

Upcoming Speakers

2/15 - Polio Plus Dessert Auction & Paul Harris Recognition Awards

2/22 - Jerry Pace & Jim LeFevre, West Kentucky Alliance for a Vibrant Economy (WAVE)

3/1 - Donnie Holland, Commissioner - Kentucky State Parks

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Paducah Main Street: Projects & Initiatives Update

February 8, 2017

Speaker: Melinda Winchester, Paducah Main Street Director, Downtown Development Specialist. Melinda was introduced by Rotarian Terry Reeves



Topic: Update on projects and initiatives conducted through the Paducah Main Street organization.

Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Winchester is a native of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. In her role as a Historic Preservation Specialist, she has utilized her talents in both the private sector, and publically for the cities of Cape Girardeau and Paducah.

-The Mission of Paducah Main Street "is to give people a vibrant downtown experience, to promote community spirit, and to stimulate the economic vitality of historic Downtown and LowerTown Arts District. Paducah Main Street unites the community by utilizing the National Main Street Four Point approach and focuses on community assets and partnerships to preserve and promote historic Paducah."

-Winchester discussed several active projects downtown that feature new retail establishments at street level, and upper story residential.

-The organization's "Toolbox for Development" includes funding for the Roof Stabilization Program, Downtown New Business Grants, a Façade Grant Program, and the Upper Story Residential Program. More information on these initiatives are available at <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/downtown-development-programs>.

-The organization has initiated placement of several bike racks and seating benches downtown, as well as, the "Paint the Plugs" project. While recently touching up the 15 original painted fire plugs, creative painting was added to 12 additional plugs.

-Winchester stressed Paducah Main Street's role in nurturing public/private partnerships for various projects, including the recently completed Market Square Art Park. The Park, located along Market House Square, was the result of a partnership between the city, local artists, and private contributions. They are currently looking for partners to help develop a park at 432 Broadway, downtown Paducah. The importance of such projects, Winchester said, is to help "seed excitement" toward other projects and "spur growth by example."

-A tax credit application for refurbishment of the Columbia Theatre is one of the recent Main Street projects.

-Paducah Main Street is utilizing Paducah's UNESCO Creative City designation in working with the National Main Street organization on economic development projects.

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-Business Recruitment and Retention is a focus of Paducah Main Street. 25 New businesses have opened with the organization's help. Winchester reviewed several of the special events hosted by the organization and downtown businesses. She announced that among many other events, a Total Solar Eclipse viewing event will take place at the riverfront August 21st. Western Kentucky will be the prime viewing area for the eclipse, which is expected to draw world-wide attention.

-For more information on Paducah Main Street, visit www.paducahmainstreet.org.

Announcements

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President Glen announced that the Rotary Leadership Institute will offer a full-day session in Owensboro March 18th. Contact the Rotary office for more information.

A reminder that next week (Feb. 15) is the annual Polio Plus Dessert Auction. 35 Delicious items will be auctioned during the noon meeting. \$4,000 was raised last year...let's beat that this year! In addition to the chance to bid on auction items, donations for the Polio Plus project will also be accepted.

Rotarian Dee Dee Whitaker, 2017 Rotary Antique Quilt Show Chair, announced that Day Captains are needed for all shifts at this year's show. This year's show is April 25-29 at the Robert Cherry Civic Center.

Rotarian Jan Keen called upon all "Rotary Revelers" to join in for Valentine Caroling. The group will visit Morningside Assisted Living at 5:00 PM on Valentine's Day. Call the Rotary office to sign up...or just show up then!

Rotarian Jim Dudley, Membership Committee Chair, announced that the club is only 18 new members away from meeting its 2016-17 new member goal. 18 New members would give the club 200 members.

President Glen recognized fellow Rotarian John Williams, Jr. for his recent "Leadership Paducah Alumnus of the Year" Award from the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce. Williams was recognized at the Chamber's Annual Membership meeting for his leadership on the Rotary Playground Project.

Two Charitable Grant Checks were awarded by the Rotary Club of Paducah. Brian Heller accepted a donation on behalf of the Clemens Fine Arts Center's "Arts in Focus" Series. Heidi Suhrheinrich accepted a donation on behalf of Paducah Cooperative Ministry.

Guests

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Susan Baier – guest of Debbie Wattier

Kristin Massey, Marge Campbell, Shawna Mulvihill, Kristin Dierker and Aaron Kimbrough – guests of Mike Muscarella

Melissa Yates – guest of Barry Smith

Jeane Framptom – guest of Joe Framptom

Angela Copeland and Melissa Kommer – guests of Tonya Goodale

Lee Emmons – guest of Anton Reece

Nick Kosewski – guest of Megan Thomason

Karrie Swan, Megan Petty and Nick Claise – guests of Terrance Adams

Michelle Campbell – guest of Maurie McGarvey

Tori Smoyer – guest of Glen Anderson

Robin Malpass – guest of Mary Hammond

Amiyah Jones – student guest from Paducah Tilghman

Kendall Ponchock – student guest from McCracken County

Flynn Mudd – student guest from St. Mary

Lauren Wells – student guest from Community Christian Academy

