

Events

[Dr. Michael Karpf - UK Medical Center](#)

January 23

[President Randy Dunn- Murray State University](#)

January 30

[Dr. William Cooper, Director, KY High School Speech League](#)

February 06

[Joe Morris, Head Football](#)

[Coach, Mayfield High School, Mayfield.](#)

February 13

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January 20

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January 21

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January 24

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January 25

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January 25

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January 27

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February 01

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February 03

Alex Edwards
February 05

Michael A. Muscarella
February 06

Walter Allen Qualk
February 09

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February 10

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February 11

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February 12

Sandra Wilson
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McCracken County Road Projects Update



Chief District Engineer for District 1 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, **Jim LeFevre** gave a presentation to Rotary about the current status of road projects in our area. He also explained the challenges in funding these programs in the coming years.

Mr. LeFevre started by recounting the Egners Ferry Bridge accident, recalling his arrival at the scene in the drizzle and fog and seeing the bridge truss draped over the front of the ship. He described it as "a crazy moment in my work life". When Governor Beshear set the goal of having the bridge open by Memorial Day, most were skeptical including Mr. LeFevre. However, thanks to incentives offered to the contractor and excellent coordination of everyone involved the bridge was opened 121 days later, a few days ahead of schedule.

Mr. LeFevre stated that the KTC will have to make some very difficult decisions regarding funding within the next 3 to 4 years. The problem is that the funds for transportation projects are generated by the fuel tax. Since the rise in fuel prices over the last few years has caused people to change their driving habits, the Vehicle Miles Traveled statistic is no longer growing quickly enough to generate the revenue required. Additionally, the push for alternative fuels and requirements for higher gas mileage further reduce tax revenue which is based on fuel consumption. So, Mr. LeFevre said that we will need a new funding mechanism in order to build, improve, and maintain our roads and bridges.

This is a difficult issue that is being experienced by many other states.

Mr. LeFevre then gave a comprehensive update of five of the top road projects in McCracken County.

- 1) **Triple Rail Mega Park** – Located west of Paducah, between Cairo Road and the river, this is a 1200 acre parcel that he described as one of the most promising economic development sites in the US. It has river and rail access, but needs access to I-24. The road construction is fully funded in the KTC 6-year highway plan and will have the most economic impact of the county's planned projects.
- 2) **Olivet Church Road Project** – KTC is providing the funding and the city of Paducah will manage the project to improve the existing Olivet Church Road to 3 lanes with curbs and gutters, and 5 lanes in some areas. The city is still acquiring the right of way.
- 3) **Olivet Church / Highway 62 Intersection** – This is fully funded and in the 6 year plan. US62 will be widened out to the entrance to the Information Age Park. This will also serve to handle increased traffic to the new McCracken County High School.
- 4) **Friendship Road** – To help reduce accidents on I-24, the KTC recommends widening, and straightening Friendship Road to serve local traffic traveling east to west. This project is in the development stages.
- 5) **Tennessee River Bridge** – KTC has offered an incentive package to the contractor if they complete the bridge early. He anticipates having two lanes open in May of 2013.

To get involved in how the KY Transportation Cabinet develops its 20 year plan, an online survey has been developed to collect input from Kentuckians. From January 9th until February 25th, you can go to <http://transportation.ky.gov/pages/vourturn.aspx> to participate in this short and confidential survey. Once the information is collected the Cabinet will spend 2013 analyzing the data to find out the transportation priorities of Kentucky citizens.

Announcements

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Thank You

Thanks to our Pianist **Annie Segebarth**, Greeter **Julie Hart** and Photographer **Eddie Grant** - great job!

Paducah Cooperative Ministry Volunteers

We have an opportunity to work with Paducah Cooperative Ministry to help sort cans from *Lights in the Park* donations on January 31st, 5:30 p.m. Please notify the Rotary office (442-3418 or office@paducahrotary.org) so we may let them know the total number participating. Please bring family and friends - join us in helping to feed those in need.

Charity Donation



Club made a donation to Crime Stoppers accepted by Donna Thompson – thanks to club members for supporting local charity organizations and their great work!

Paul Harris Society



District Foundation Chair, Dave Weller, requested our Club provide a photo of those Rotarians who responded to the request this year to donate to reach the next Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) level or become a Paul Harris (PHS) member pledging to donate \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation annually. He will use our Club as an example for the District. Special thanks to John Williams, Sr. for his work and Foundation Co-chairs Basil Drossos & Roger Truitt. Pictured back row L to R – L.V. McGinty, John Williams, Sr., David Bailey, Basil Drossos,

Glen Anderson, and John Williams, Jr.; front row L to R are Ken Wheeler, Ken Schuppert, Sr., Missy Eckenberg, and Shawn Turner. Others who have participated so far, but are not pictured are Jim Brown, David Denton, Joe Framptom, Scott Garrett, Ed Hely, Ron Jackson, Mike Livingston, Kyle Katterjohn, Charles Moffitt, Wally Montgomery, Scott Powell, Steve Powless, George Sirk, and Roger Truitt. **It is not too late to join the group – please ask John Williams, Sr. or President Missy, missy@stmore.org , for more information.**

Vocations Committee Riddle

What Rotarian experienced the challenge of stopping Larry Byrd from scoring in college and scored over 1,000 points in his college career? He currently is the President of the Alumni Association at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and has taken many of the lessons learned on the court in to his business career. Answer: Barry Smith. Thanks for all you do in the community and for Rotary!

Next Meeting - Rotarians will meet January 23rd for a presentation by Dr. Michael Karpf, UK Medical Center.

Guests

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Mary Foley - **Lewis Carr**
Stephanie Felker - **Suzanne Farmer**
Marilla Thompson - **Mike Muscarella**
Rich Grey - **Mike Muscarella**
Lauren Zwilcelmeir - **Mike Muscarella**
Katie Conner - **Mike Muscarella**
Ashley Grooms - **David Bailey**
Ryan Pelczynski - **Lannie King**
Betsy Burkeen - **Ashley Wright**
Kristin Williams - **Maurie McGarvey**

