilghman continue to excel in the arts, academics and athletics. Twenty six of the 2014 graduating class are now enrolled in the Community Scholarship Program, which is funded in part by Rotary, at Western Kentucky Community and Technical College. Other graduates included 84 AP Scholars and 3 Nation Merit Scholars. Over the past 4 years, nearly 800 graduates have been offered \$20 million in scholarships at colleges and universities from coast to coast.

Shively said the school system conducted a survey designed to craft a curriculum the community wants with a new vision. That vision stresses individual relationships with students, which is the most diverse in the state, as well as a budding partnership with local businesses. CSI, for example is offering an internship program to Tilghman students, which could result in a three year career program towards employment at CSI.

Shively has a five year goal having 100% of Tilghman graduates certified either Career or College ready. He has pledged to work with local business and industry to offer curriculum toward that goal.

## Announcements

April 29th, 2015

April is Magazine Month in Rotary.

Glen Anderson, Chairman of the Annual Rotary Antique Show, announced it was a "banner year." Attendance was heavy with 7,800 quilters. Anderson praised Rotarians who worked two, or even three shifts this year. The event is the Club's largest fundraiser and benefits the Community Scholarship Program, which many of McCracken County's students will be depending upon to receive two free years of tuition at West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Missy Eckenberg urged Rotarians to attend the upcoming Rotary District 6710

Conference to be held in Paducah May 15-17<sup>th</sup>. She also said volunteers are need to package the Second Graders Reading Backpacks this Thursday at 4 pm at Pebco, as well as to deliver the backpacks to all the various schools next week.

Rotary is also launching another Shoes for Orphan Souls campaign, which will coincide with the District Conference. Rotarians are asked to donate three pairs of shoes, infant to adult size 9, or make a cash donation toward purchasing the shoes.

Debbie Wattier of the Carson Center Class Acts Educational Series and Frank Bennett of the American Quilt Museum accepted donations from the Club to their respective organizations.

## Guests

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Student Guests: Noah Houser, Kelsee Henson, and McKenna Garneau , McCracken County High School;

Jim Tidwell and Wayne Hagan – guests of Andrew Wood;

Will Black, Jonathan Smith, Teresa Spann, Steve Ybarzabal, Vicki Conyer, Kristy Lewis, Stacey Overling, and Wayne Walden – guests of Donald Shively;

Lisa Mitchell – guest of Lydia May;

Emerson Goodwin, Chelsea Hook, Katherine Byassee, Chelsea Egar, Josh Nagode, and Derek Bess – guests of Mike Muscarella;

Martha Emmons- guest of Hutch Smith;

Mark Rawlings – guets of Hal Sullivan;

Karen Stewart – guest of Becky Straley.