

Upcoming Speakers

8/31 - Stuart Alexander, Governor of Rotary District 6710
9/7 - Pam Spencer, City of Paducah, Public Information Officer
9/14 - Stephen Chino, City of Paducah, Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) Specialist

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Kentucky Colonels 85,000 Strong

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"Kentucky's Ambassadors of Goodwill and Fellowship" is the description that greets visitors to the official Kentucky Colonels' website. **Executive Director Lynn Ashton** gave Rotarians a history of the organization and its purpose.

Ashton traced the group's roots to just after the War of 1812 when Governor Issac Shelby appointed Charles Todd to be an Aide-de-Camp to his staff with the rank of Colonel. Todd and future Colonels served a primarily ceremonial role through the latter 1800's. The first meeting of what became known as the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels was held in 1931. In sanctioning the new group, Governor Flem Sampson challenged them to "formulate a society...into a great non-political

brotherhood for the advancement of Kentucky and Kentuckians."

With the help of socially-connected Governor Ruby Laffoon, the Colonels attracted notoriety and sizeable charitable donations from Hollywood mainstays such as Bing Crosby, Mae West and W.C. Fields. Those charitable donations were quickly utilized by citizens across Kentucky in the wake of the destruction from the Great Flood of 1937.

Post World War Two, the Colonels were known for providing recreation centers for soldiers returning from the war effort. In 1951, the Kentucky Colonels were granted 501 (c)(3) status by the IRS for charity work and have since distributed nearly 5,000 grants to charities and educational agencies across Kentucky.

Describing how the group's grant committee actually visits each finalist, Ashton said, "It is truly awe-inspiring to see how people work on shoe-string budgets to help others." She said the Colonels are often able to devote attention to smaller organizations by providing badly needed tangible items in lieu of cash.

Today, there are more than 85,000 Kentucky Colonels world-wide, with more than half living outside of Kentucky. Ashton urged Rotarians to support the organization's "Good Works Program". More information is available at www.kycolonels.org.

Announcements

August 24th, 2016

Birthdays

Matthew N. Cherry

August 27

Carolyn T. Roberts

August 31

Jane N. Martin

September 02

L. V. McGinty Jr.

September 04

Eileen Duobinis-Gray

September 07

Lorraine Schramke

September 07

Ken Knapp

September 12

Lifeline Ministries Invitation – Lifeline Ministries has extended an invitation to Rotary Club members to attend their Annual Banquet. A Rotary Table has been reserved for the event, scheduled for Monday August 29 at 6:00 PM at the First Baptist Church in Paducah. Contact Denise at the Rotary office if you would like to attend.

Rotary Structure Refresher – Former President **Missy Eckenberg** gave club members a refresher course on the Rotary Club of Paducah's position within the overall Rotary structure. Paducah serves within District 6710, part of Zone 30. Zones 30 and 31 comprise 26 Rotary Districts collectively known as the Heart of America Rotary Chapters.

Special Board Meeting – Board members are urged to attend a special meeting next Wednesday, August 31 at 11:15 AM at the Carson Center. The meeting honors visiting **District Governor Stuart Alexander, III** of Louisville. Alexander will also be the club's guest speaker next Wednesday.

Dictionary Deliveries – Club members were reminded to sign-up at next Wednesday's meeting to volunteer to deliver dictionaries to area third grade classrooms. Sign-up sheets will be available during the meeting, or you may contact Denise at the Rotary office.

Guests

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Shelly and Chris Bell – guests of Ashley Wright

Laura Krueger, Justin Allen, Casandra Savoy and Amanda Bucher – guests of Mike Muscarella

Jim Smolen – visiting Rotarian from Liberty, Missouri