

## Upcoming Speakers

1/25 - **Kal Keitel**, Regional VP-Human Resources, Baptist Health. **Mary Meinshein**, Health Occupations Instructor, Paducah Area Technical Center

2/1 - **Paul Rister**, Purchase Region Fisheries Program Coordinator, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources

2/8 - **Melinda Winchester**, Executive Director, Paducah Mainstreet

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## Ky Attorney General: Chief Protector of the Commonwealth

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**Speaker: Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear (D).**  
AG Beshear was introduced by Rotarian Donald Shively.

**Topic:** Initiatives by the AG's office to protect Kentucky citizens, particularly the young and the elderly.

### Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Andrew "Andy" Beshear is the Commonwealth of Kentucky's 50th Attorney General. His father, former Governor Steve Beshear, was Kentucky's 43rd Attorney General. Andy Beshear was elected to a four-year term which began this month. He was an attorney in private practice in for ten years before pursuing public office.

-One of Beshear's goals as AG is preventing and prosecuting child abuse in the state. His office's "Shield a Child" campaign made its first arrests in McCracken County with the aid of local law enforcement.

-Also part of the child abuse prevention initiative is a focus on preventing human trafficking. Beshear cited recent partnerships with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Kentucky Hotel Association, and the Kentucky Trucking Association to help curb human trafficking. The partnerships consist of education and training programs to help people in those industries recognize and intervene when they suspect a problem. Other initiatives will also be introduced in the Omnibus Child Protection Legislation coming before the state legislature. That legislation will also call for stepped-up background checks of all children's camp workers.

-Beshear's office is also involved heavily in Senior Protection regarding crimes against the elderly. One initiative is the use of Scam Alerts that would use smartphone blasts to warn program participants of the latest scam activity in their area. The AG's office is also now staffing the Elder Abuse Hotline (1-800-752-6200) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for anyone to report suspected elderly abuse. Another initiative to help the state's elderly is the formation of a mediation group designed to fight intimidation tactics by unscrupulous businesses.

-The Attorney General addressed the controversial issue of the huge backlog in "Rape Kits" being processed by the state crime lab. Beshear has fought for an extra \$4.5 million dollars for the State Police Crime Lab to acquire resources to reduce the estimated 4,000 rape kits waiting to be processed. He said the boost is already paying off with the identification and arrest of several of the 300 or so potential serial rapists committing crimes in Kentucky.

-In addressing Kentucky's drug epidemic, Beshear first cited the return of heroin, calling the effects of the drug "frightening." Also part of the current epidemic is the use of synthetic drugs which are exponentially more potent, dangerous, and addictive than other types of illegal drugs.

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exponentially more potent, dangerous, and addictive than other types of illegal drugs.

-Controversial “needle exchange” programs are proving effective, he said, in dealing with the secondary problems caused by intravenous illegal drug use. The program seeks to reduce the cases of unintentional infection of AIDS, HIV, and hepatitis from infected and shared needles.

-Other illegal drug-related issues Beshear’s office has been involved in are lawsuits against the makers of the highly-addictive drug OxyContin. He added that the illegal use of opioids such as fentanyl are also widespread in Kentucky.

-Asked about the recent and potential court battles with Governor Matt Bevin over such issues as abortion rights, Beshear said his decisions are based on the question of “Constitutional Violation”, which he considers case-by-case.

-For more information on programs and activities of the Attorney General’s Office, visit [www.ag.ky.gov](http://www.ag.ky.gov).

Next week’s program will feature Kal Keitel, Regional VP-Human Resources at Baptist Health, and, Mary Meinshein, Health Occupations Instructor at the Paducah Area Technical Center.

## Announcements

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Club members still have time to volunteer to help sort canned goods for the **Paducah Cooperative Ministries**. Times available to volunteer are: Jan. 26, 9:30-11:00 AM; Jan. 28, 2:00-3:30 PM; and Jan. 31, 1:30-3:00 PM. Call the Rotary office or contact Michael Resnick for details.

Membership & Marketing Chair Jim Dudley announced plans for our club’s monthly “**Bring a Guest Day**”. The initiative is designed to encourage members to bring guests to club members to better acquaint them with our club and its members. The first “Bring a Guest Day” will be next Wednesday, January 26th. Future days will be February 8th, and March 15th. The M&M Committee has set a goal of 20 new members by the end of the club’s fiscal year in June. If you plan to bring a guest, please contact the Rotary Office with the person’s name so that a name tag and an accurate lunch count can be planned.

Two charitable donations were made this week. **Quilt Museum** CEO, and fellow Rotarian, Frank Bennett accepted a donation to the Quilt Museum for their yearly projects. Also accepting a donation were representatives of the **Paducah Day Nursery** for their playground upgrade project.

The Rotary Club of Paducah welcomes **Dr. Anton Reece** as its newest member. Last August, Dr. Reece became the new President of West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah. The club extends a warm welcome to Dr. Reece!

## Guests

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Gina Leeper, Susan Griffin, Liz Hack, Mary Foley and Chuck Tate – guests of Emerson Goodwin  
 Shawna Mulvihill, Marge Campbell, Kristen Massey and Aaron Kimbrough – guests of Mike  
 Muscarella  
 Ryan Polczynski – guest of Jim Sigler  
 State Representative Gerald Watkins – guest of Mary Hammond  
 John McConnell – guest of Donald Shively  
 George Bray – guest of Ken Wheeler  
 Susan Baier and Mary Katz – guests of Debbie Wattier  
 Mark Bryant – guest of Kevin Shannon  
 Bob Hughes – guest of Brenda Allcock  
 Jennifer Sanders – guest of Lanny King;  
 Tina Hughes – guest of David Bailey  
 Vanessa Davis and Landon Rutherford – student guests from Paducah Tilghman;  
 Madelyn Harper, Taylor Brooks and Vincent Shiben – student guests from McCracken County



Julianne Koenig – student guest from St. Mary;  
Callie Hughes – student guest from Community Christian Academy