

Upcoming Programs

Jim Bullard, St. Louis Federal Reserve
August 14
U.S. Senator Rand Paul
August 21
Friends of Coal
August 28

Club Leaders

Chris McNeill
President
Jamie Futrell
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Phyllis B. Russell
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Vice President
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Treasurer
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Past President
Michael A. Muscarella
Membership Chair, Past President
Debbie DeWeese
Club Executive Secretary

Birthdays

Sue Moore Fenske
August 08
Wayne M. Shelton
August 09
Steven A. Powless
August 11
John G Barker
August 12
Bill Glenn Holsapple
August 15
Kevin Peck
August 15
Scott Davis
August 17
Jennifer E Humphreys
August 19
Frank Shelton
August 23
Lisa Long
August 24
Brent Gaines
August 24
Joshua E White
August 26
Carolyn T. Roberts
August 31
Jane N. Martin
September 02
L. V. McGinty Jr.
September 04
John R. Halsell IV
September 06
Lorraine Schramke
September 07
Eileen Duobinis-Gray
September 07



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Doing More With Less

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Warren Beeler, Director of Livestock Marketing and Agriculture Policy for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, said although only 2% of the population farms they feed 98% of the total population and are doing more and more with less and less. Kentucky's farmers are producing a high quality product more efficiently than ever before.

In fact, as our population continues to grow, and therefore the demand for food grows, as well there are fewer and fewer farms to meet the demand. Beeler said from 1997 to 2007 the nation lost 22 million acres of farmland, which means farmers have become more specialized in order to produce more crops and livestock with less to meet the global demand. For example, farmers are able to produce 81% more chicken per bird than in 1950. Dairy farmers are able to produce 63% more milk with 58% fewer cows. Hog

farmers are producing 176% more pork with 44% fewer hogs. It is the same story with row crops, such as corn, which is producing a whopping 333% more on 11% fewer acres than in the 1950's. Last year's top corn producer in Kentucky yielded 400 bushels an acre.

Beeler says new technology and "green" initiatives, such as recycling manure for fertilizer improves the bottom line for everyone. "Farmers are the original recyclers," he said, "Farming is a sustainable cycle that is strictly regulated."

He also said the small farmer is not dead and is thriving under the contract farming system by providing the land and barns to raise livestock on for pay, regardless of the end market cost, to bring in income. "Livestock have never been better cared for than now. Farmers produce products that are safe and good for you," said Beeler.

For more information about the many programs offered through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture visit www.kyagr.com.

Announcements

August 7, 2013


Happy Birthday: Happy Birthday to Rotary's August babies! Lisa Long was the winner of the beautiful birthday floral arrangement provided by The Green Door.

Board Action: The Board of Directors has approved an increase in the cost of the weekly lunches effective at your next billing. Lunches will be \$9.00

CHANGE IN BY-LAWS: "Effective August 1, 2013, a change to the bylaws shall be made that any Rotarian having a past due balance of dues and lunches equal to six months of charges will be dropped from the roll of the club on January 1 and July 1 of each year."

Monday Emails: Beginning on Monday, July 29, 2013, the membership will receive an email with the next four speakers scheduled for lunch meetings each week.

Blood Drive - Rotarians are urged to mark August 15th as the day to give blood during the annual competition with the Lions Club to benefit the American Red Cross. You may



reserve a time to donate by contacting the Red Cross or the Rotary Office.

Rotary Foundation Status:

Every Rotarian Every Year - 98% of Club

Paul Harris Fellows - 73 members, 41% of Club

Paul Harris Society - 31 members, 17% of Club

Guests

August 7, 2013

Andy Lewis – guest of Lt. Joe Crawford

Rachel Flaherty, Clay Owens, Courtney Ahlers – guests of Mike Muscarella

Laura Schaumburg – guest of Mary Hammond

Bill Robertson – guest of Glen Anderson

Patrick Mobley – guest of Richard Grana

Aimee Byassee – guest of Kerry Lynn