

Upcoming Speakers

Michael Ceglinski, Principal of
McCracken County High School

December 18

No Meeting

December 25

No Meeting

January 01

Richard Roof, Manager of Barkley
Regional Airport

January 08

Club Leaders

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Birthdays

Royce N. English

December 12

Keith Wilke

December 12

Timus G Taylor

December 16

Joni Hogancamp

December 19

Mary E. Hammond

December 23

Michael P. Resnick

December 24

Scott Garrett

December 25

Chris McNeill

December 25

Susan Guess

December 26

David R. Clark

December 29

Robert Turok

December 30

George G Sirk Jr.

January 06

Daniel Sene

January 10



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Daniel Sene, executive director of the Paducah Symphony Orchestra, spent some time taking Rotarians behind the scenes of the inner workings of the Paducah Symphony at this week's meeting.

The Paducah Symphony Orchestra is a member of the League of American Orchestras, a service and advocacy organization for orchestras throughout the United States.

As some symphonies are struggling to stay afloat financially, the PSO has learned that it has a role in providing public value, not just to symphony goers, but to the entire community. Therefore, they offer all-encompassing life-long learning opportunities to everyone. These range from the Paducah Symphony Youth Orchestra to Musical

Story Time which has the PSO partnering with the McCracken County Public Library to promote music and literacy. The PSO is the only orchestra that offers a Children's Chorus as part of its programming. Additionally, varied programs provide opportunities to expose the community to live orchestral music.

Raffaele Ponti, PSO's artistic director, brought Musical Chairs to PSO. On Friday evening rehearsals before a symphony concert, students are invited to sit in extra chairs placed among the Orchestra members. Students experience the music from the vantage point of a PSO member. The Maestro himself spends a great deal of time visiting schools within our area leading complimentary clinics, master classes, audition prep classes, and lectures for students throughout the area.

According to the League of American Orchestras, U.S. orchestra budgets receive an average of 41 percent from private contributions, 31 percent from ticket sales, 15 percent from endowments, 10 percent from other income, and 3 percent from governmental support. The PSO varies a bit with little income coming from endowments, so they support 20 percent of the budget with fundraising activities. One major fundraiser for PSO is scheduled for May 10, 2014 with the Third Annual Symphony Sing-off. Maestro Ponti will emcee this event this year, and there will be several additions that are sure to please the audience.

This management philosophy seems to have been effective for PSO, since season ticket holders have increased from 400 to 900 since Maestro Ponti came aboard the symphony staff.

Announcements

December 11th, 2013

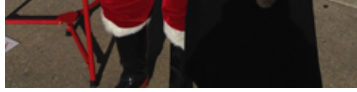


Rotary members braved the cold temps and manned the Salvation Army Kettles today.

Rotaract is hosting a blood drive on Monday, December 16, at Concord United Methodist Church from 1p.m. until 6 p.m.

The club made a donation to The National Quilt Museum with CEO Frank Bennett accepting.

Victoria Caldwell, sponsored by Rayla Bridges, was inducted into the club as our newest member.



Victoria comes to Rotary by way of our club-sponsored Rotaract. Welcome, Victoria!

Our new member spotlight was on Bob Turok who was introduced by his sponsor Michael Byers.

Rotary Foundation Status:

Every Rotarian Every Year - 98% of Club
Paul Harris Fellows - 75 members, 42% of Club
Paul Harris Society - 33 members, 19% of Club

Guests

December 11th, 2013

Student Guests: Seth Powell-St. Mary; Reagan Webb -McCracken County; and Jeremiah White – Paducah Tilghman;

Roxanne Wendling – guest of Gary Dyer;

Cayden Goodman – guest of Joni Goodman;

David Hoffman – guest of Kevin Shannon;

Jan Kern – guest of Debbie Wattier.