

Upcoming Speakers

9/7 - **Pam Spencer**, City of Paducah, Public Information Officer
9/14 - **Stephen Chino**, City of Paducah, Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) Specialist
9/21 - **Eric Hickman**, City of Paducah - Storm Water and Drainage Engineer, "Paducah Storm Water and Drainage"
9/28 - **Jonathan Perkins**, City of Paducah - Finance Officer, "Change Happens"

Club Leaders



Glen Anderson
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Melanie W. McNeill
President-Elect



Shawn Turner
Secretary



Thomas Scott Taylor
Treasurer

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Rotary Foundation Chair

Don Barger
Sergeant-at-Arms



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iPast President

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Club Executive Secretary

Board of Directors Currently Serving

Barry Smith
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David Hutcheson
Dee Dee Whittaker
Don Barger
Frank Bennett
John Williams, Jr.
Lewis Carr
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Melanie McNeill
Randy Bridges
Scott Taylor
Shawn Turner
Susan Carr
Terry Reeves

Birthdays

Jane N. Martin
September 02
L. V. McGinty Jr.



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Rotary District 6710 Update

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Like so many new members, he joined Rotary for the networking possibilities. It was the service work, however, that "hooked" him into becoming an active member for the past 22 years.

That was the story shared by current **Rotary District Governor Stuart Alexander, III** of Louisville. District Governor Stuart joined the Louisville Rotary Club in 1994, serving as its president in 2012-13. That was a significant year for the Louisville chapter, as it marked their 100th anniversary as a club. He has been awarded Rotarian of the Year by the Louisville club for his work on numerous projects throughout the years.

2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Foundation. Alexander stressed the importance of supporting the Foundation, which he called the "action arm" of the organization. Among its various projects, he cited the club's partnership with the Gates Foundation to eradicate polio. The 34-year effort, he said, now finds active polio cases in only two countries...Afghanistan and Pakistan. The task will be ongoing, he added, as many areas must continue to be monitored for new cases of the disease.

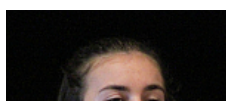
Alexander said the driving force behind all Rotary projects is compassion, which he said is evident in the Paducah club citing the playground project, among others, as an example.

Announcements

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Membership Committee – Rotarian Jim Dudley gave an update on membership initiatives for the current year. Our club currently has 175 Active members, with 50 members having been in the club less three years or less. Dudley says that while the club has attracted many new members, overall growth has been offset by the loss of members. Those members, he said, typically leave because of accepting new jobs in other locations. The Membership Committee is focusing on three opportunities for growth: 1) the popularity of the recent playground project; 2) seeking members from among those who belonged to Rotaract, which recently disbanded; and, 3) increased social media presence. Dudley urged current members to look for new candidates for membership among their friends and peer groups, and most importantly, to regularly follow-up with the candidates.

Dictionary Project – Rotarian Melanie McNeill reminded the club that volunteers are needed for the Third Grade Dictionary Project. Volunteers are needed to help deliver the dictionaries starting at 9:00 Friday (9/2/16) morning. Contact Denise at the Rotary office for delivery details.



Speech Contest Winner – Rotarian Tom Grassham introduced Michael-Ellen Walden, winner of this year's Rotary Speech Contest at both the local and sectional levels. Walden is a senior at Paducah

September 04
Eileen Duobinis-Gray
September 07
Lorraine Schramke
September 07
Ken Knapp
September 12
Monique Zuber
September 16
C. Robert Shelton
September 17
Craig Guess
September 18
David R. Perry
September 18



Tilghman High School and plans to major in theatre in college. Rotarians and guests gave her a standing ovation after her speech, which followed the national theme of "A Gift to the World."

Guests

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Wayne and Kelly Walden – guests of Melanie McNeill;
Dan Lazarevic and Jeff Mills – guests of Brad Clark;
Chris Beal and Sky McCracken – guests of Dr. Robert Meriwether;
Anna Vanderburg – guest of Jessica Toren;
Angie Poat – guest of Suzanne Farmer;
Bob Coulson – guest of John Williams, Jr.;
Dr. Jeff Seay and Chandni Joshi – guests of Ken Wheeler;
Whitney Evans – guest of Nikki Coursey;
Cassy Savoy, Sara Sims and Shelby Adams – guests of Mike Muscarella;
Jim Smolen – Rotarian guest from Liberty, MO;
PDG Jayne Crisp – Rotarian guest from Murray Rotary Club.