

Upcoming Speakers

9/6 - Mr. Eric Grogan, Topic: Fellowship of Christian Athletes

9/13 - Mr. Bjarne Hansen, Executive Director, Topic: Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club

9/20 - Speaker to be announced, Topic: United Way Reading Pals

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KSP "UNITES" to Battle Drug Abuse

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Speakers: Nancy Hale, President & CEO of Operation UNITE, and, Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rick Sanders. Hale and Sanders were introduced by Rotarian Dr. Patrick Withrow

Topic: Origin and Objectives of the anti-drug abuse organization UNITE, and their partnership with the Kentucky State Police

Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-UNITE, an acronym for Unlawful Narcotics Investigations Treatment and Education, serves 32 eastern Kentucky counties. It has been on the "front line of the drug problem" for the past 14 years. Hale credited Congressman Hal Rogers for helping form UNITE. "Congressman Rogers told us 15 years ago, "you can't arrest, treat, or educate ourselves out of this problem" before assembling groups across the 5th District to go to war against substance abuse," Hale said.



-Hale began her remarks with the warning that the opioid addiction crisis will soon spread to western Kentucky. "Eastern Kentucky had to be reactive to the problem," Hale said, "in the late 1990's pill addiction came to us with a vengeance. You have the opportunity to be proactive and focus on prevention." "You can't find one family in eastern Kentucky not affected by drug addiction," Hale said, while also sharing the story of her own son's addiction problem.

-In 2003, a report by the Lexington Herald-Leader found eastern Kentucky residents led the world in pill abuse per capita.

-Since its inception, Hale said UNITE has helped put 4,000 drug dealers in jail; has helped take 9.7 tons of drugs off the streets; and fielded 22,000 calls to its tip line; and helped over 4,200 people get help in residential treatment units.

-Hale also said she's observed their fight against drug abuse has changed focus from primarily law enforcement to treatment and education. "You've got to focus on prevention," she said, "we've taken the first steps in eastern Kentucky, but still have miles to go."



-Commissioner Sanders began by saying, "If heroin and opioids were a (easily recognizable) disease like Ebola, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) would be all over it." Kentucky had 1,400

Birthdays

Matthew N. Cherry

August 27

Carolyn T. Roberts

August 31

Jane N. Martin

September 02

L. V. McGinty Jr.

September 04

Lorraine Schramke

September 07

Eileen Duobinis-Gray

September 07

Ken Knapp

September 12

C. Robert Shelton

September 17

David R. Perry

September 18

Craig Guess

September 18

Jessica Toren

September 20

Terry Reeves

September 22



overdose deaths in 2016, he added.

-A former DEA Agent, Sanders was Police Chief of Jeffersontown, Kentucky before becoming KSP Commissioner. It was there he became familiar with the Angel Initiative, a Massachusetts-based drug treatment and prevention program. Sanders brought the initiative to Jeffersontown, and is now implementing it with the Kentucky State Police.

-The Angel Initiative is designed to allow an addict to voluntarily come into a KSP post to seek help. If they have no pending charges, they are paired with an "angel" to help guide them through the treatment process. If they are in possession of drugs or paraphernalia, it will be confiscated, but with no charges pressed.

-Sanders said implementing the Angel Initiative approach took overcoming the culture of law enforcement, and, had to earn the trust of addicts. "It's not about getting soft on crime," Sanders said, "it's about getting smart about dealing with the substance abuse problems facing the state." Sanders said he's currently working with KSP Post Commanders statewide to implement the program.

-For more information on Operation UNITE, visit www.operationunite.org.

New Member Proposal

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Upon recommendation of the Membership Approval Committee and the Board of Directors, the following people have been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Paducah:

George Bray
Troy Courtney

Objections must be filed in writing to the Club Secretary within seven (7) days. It is NOT necessary to respond if you do not object to this recommendation.

Announcements

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-President Melanie reminded the club about Dictionary deliveries taking place this week and next. Delivery will be complete as of Wednesday August 30. For the 13th year, our club is providing a dictionary to every third grader in McCracken County.

-Sign up information is available now to volunteer to help park cars during the first annual AQS Fall Quiltweek. The city provided our club the lot behind the floodwall near Schultz Park to charge for parking during the event. The car parking project offers our club to raise funds for more community projects, and promote our 30th Annual Antique Quilt Show next spring! To sign up for a shift: visit <http://signup.com/go/EZLrvSK>. Review the time slots and choose the spot(s) you prefer. Then sign up...no need to register for an account, nor will signup.com share your email address. If you can't signup online, contact Dee Dee Whitaker at deedee.rotarypaducah@gmail.com. Please don't delay, the show will be here in just two weeks!

-Rotarian John Williams, Sr. reminded the club of the importance of contributing to the Rotary Foundation. Internationally, Foundation funds go toward (among other projects), the End Polio initiative. At the moment, only 7 cases of Polio are active in the world showing the power of the initiative in recent years. Locally, a portion of Rotary Foundation funds are returned for local projects. Donations may be made by contacting our Rotary Office.

-The club sends its condolences to the family of fellow Rotarian Ken Schuppert, Sr. Rotarian Ken passed away August 20. He served the community as a Rotarian for 36 years.

Guests



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Lynnell Fields, Billy Harper, Will Black, Sheriff Jon Hayden, KSP Capt. Robert Schultz,
KSP Lt. Michael Webb, KSP Capt. Janet Barnett, KSP Capt. Tim Adams, Judge Tim
Kaltenbach – guests of Dr. Pat Withrow
Captain Matt Carter – guest of Mark Mitchell
Stephanie Groth and Ryne McCullen – guests of Mike Muscarella
Martie Wiles – guest of Joni Hogancamp
Troy Courtney – guest of Sandra Wilson