

Upcoming Speakers

January 2015

01/21 - Dr. Scott Garrett--ISIS and the Middle East

01/28 - Mary Foley, Merryman House

February 2015

02/04 - The Rotary Club of Paducah - The First 100 Years

02/11 - Lourdes Iron Mom Half Marathon

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January 15

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January 25

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February 10

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February 14



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A Homegrown Business Continues To Grow

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James Marine was launched in 1986 with 25 employees, but today it has several locations offering numerous services to the river industry and nearly 1,000 employees. Barry Gipson, Executive Vice President of Sales and Development, for James Marine reiterated Paducah's river industry was going strong and still growing.

Paducah is centrally located to the inland marine industry, which makes it the hub of services for barge companies, as well as the headquarters for the companies themselves, which transports tons of commodities each day in a safe and environmentally

sound way. "The river industry is a vital function of the economy and provides a good career path," said Gipson.

The high paying and secure jobs are dependent on continued government funding for the critically important construction projects, such as the completion of the Kentucky Lock and Dam and maintenance of the rivers during high and low water situations. Gipson said funding is not just critical to the industry, but critical to the consumers of the commodities the river industry transports.

A typical barge has a capacity 15 times greater than one rail car and 60 times greater than one semi. The inland waterways move 60% of U.S. grain for export, and moves 244 million tons of petroleum each year. Overall the industry employs 33,000 aboard its vessels and supports 500,000 jobs and \$100 billion in economic output.

Announcements

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January is Rotary Awareness Month


Lee Emmons accepted a donation from the Club on behalf of Child Watch.

Mike Resnick asked for Rotarians to volunteer to sort canned goods donated to Paducah Cooperative Ministries during the Christmas Lights in the Park event. Morning, afternoon and Saturday shifts are available at 90 minute intervals. Sign up sheets are available at weekly meetings and volunteers will receive a Make-Up.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the 100th Anniversary of the Paducah Rotary Club on Feb. 7th. Invitations were mailed for the great night of celebration at the Carson Center. If you did not receive an invitation, please call Debbie at the Rotary Office.

Guests

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Bradley Walker, Emily Sin, and Kaitlynn Overby, McCracken County High School; James Walters, IV, St. Mary High School; Parker Loyd, Paducah Tilghman High School; Lyndsey Meadows, Community Christian Academy; and Jessica Seilheimer, Commonwealth Middle College.

Bob Leeper – guest of Chris McNeill;

Carol Wright and Dave Wright – guests of Brenda Allcock;

Gayle Kaler – guest of Club;

Stan Eckenberg – guest of Missy Eckenberg.

Bob Shelton – guest of Randy Bridges