

Upcoming Speakers

12/28 - NO MEETING (week between Christmas & the New Year)
1/4 - **Warwick Sabin**, Executive Director, Arkansas Innovation Hub, Little Rock, AR

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Author: Paducah a Pivotal Point in Civil War

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Speaker: John Cashon, Paducah author, historian and photographer. Cashon was introduced by Rotarian Dan Key.

Topic: Cashon gave a first-hand account of his research and findings of researching Paducah's strategic role in the Civil War.

Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Cashon is a native of Paducah, having attended Paducah Tilghman High School and Murray State

University.

-Cashon's book "Paducah and the Civil War" was released in October, 2016. The book tells the full story of Paducah's role during the War of the States.

-His love of history, he said, comes from the stories and history he absorbed from listening to his family's personal stories through the years...particularly those told by his father.

-The author shared his opinion that General Ulysses Grant's taking control of Paducah, thus the Tennessee River, was likely "the single most important move by Grant that affected the western portions of the war."

-In discussing Paducah's demographics in the early 1800's, Cashon described Paducah's make-up as a mixture of Scotch-Irish, Jewish and Roman Catholic settlers who had travelled down the Ohio River.

-Cashon's book devotes a section to local political battles during the Civil War led by Quintus Quigley. Quigley, a native of Paris, Tennessee, settled in Paducah where he practiced law and was the author of the town's incorporation documents.

- "Paducah and the Civil War" also describes in detail Grant's occupation of Paducah, the caustic resistance to the Union occupation, and life during that period.

-Cashon explained the original significance of the US 45 Brookport Bridge, as we know it today. It was originally a pontoon bridge built by Grant's troops known as the "Brooklyn Bridge."

-The book also details the civil rights contribution of Cesar Kaskel, a Jewish merchant from Paducah who led the opposition effort against General Grant's "General Order #11" of 1862. The order ordered the expulsion of all Jews in Grant's military district comprising Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi. Kaskel, and the consortium of

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January 11

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support he organized, took their effort all the way to the office of President Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln instructed Grant to revoke the order.

-Cashon is available for book lectures and signings. His book "Paducah and the Civil War" is available in paperback and on Kindle through the Amazon store.

Remember, there will be no club meeting on Wednesday, December 28th. Club meetings will resume January 4th. Guest speaker will be Warwick Sabin, Executive Director of the Arkansas Innovation Hub in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Announcements

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- **"Twelve Days of Christmas" Rotary Style!** The song committee enlisted volunteers to entertain the club Wednesday with a truly "original" version of a Christmas classic. Thanks to Rotarian Jan Keen for this memorable version:

On the 1st day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...The Best Darn Rotary!
On the 2nd day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...2 Health Park Plans...
On the 3rd day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...Chiefs on Base...
On the 4th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...4 Rolling Rivers...
On the 5th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...5 Carson Ctr. Tickets...
On the 6th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...6 Craft Beers Brewing...
On the 7th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...7 Market House Plays...
On the 8th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...8 Brand New Bells...
On the 9th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...9 Ribs a'Smokin'...
On the 10th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...10 UNESCO Kudos...
On the 11th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...11 Quilters Quilting...
On the 12th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...12 PSO Concerts...

-**Charitable Grant Presentations:** On Wednesday Janine Zerger accepted a check on behalf of the Paducah Symphony Orchestra and Stacey Reason accepted a check on behalf of the Yeiser Art Center/Lower Town Arts & Music Festival

Guests

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Jessica Coulson and Heather Jones – guests of Bob Coulson
Braxton Stewart – guest of Jeff Stewart
Randy Fox – Rotarian guest from Rotary Club of Marshall County