

## Upcoming Speakers

Ben Chandler, Kentucky Humanities  
Council  
February 19  
Victoria Faoro, Berea Artisan Center  
February 26  
Jeff Pederson - "State of Our City"  
March 05  
Charlie Martin - "Bringing GE to  
Paducah"  
March 12

## Club Leaders

**Chris McNeill**  
President  
**Jamie Futrell**  
President-Elect  
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iPast President  
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## Birthdays

**Alex Edwards**  
February 05  
**Michael A. Muscarella**  
February 06  
**Walter Allen Qualk**  
February 09  
**John Hodges**  
February 10  
**Dane M Blythe**  
February 11  
**Missy R Eckenberg**  
February 12  
**Sandra Wilson**  
February 14  
**Charles R Moffitt**  
February 15  
**Ralph Young**  
February 16  
**Barry Griffith**  
February 16  
**Tara T. Kolb**  
February 18  
**Robert P Meriwether**  
February 20  
**Basil Drossos**  
February 25  
**Thomas Scott Taylor**  
February 25  
**James R. Brown**  
February 27  
**Andrew Long**  
March 01  
**Jan R. Keen**  
March 03  
**David W. Jones**  
March 05  
**Bruce Akin**  
March 05



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## Kentucky State Parks: The Nation's Finest



The Kentucky State Parks System is made up 49 parks, 17 resort parks, 21 recreation areas, 11 historical sites and 31 campgrounds encompassing 45 thousand acres of land all across the state. Kentucky State Parks Commissioner Elaine Walker says the diversity and breadth of the system truly makes it the finest system in the nation where "we make memorable stays for our guests," she said.

There truly is a little something for everyone from the one end of the Commonwealth to the other--trails, golf, sporting events, festivals, music and wildlife watching, which include Elk tours in Eastern Kentucky and Eagle tours in western Kentucky. Walker said the Sandhill Crane tours at Barren River were particularly impressive with 18,000 of the large birds on site for viewing.

Walker is also particularly proud of our own three crown jewels within the system, Kenlake, Barkley Lodge and Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Parks, the latter of which will receive a new \$2 million roof this year. Wickliffe Mounds has great importance among the 11 historical sites, which also include the Perryville Civil War Battle Site, Columbus-Belmont State Park and Whitehall, the home of Henry Clay in Lexington.

Walker says with the recent construction of new golf courses, the budget is challenged, but she hopes to upgrade internet connectivity for the parks system so visitors can more easily book stays using popular travel sites.

Even though Kentucky has a great parks system, Walker said it would take more than government support to maintain and expand services. As a result, the Kentucky State Parks Foundation has been created to help fund a myriad of projects and enhancements. A donation of \$25 gives the donor 10% off lodging at any state park.

For more information about the foundation visit [ketnuckystateparkfoundation.org](http://ketnuckystateparkfoundation.org) or to learn more about the bounty of activities and scenic lodging opportunities visit [ww.parks.ky.gov](http://ww.parks.ky.gov).

## Announcements

February 12th, 2014

**Next week's meeting on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> and the following Wednesday on February 26<sup>th</sup> will be held on the Carson Center stage instead of in the Myre Room.**


February is World Understanding Month to emphasize Rotary's commitment to international understanding, friendship and peace.

President Chris asked everyone to check out the club's Antique Quilt Show page on Facebook. The more "likes" our page has, the more widespread and popular the Quilt Show will become.

The Rotary Speech Contest will be held Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the McCracken County Public Library at 4 pm. This year's topic is "Engage Rotary, Change Lives."

Community Donation- The Club presented donations to Terrye Peeler on behalf of Lifeline Ministries and to Samuel Hawkins on behalf of the Oscar Cross Boys and Girls Club.

**Rotary Foundation Status:**  
Every Rotarian Every Year - 98% of Club



Paul Harris Fellows - 77 members, 44% of Club  
Paul Harris Society - 33 members, 19% of Club

## Guests

February 12th, 2014

Student Guests: Anna Soloman – Commonwealth Middle College; Yasi Razban – Paducah Tilghman High School; and Eric White, Makenzie Glisson, and Jenna Dowell – McCracken County High School.

John Truitt – guest of Roger Truitt;

Mardie Herndon and Bill Schroeder – guests of Joe Framptom;

Julie Harrie – guest of Mary Hammond.