

## Upcoming Speakers

Bob Stewart - Secretary of Tourism,  
Arts & Heritage

February 05

Elaine Walker, Commissioner of Parks

February 12

Ben Chandler, Kentucky Humanities  
Council

February 19

Victoria Faoro, Berea Artisan Center

February 26

## Club Leaders

**Chris McNeill**

President

**Jamie Futrell**

President-Elect

**Phyllis B. Russell**

Secretary

**John A Williams Jr.**

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**Thomas Scott Taylor**

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**Missy R Eckenberg**

iPast President

**Michael A. Muscarella**

Membership Chair, Past President

**Debbie DeWeese**

Club Executive Secretary

## Birthdays

**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

**Dane M Blythe**

February 11

**Missy R Eckenberg**

February 12

**Sandra Wilson**

February 14

**Charles R Moffitt**

February 15

**Ralph Young**

February 16

**Barry Griffith**

February 16

**Tara T. Kolb**

February 18

**Robert P Meriwether**

February 20

**Basil Drossos**

February 25

**Thomas Scott Taylor**

February 25

**James R. Brown**

February 27

**Andrew Long**

March 01



# GearTeeth

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## The Regional Leader in Law Enforcement



Rotarian Brandon Barnhill has had a busy three months on the job as Chief of the Paducah Police Department, which he called the "regional leader in law enforcement," due to the number of programs offered and the number of training hours completed for officers. Chief Barnhill oversees a staff of 74 officers, 9 civilians and a \$9 million budget, which includes funding for a number of regionally important programs such as the Bomb Squad, SWAT Team, K-9 Unit, and teams for Crisis Negotiation and Accident Reconstruction.

Barnhill said the officers have an average of 9 years on the job and 25 are military veterans. Forty-four officers have college degrees, but continuing education and specialized training is a top priority with nearly 7,000 hours of training completed by the department last year. He said additional training in the use of force, for example has led to a reduction of injuries involving those who resist arrest.

The department also runs a number of programs to benefit the community, including Crimestoppers, DARE, Citizens Police Academy and a Prescription Drug Dropbox, among others. Barnhill said a new 501 (c) 3 foundation has been established to aid in funding these essential programs and educational training for the officers. "Police technology is expanding and crime being redefined globally and locally," he said, which means additional revenue is needed to keep up at a time when local government budgets are in a crunch.

One of Chief Barnhill's goals for the future is an expanded effort to recruit minority police officers. Currently, there are only 4 minority officers and Barnhill said, "The department should be a mirror image of the community." He remains committed to the waging a war on illicit drugs and cited resurgence in heroin use as particularly troubling.

"We will be prepared for what we need to be prepared for," said Barnhill, who received a standing ovation from his fellow Rotarians.

## Announcements

January 29th, 2014

January is Rotary Awareness month when we highlight our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

Welcome to new member David Hoffman who was sponsored by Mike Muscarella. David is the husband of Dr. Barbara Bowers and is the CFO for their Innovative Ophthalmology group in Paducah.

Mike Resnick commended 15 Rotarians for their assistance in sorting canned goods for the Paducah Cooperative Ministry recently.

David Morse encouraged members with small businesses to enter the Xtreme Business Makeover competition offered by KeeForce that features of \$45,000 in cash and prizes. Applications are taken online.

FACEBOOK FANS: Please take a moment to *like* our Paducah Rotary Antique Quilt Show and join

PROCEEDINGS: Please take a moment to live our Paducah Rotary Antique quilt show and join the event!

Upon recommendation of the Membership Approval Committee and the Board of Directors, Kelsey Holland has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Paducah. *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.*

Community Donation

Lee Emmons accepted a donation from the Club on behalf of Paducah-McCracken ChildWatch.

**Rotary Foundation Status:**

Every Rotarian Every Year - 98% of Club  
Paul Harris Fellows - 75 members, 42% of Club  
Paul Harris Society - 33 members, 19% of Club

**Guests**

January 29th, 2014

Student Guests – Ashton Crawford, Commonwealth Middle College; Michaela Jones, St. Mary High School; Nicole Germain, Quinn Lambert, and Ansley Sims, McCracken County High School; and Jordon Riley, Paducah Tilghman High School.

Tracy Jones – guest of Julie Hart;

Donald Shively – guest of Chris McNeill;

Nancy Ball – guest of Allen Treece;

Stacey Grimes and Brian Krueger – guests of Brandon Barnhill;

Trevor Peck and Brandon Peck – guests of Kevin Peck;

John Truitt – guest of Roger Truitt;

Cash Cassidy – guest of John Williams, Jr.;

Jon Perkins – guest of Jeff Pederson;

Whitney Denson – guest of Sandra Wilson;

Ryan Holzum, Daniel Justice, and Kristyn Hager – guests of Mike Muscarella;

Mardie Herndon – guest of Dave Denton;

Renee Barnhill – guest of Suzanne Farmer.

