

## Upcoming Speakers

January 2015

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

02/18 - Krissy Ramey, Families on the Spectrum

## Club Leaders

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## Birthdays

**Kenneth M. Schuppert Sr.**

January 24

**Donald I Shively**

January 24

**Tommy E Nuckolls**

January 25

**Edward A. Hely**

January 25

**Roger L. Kellner**

January 27

**James A. Harris Jr.**

February 01

**Kelly Nuckols**

February 03

**Alex Edwards**

February 05

**Michael A. Muscarella**

February 06

**Walter Allen Qualk**

February 09

**John Hodges**

February 10

**Missy R Eckenberg**

February 12

**Sandra Wilson**

February 14

**Charles R Moffitt**

February 15

**Barry Griffith**

February 16

**Ralph Young**

February 16

**Tara T. Kolb**

February 18

**Robert P Meriwether**

February 20



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## A Unique Perspective on the Middle East

January 21st, 2015



Dr. Scott Garrett, Professor Emeritus of Western Kentucky Community and Technical College wore a dual cap, one that carried a prestigious Army designation: Command Sergeant Major for Military History, which led him to three tours in Iraq. The experience gave him a unique perspective of the issues there as both a historian and a soldier.

"My job was to report the unvarnished facts and opinion," Garrett said. Those reports were made at the highest senior level. The objective

was to determine the course of current and future missions looking through the prism of history. While those tours may seem on the surface non-dangerous, he was actually shot at while on one mission, but luckily he said the Iraqi militants are not trained as marksmen.

Garrett said it would take days to delve into the complexities of the Islamic relationships. There are common political and religious undercurrents in the Middle Eastern nations, but for the most part those are, "They are anti-Semitic, anti-Western, and anti-each other," he said.

While the United States of America may be proud to be "the home of the free, and land of the brave," this concept is totally foreign to Middle Easterners. Garrett said Iran is the only country that has a national pride dating back to the Persian Empire, but Iraq, does not. He said the many different groups that come under the heading of Shiite or Sunni truly do not like each other. A non-denominational approach makes no sense to them, he said.

Garret said Iran is now the #1 sponsor of global terror because leaders there wish to possess nuclear weapons. IED's are now made in Iranian factories, for example. He said, "Iran is playing for time."

The difference between the current situation and the old Cold War is that neither nation wished to reign down global destruction. The militant forces in the Middle East "would destroy the world just so they could inherit the next."

## Announcements

January 21st, 2015

January is Rotary Awareness Month

Terrye Peeler accepted a donation from the Club on behalf of Paducah Lifeline Ministries.

Dan Key the Pirate Man and his Pirate Wench Carolyn Roberts performed a humorous skit to entice Rotarians to attend the upcoming Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Paducah Rotary Club to be held at the Carson Center. If you have not received an invitation in the mail, contact Debbie at the Rotary Office.

President Jamie also urged members to invite past Rotarians to the festivities. Checks for tickets can be mailed to the office at P.O. Box 398, Paducah, KY 42002. The Tracy Badger Trio, who will provide entertainment for the event, also treated the Club to a musical performance.

Mike Resnick asked for Rotarians to volunteer to sort canned goods donated to Paducah Cooperative Ministries. Morning, afternoon shifts are available at 90 minute intervals next week Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Volunteers will receive a Make-Up. Please call Debbie or Mike if you can volunteer to help.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, Robert "Bob" Shelton has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Paducah. Bob is a former Rotarian in good standing with the Sunrise Rotary in Effingham, IL. *Objections must be filed in writing to the Club Secretary within seven days. It is not necessary to respond if you do not object to this recommendation.*

## Guests

January 21, 2015

Student Guests: Emily Sin and Kaitlynn Overby, McCracken County High School; James Walters, IV – St. Mary High School; and Jessica Seilheimer, Commonwealth Middle College.

Dale Hancock – guest of Gary Dyer;

Ben Hogancamp – guest of Joni Hogancamp;

David Simon – guest of Deborah Simon;

Suzette Frick and Kirk Badger – guests of Robyn Shapiro;

Jim Tidwell and Bruce Pope – guests of Andrew Wood;

Jack Johnston and the Honorable Shea Nickell – guests of Bob Johnston;

Mike Paul – guest of Mike Stone;

Megan Isaacs, Jen Drennan, Joe Klein, Rob Sweet, Jill Cornell, April Detro, Dana Ecton, and Helly Herrenbruck – guests of Mike Muscarella;

Linda Jackson – guest of Ron Jackson.