

Upcoming Speakers

08/26 - Josh Morehead, The Lakes of Paducah,
Senior Living
09/02 - District Governor, Mike Kull

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A Conversation with Chris Black

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The Black family has long been recognized and respected for their historical preservation efforts in Paducah, and Chris Black is carrying on that family tradition by advocating the same principals, which he says has put Paducah on the map for its sense of history and community involvement. Much progress has been made over the years in downtown Paducah, although there have been a few setbacks, including the current demolition of a historic building at 4th and Broadway because there were too many structural issues to overcome.

As far as demolition issues goes, Black said, "There is the good, the bad and the ugly." He said economic development arguments to include the demolition of Paducah's City Hall would be in the "ugly" category.

Should the city decide to build a new City Hall he argued the existing Mid-Century Modern architectural landmark should be converted to other uses. "Don't trade the Tall Ship for a shiny, new Sea Doo," he said.

Black praised Paducah community leaders, like his father and Fred Paxton, for stepping up to the plate to fund, not only historic preservation, but also new construction, such as the Carson Center and the Challenger Learning Center for the betterment of the city. He also praised the creation of the Community Foundation for West Kentucky, which enables individuals and families to set up an endowment to fund local non-profits who support aid to the needy, as well as the arts, like the Market House Theatre. Currently there is \$22 million in endowed assets, which generate \$1.3 million for those efforts annually.

"Set up a fund to make a difference. Our ability to work together is what makes us different," he said, noting other cities nationwide use Paducah as a benchmark in many respects, historically and philanthropically. "Paducah, be proud! It is a wonderful place to live."

Announcements

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President John announced is still seeking volunteer coordinators to help with the Rotary Playground construction next summer. Please contact John or Denise if you can assist.

President John has also repurposed the monthly attendance drawing into a drawing among Rotarians who bring in a prospective member each month. This week's winner is David Denton, who received two tickets to see Time Jumpers at the Clemens Center.

Guests



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Will Black – guest of Donald Shively;

Alison Barker and Takiya Grant– guests Mike Muscarella;

Jon Deaton – guest of Chuck Heyduck;

Shay Morgan – guest of Jim Sigler;

Audra Summers – guest of Robyn Shapiro;

Betty Schuppert – guest of Ken Schuppert

Allan Paul – guest of Sandra Wilson;

Nathan Lynn – guest of Julie Hart;

And former Paducah Rotarian, Vicki Ladt