

## Upcoming Speakers

2/10 - Greg McKeel, General Manager - Paducah Chiefs  
2/17 - Emerson Goodwin, Corporate Regional Director-KY, KentuckyCare  
2/24 - Dr. Patrick Withrow, Baptist Health

## Club Leaders



**John A. Williams Jr.**  
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President-Elect



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**Denise A. Chapman**  
Club Executive Secretary

## Birthdays

**Alex Edwards**

February 05

**Michael A. Muscarella**

February 06

**Gary Zheng**

February 08

**Walter Allen Qualk**

February 09

**John Hodges**

February 10

**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

**Thomas Scott Taylor**

February 25

**Basil Drossos**

February 25



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## Waste to Fuel

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Students at Paducah's **UK School of Engineering** launched a new initiative in India that transforms plastic trash to a light diesel fuel. Their professor, **Dr. Jeff Seay** said the fuel oil is surprisingly simple to make, and encompasses the very definition of sustainability. "It is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable," he said.

The students built a simple metal unit with no moving parts that is suitable for running small diesel engines, such as those that power irrigation pumps. The group of undergraduates traveled to the Tamil Nadu region of hot and dry southern India to showcase how their trash to treasure technology could provide a sustainable process for reducing waste and solving a need.

The wood powered innovation is a single step process. "It is optimizing low cost and is simple to operate," said Dr. Seay. This garnered a great deal of media coverage in India and Dr. Seay believes there are entrepreneurial possibilities with the process, and is meeting with possible overseas manufacturers.

Dr. Seay called his group of students, "One of most successful research groups in the country." They have received 23 national and international awards and made several overseas presentations.

To learn more about the UK Appropriate Technology and Sustainability Research Team visit <http://jseay.engineering.uky.edu/ukats-research>.

## Announcements

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Ken Wheeler asked Rotarians to contact their local legislators and Governor Bevin concerning proposed cuts to higher education in the new state budget. He said a sample letter would be provided to use as a template. The current budget calls for 9% reduction in funding to higher education, which has already lost 16% in state funding since 2008.

Michael Cochran of the Market House Theatre and Sandra Wilson of the Leadership Paducah Foundation each received donations from the Club on behalf of their organizations.

Michael, and his wife April, were honored last week by the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce with its annual Summit Award for their work on behalf of the community.

Debbie Wattier is the winner of the month's New Member drawing.

## New Member Proposal

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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. *Objections must be filed in writing to the Club Executive Secretary within seven days. It is **not** necessary to respond if you do not object to this recommendation.*

**Tonya Goodale, Area Director of Sales & Marketing, Midas Hospitality**

**Terry Reeves, Owner, Heartland Vacations LLC**

## What Does Rotary Mean to You?

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We all have different reasons for being in Rotary and get different outcomes from being here. Some of us enjoy the comradery of weekly lunches, some of us use Rotary to network with other active businesses in our community, some of us volunteer for everything and get great enjoyment out of helping others, and on and on.

In an effort to understand what Rotary means to us and ultimately to help spread around the community all that Rotary means and does for each of us individually, we are going to test a campaign and have Rotarians tell **what Rotary means to me**".

Every other week we would like for a Rotarian to stand at lunch and tell what Rotary means to them in hopefully a 2-3 minute "elevator speech". We will start with some of our past presidents to get the momentum rolling and then hopefully have enough volunteers to fill-in from there.

If you are willing to participate, please contact Denise, Mike Muscarella or John to get on the calendar.

## Guests

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Betty Schuppert – guest of Ken Schuppert;

Chandni Joshi, Alex Sherwood, Colton Tockstein, Austin McCallom and Dr. David Silverstein – guests of Ken Wheeler;

Heather Baer – guest of Laurie Latham;

Meg Hancock and Palmer Stroup – student guests from Paducah Tilghman;

Emily Tyler – student guest from McCracken County;

Cameron Aitken and Jack Moreland – student guests from Commonwealth Middle College;

Ashleigh Slusmeyer – student guest from Community Christian Academy