

Upcoming Speakers

2/14 - **Polio Plus Dessert Auction, (Valentine's Day) *Plan to donate a sweet treat or make a Polio Plus contribution* (Checks payable to Rotary Club of Paducah, 'Polio Plus' in memo line)**

2/21 - **Dr. Wayne D. Lewis, Jr.** - Executive Director, Education & Policy Programs - Kentucky Education & Workforce Development Cabinet

2/28 - **Dr. Jeffrey R. Seay** - Associate Professor, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, UK College of Engineering - Paducah Extended Campus

3/7 - **Dr. Ross Jones**, Gastroenterologist and **Dr. Shane Hendon**, Gastroenterologist - Lourdes Hospitas

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'Trailblazers' for Black History Month - Dr. Alissa Young

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Speaker: Dr. Alissa Young, President, Hopkinsville Community College. Dr. Young was introduced by Rotarian Dr. Anton Reece.

Topic: Dr. Young's career preparation for her leadership role at HCC.

Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Dr. Alissa Young became the sixth President of Hopkinsville Community College (HCC) last August. She is the first African American President of the college.

-Dr. Young proclaimed her experience with HCC a "delight and a privilege to help others realize their dreams and goals, and help them achieve their academic, personal, and professional successes."

-HCC has the largest enrollment of members of the military and their families of any of the 16 Kentucky Community Colleges. Some 500 active members, 550 retired members, and 850 military family members attend HCC primarily through their Fort Campbell campus.

-Dr. Young says it's inspiring that so many HCC students graduate from the school and, literally, travel the world because of their military duty.

-She told the story of Aaron Carew, a 2009 graduate of HCC who later earned a Master's Degree from the University of California. After working in and around the entertainment industry, Carew's recent "claim to fame" is being a writer and producer on the NBC television series "Taken". In a recent episode, Carew even named a character on the show after HCC's Advancement Officer Yvette Eastham.

-Dr. Young earned a degree in communications from Murray State University. Her first inspiration was a local TV reporter from Nashville who emceed an event she attended. The reporter, Oprah Winfrey, inspired Young to pursue a career in broadcasting. After several attempts at starting a career in broadcasting regionally, Young was hired to teach communication at HCC in 1991.

-After working in several capacities at HCC over the years, she was appointed President of the College in 2017. She said the position was the answer to a prayer she prayed often over the years that asked God, "Why am I here?"

-Although she admired the work done by Oprah in broadcasting and other areas, she added, "I'd rather be the 'best' Alissa Young than a 'copy' of anyone else."

-A formal inauguration of Dr. Young as President of HCC will be held April 12th at the college.

-For more information on Hopkinsville Community College, visit www.hopkinsville.kctcs.edu

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Birthdays

Walter Allen Qualk
February 09
Charles Hank
February 09
John Hodges
February 10
Daniel Roe
February 12
Missy (Helen) R. Eckenberg
February 12
Anton Reece
February 13
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
Vicki Anderson
February 21
Thomas Scott Taylor
February 25
Basil Drossos
February 25
James R. Brown
February 27
Jan R. Keen
March 03
David W. Jones
March 05
Wendy Kester
March 08
Troy Courtney
March 08

Announcements

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-Polio Plus Dessert Auction February 14th: Show us your inner "Cake Boss" this Wednesday as the club hosts the annual Polio Plus Dessert Auction! It's not too late to volunteer to bring a dessert for the auction...but Project Chair Susan Carr needs to know asap! Write to her at susan@rivercityprintingllc.com. Most importantly, bring your cash, credit cards, or checks to this Wednesday's meeting and get ready to bid on your favorite goodies, or, simply donate to the Polio Plus fund. Our total donations will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$10,000! Polio Plus donations also count toward your annual contributions and Paul Harris Fellow status. Make someone's Valentine's Day special with something cherry chocolate or red velvet!

-Rotary Speech Contest February 22nd: Rotarian Laura Duff is coordinating this year's Speech Contest. The contest moves this year to the campus of WKCTC. In addition to Rotary volunteers, all club members are invited to attend and offer their support to the contestants. It's an extremely inspiring event to watch, as high school students from our area deliver their speeches on our favorite topic...Rotary! Join us February 22, 4:00pm, Rosenthal Hall at WKCTC.

-World Rotary Day February 23rd: All 55 clubs in District 6710 will join to support literacy in our communities by reading to elementary school students for the District Service Project. The project commemorates the 113th anniversary of the founding of Rotary. Three Rotarians will be assigned to each participating school to read a book to an entire class or grade. Volunteers can either bring their own (age-appropriate) book or get one in the library when you arrive. For questions, contact Denise or your World Rotary Day District Service Project Co-Chairs, Susan Baier or Betsy Burkeen (270-559-4545). You can sign-up at our club meetings this week or next, or go online at <http://signup.com/go/WWsEZfE>

-Our club made two charitable gifts this week. Lori Brown accepted the gift on behalf of the Purchase Area Sexual Assault & Child Advocacy Center (PASAC). Stacey Reason of the Yeiser Art Center/Lowertown Arts & Music Festival accepted a gift on behalf of that organization.

Guests

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Amy Webb – guest of Jody Stivers
Renae Akin – guest of Bruce Akin
Lora Jean Gowan – guest of Bob Johnston
Mary Logsdon – guest of Tonya Goodale
Dawn Wientjes and Justin Arnold – guests of Dee Dee Whittaker
Ben Brazzell – guest of Chris Sims
Erin Lander, Meagan Murray, Abby Smith, Megan Koch, Jack McHenry, and Lucas Nare – guests of Mike Muscarella
Peyton Patel and Maurice Cooper – student guests from Paducah Tilghman
Bailey Arnett – student guest from Community Christian Academy
Emily Hodges – student guest from St. Mary
Addison Dumes, Sarah Englert and Bridget Huber - student guests from McCracken County