

## Upcoming Programs

[Dr. William Cooper, Director,](#)

[KY High School Speech](#)

[League](#)

February 06

[Joe Morris, Head Football](#)

[Coach, Mayfield High School,](#)

[Mayfield,](#)

February 13

[Andy Williamson, Regional](#)

[Director International Bike](#)

[Association](#)

February 20

[Stephanie Mayfield,](#)

[Commissioner of Kentucky](#)

[Public Health](#)

February 27

## Club Leaders

**Missy R Eckenberg**

President

**Chris McNeill**

President-Elect

**Jamie Futrell**

Vice President

**Phyllis B. Russell**

Secretary

**Thomas Scott Taylor**

Treasurer

**Michael A. Muscarella**

iPast President

## 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

**Barry Griffith**

February 16

**Ralph Young**

February 16

**Tara T. Kolb**

February 18

**Robert P Meriwether**

February 20

**Kay Travis**

February 22

**Thomas Scott Taylor**

February 25

**Basil Drossos**

February 25



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## Dr. Randy Dunn, President, Murray State University



Every year or so, Murray State University President **Dr. Randy Dunn** makes what he calls his 'seasonal' presentations to area Rotary Clubs, and today was the day for his visit to the Rotary Club of Paducah. Dr. Dunn not only gave an overview of what is happening on at MSU, but he concentrated on giving us an update on the progress of the MSU initiatives that will affect Paducah directly.

**New Paducah Campus** – Good weather has permitted steady and on-budget progress on the new facility located in the Barkley Woods area. About 90% of the foundation is complete, with plumbing and electrical work continuing. They expect to pour the main slab within 4 to 5 weeks and be open within one year.

**New Programs** – MSU has been working with GPEDC's Chad Chancellor, as well as other Paducah city leaders to develop new, state-of-the art programs that would be responsive to the future workforce needs. Dr. Dunn announced the formation of a Transportation Program in an effort to capitalize on Paducah's unique distribution network of roads, rivers, and rail. And recognizing Paducah's 'quite amazing' opportunities in the health related fields, he stated that MSU is looking to hire a professor to take the lead in developing a Health Information Sciences program to be offered at the new MSU Paducah campus.

**Accreditation** - Dr. Dunn said that every 10 years MSU must go through a reaccreditation process administered by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Every aspect of university operations is reviewed by SACS including academics, counseling, testing, student support, and much more. MSU will submit over 50,000 pages of documentation which will be reviewed over a period of six months. An on campus site review will take place in 2014. Maintaining accreditation is vitally important because without it, the university cannot provide Federal Student Financial Aid which assists approximately 70% of MSU students.

**K12 Connect** – Dr. Dunn explained MSU can't be a great regional public university without being tied into the local and area schools that send students on to MSU. The 'K12 Connect' program is designed to re-double their effort to link MSU with partner schools in the Purchase and Pennyrite districts.

**Innovation for Impact** – This initiative seeks to create a partnership between MSU, West Kentucky Ag Bioworks, Memphis Ag Bioworks, area farmers, and research labs to develop demonstration projects for alternative bio fuels. Dr. Dunn said that more details on will be forthcoming, and that a \$400,000 TVA grant has already been received to help fund the program.

MSU now has their highest enrollment ever at slightly over 10,800 students, representing a 2% increase from spring semester of last year. MSU conducted a very successful fund raising campaign called 'Hold Thy Banner High' and raised \$71 million, easily surpassing their target of \$60 million. Dr. Dunn reports that overall the state of MSU is strong and it continues to do well.

## Announcements

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### Volunteer Opportunity

Please join us sort food for the Paducah Cooperative Ministry, 402 Legion Drive from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 31st. Email Bonnie -office@paducahrotary.org and let her know that you will join Rotarians to help those in need.

### Rotary Survey

You have until tomorrow at 11:59 a.m. to complete the 5 minute Rotary Club Survey - **simply click on this link:** <http://tinurl.com/MultiDistrictSurvey> or **type this link into your web browser.** We want your input!

