

Upcoming Speakers

Jeff Pederson

March 05

Charlie Martin - "Bringing GE to Paducah"

March 12

Adolph Rupp - by Kentucky

Chautauqua

March 19

Dr. David Silverstein

March 26

Club Leaders

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Birthdays

James R. Brown

February 27

Andrew Long

March 01

Jan R. Keen

March 03

Bruce Akin

March 05

David W. Jones

March 05

Geraldine B. Montgomery

March 11

Phyllis B. Russell

March 12

Lewis Carr

March 14

Anita Akin Ward

March 18

Betty Higdon

March 19

Kyle P Katterjohn

March 22

Lanny King

March 23

Phil Hook

March 24

BA A. Hamilton

March 27

Victoria E Caldwell

March 28

Ann Erickson

March 29

Michael Cochran

March 29



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Berea Artisan Center--Much More Than Just a Rest Stop



Travelers on I-75 through Kentucky may find the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea as the cleanest and most well designed restrooms on their journey, but they will get a microcosm of Kentucky's finest arts and crafts for sale, along with travel information about the entire state. Center Director Victoria Faoro said it offers "quality people, products and experiences" to the 240,000 visitors that stop there each year.

The Artisan Center provides café dining, shopping, special exhibits and travel info in a 25,000 square foot complex that gives tourists a taste and feel for Kentucky.

Some 40 to 50 Kentucky artists are featured in exhibits, which are themed, along with everything from jewelry to food products made in Kentucky by 700 homegrown artists. Visitors are also treated to artists demonstrating their craft and other educational events each week.

Faoro says the Center makes \$1.3 million in sales, which is a huge boon to the artists who keep Kentucky craft traditions alive. The sales revenue covers 70% of the cost of operating the state run center, but 55% of the sales revenue is reinvested in repurchasing items from the artists, which she says, "is keeping the arts alive." She said the center also serves as a showroom for many retail buyers that buy directly from the artists. "Our goal is just not just sales on site. We help make sure artists keep working"

For more information visit www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.

Announcements

February 26th, 2014

Next week's meeting will move back to its regular location in the Myre Room.

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

President Chris again 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.

Community Donation

Landee Bryant Green accepted a donation on behalf of the Paducah Film Society.

Upon 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, Kelsey Holland and Roxanne Wendling. *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 - 77 members, 44% of Club

Paul Harris Society - 33 members, 19% of Club

Guests

February 26th, 2014

Student Guests: Yasi Razban, Paducah Tilghman High School; Anna Solomon, Commonwealth Middle College; Jenna Dowell and Makenzie Glisson, McCracken County High School; and Katie Gipson, St. Mary High School;

Meredith Schroeder and Bill Schroeder – guests of Dr. Wally Montgomery;

Lynn Loyd and Rick Loyd – guests of Gerry Montgomery;

Amanda Ball – guest of Victoria Caldwell;

Nancy Flowers – guest of Anita Ward;

Tracy Jones – guest of Julie Hart;

Roxanne Wendling – guest of Gary Dyer;

Rosemarie Steele – guest of Mary Hammond;

Susan Edwards – guest of Lorraine Schramke;

Molly Tomasallo – guest of Josh White;

Sara Silng, Daniel Justice, Ryan Hobson, Kristyn Hager, and Kelli Hobart – guests of Mike Muscarella;

Lou DeLuca – Visiting Rotarian – Rotary Club of Berea.