

Upcoming Speakers

No Meeting

December 25

No Meeting

January 01

Richard Roof, Manager of Barkley
Regional Airport

January 08

Rob Korte, Senior Engineer of AEP
River Operations

January 15

Club Leaders

Chris McNeill

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Club Executive Secretary

Birthdays

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

Joni F. Goodman

January 11

John R Anderson Jr.

January 15



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"Work Hard. Be Nice"



Michael Ceglinski, the Principal of the new McCracken County High School, inspires both his staff and students with the motto of "Work Hard. Be Nice." Ceglinski said, "Everyone can do those two things and we put it into practice." His theory is the more the staff exhibits that behavior, so will the students. Even though student achievement is paramount, so is building character with young lives.

Ceglinski had a herculean task of blending three high schools into one body and a new building, which he described as, "The New Exodus," alluding to the Biblical journey of Moses leading the slaves out of Egypt. His only fear was that once the journey was completed to the

new school on opening day that he, like Moses, might never live to see the Promised Land. The story confirms one of Ceglinski's other tenets for a successful school, which are "Joy and Humor." He was famously videotaped dancing for the nearly 1,900 member student body at this year's first pep rally.

Of course, academics are still Ceglinski's first priority and it appears he is doing something right there, as well. His idea of a teacher's "good day" is being able to report that 85% of the students in class grasped the concepts being taught that day. Test results prove it and the school significantly improved the PLAN Test scores this year, which is the mini ACT given to all sophomores. The scores not only bested previous scores but beat the national average. For good measure, the test was given to freshman, as well. This gives the staff an opportunity to aid the incoming sophomores when they take the test again. The ACT is an important test for students going on to higher education and defines which universities will or will not accept them.

In addition, Ceglinski makes priorities of accountability, continuous improvement and student advocacy. He believes that every member of the 150 person staff should arrive at school each day knowing they are all advocates for each student. He is also proud of the community involvement that supports the new school. Local businesses and individuals have come forward with financial support, as well opportunities for students to do internships.

It is clear the new McCracken County High School is more than "bricks and mortar" to Ceglinski.

Announcements

December 18th, 2013

December is Family Month in Rotary

Hal Sullivan triumphantly announced the total from last week's annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Hal said \$6,435.23 cents was raised. Members of the Club directly donated some \$2,700 of that amount.

Community Donation: Rotarian Bob Johnston accepted a check from the Club on behalf of the Paducah Railroad Museum.

Ashley Wright gave a "New Member Spotlight" to Monique Zuber, who is the new Executive Director of the United Way.

There will be no meetings on Christmas and New Years Day. Happy Birthday to our Christmas Day birthday baby, President Chris, who is also celebrating his wedding anniversary this week to Rotarian Melanie McNeill.

Upon the 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: Jan Keen and Susan Carr. Objections must be filed in writing to the Club Secretary within seven days. It is not necessary to respond if you do not object to this recommendation.

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 18th, 2013

Student Guests: Reagan Webb, Jacob Clardy, and Sergio Vega – McCracken County High School.

Jim Tidwell – guest of Andrew Wood;

Dave Hoffman – guest of John Anderson, Jr.;

Roxanne Wendling – guest of Gary Dyer;

Tim Stewart – guest of Andrew Long;

Jan Keen – guest of Debbie Wattier;

Dr. Nancy Waldrop – guest of Steve Bright;

Jim Waters – guest of Mike Muscarella.