### Vocations Committee

A big thank you to Vocations Committee Co-chairs **Debbie Wattier** and **Chris Sims** securing Rotarian volunteers for the "I Can Be" Program at McNabb Elementary School. Volunteers include **Michael Byers**, River Industry Executive; **Dane Blythe**, CPA; **Zach Hosman**, Attorney; **Jim Dudley**, Business Sales; **Elaine Spalding**, Chamber Executive; **Brandon Barnhill**, Policeman; **Jeff Pederson**, City Manager; and **Clay Howerton**, Military. Community leaders will talk to elementary students to motive the child to be more than they see around them.

### Interact Charter Presentation



A special presentation of the Charter Certificate for the newly formed Interact Club at Paducah Tilghman High School was made today. District Interact Chair Sandra Myers made the presentation to President McKenzie Belt. A special thank you was given to **Dee Dee Whitaker** and **Jessica Toren** for their hard work of Co-Chairing the committee that established the Interact Club. Recognition was also given to Paducah Tilghman High School Administrators Assistant Principal, Stacey Overlin, Principal, Art Davis for opening the possibility of establishing the club, and Steve Rich for agreeing to be the Club Advisor.



Paducah Tilghman Interact Club - L to R back row - Miles Butler, Vice President; Missy Eckenberg, Rotary President; Steve Rich, Paducah Tilghman High School Interact Advisor, Stacey Overlin, Assistant Principal. L to R front row - Cassie Arboleda, Secretary; Sandra Myers, District Interact Chair; Maddie Morris, Board Member; Meredith Morris, Treasurer; and McKenzie Belt, President.

### Rotarians of the Month - January

**DeeDee Whitaker** - Student Rotarian Committee and Interact Co-chair

**Jessica Toren** - Blood Drive and Interact Co-chair

### Rotaract

Rotaract President **Laura Schaumburg** announced the following:

- **February Rotaract Meeting** (February 4, 6:00 p.m. at Yeiser Art Center) - The speaker will be Dr. Spencer Romine, Orthopedic Surgeon and former Hall of Fame Quarterback at Duke University. Food will be provided to go along with his talk, and we will discuss many upcoming service and social opportunities. Rotarians were encouraged to send their employees in the 18 to 30 year old age range.
- **Professional Development Retreat with District 6710** (February 9 & 10) - The Rotaract Retreat, at Kentucky Dam Village will focus on developing skills as emerging, service-minded professionals. Contact [laura@paducah.travel](mailto:laura@paducah.travel) or [jewwhite@theyeiser.org](mailto:jewwhite@theyeiser.org) for more information.

### **Quarterly Invoicing**

Quarterly invoices were generated January 10, 2013 and are due February 10, 2013. If you have not received your invoice, please contact the Rotary office ([office@paducahrotary.org](mailto:office@paducahrotary.org) or 270-442-3418).

### **Next Meeting**

Our February Program Chair is Hutch Smith - Rotarians will meet February 6th for a presentation by Dr. William Cooper, Director of the Kentucky High School Speech League.

## **Guests**

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Alexandra Sherwood - **Debbie Wattier**  
Ronda Gibson - **Debbie Wattier**  
Stefanie Fischer - **Becky Straley**  
Chad Chancellor - **Sandra Wilson**  
Judge Van Newberry - **Sandra Wilson**  
Renie Barger - **Don Barger**  
Dr. Dave Blackwell - **John Williams, Sr.**  
Bobbie Silver - **John Williams, Sr.**  
Terry West - **Kerry Lynn**  
Lauren Zwidcelmeier - **Mike Muscarella**  
Marilla Thompson - **Mike Muscarella**  
Rich Grey - **Mike Muscarella**  
Katie Conner - **Mike Muscarella**  
Raffaele Ponti - **Daniel Sene**  
Ryan Polceynski - **Lanny King**

### **Student Guests**

Brock Sigler - Paducah Tilghman High School  
Jonathan Goatley - Commonwealth Middle College  
Savannah Houser - Heath High School  
Thomas Wade - Community Christian Academy