

Upcoming Speakers

2/7 - **Dr. Alisa Young**, President - Hopkinsville Community College

2/14 - **Polio Plus Dessert Auction, (Valentine's Day) *Plan to donate a sweet treat***

2/21 - **Dr. Wayne D. Lewis, Jr.** - Executive Director, Education & Policy Programs - Kentucky Education & Workforce Development Cabinet

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Paducah Policing Initiatives

January 31, 2018



-Speaker: Police Chief (and Rotarian) Brandon Barnhill, Paducah Police Department

-Topic: Problem and Community Oriented Policing Initiatives

-Top 10 Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Chief Barnhill began his law enforcement career in 1995 with the Murray Police Department, before transferring to the Paducah Police Department in 1998. He was sworn in as Chief in 2013. Chief Barnhill holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Murray State University and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Andrew Jackson University.

-He is currently president of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police.

-Crimes against persons is down in Paducah, but crimes against property are up. Chief Barnhill explained that crime concentrates in a relatively small geographic area. In 2017, 0.1% of addresses were responsible for 26% of crime report calls for service.

-There are 78 sworn officers and 10 civilians in the department. Chief Barnhill praised his team saying there is "no finer group within Kentucky."

-In 2017, less than 2% of all 2300 arrests resulted in the use of force above normal handcuffing. Chief Barnhill said for the last five years, the percentage of the use of force has remained consistently low. He said that force is only used when justified.

-In 2017, officers focused their efforts on the top 25 most crime prone addresses from the previous year and reduced reports at these locations by 17%. This is an example of the proactive, community-focused approach of the department.

-Also in 2017, officers logged more than 3100 pieces of evidence. The Records and Evidence Unit houses nearly 12,000 pieces of evidence.

-Chief Barnhill spoke of the work of the Paducah Police Foundation and mentioned the recent Active Shooter Training they sponsored. More than 600 community members attended.

-When asked about the police department's cooperation with McCracken County Sheriff, he said they enjoyed a great working relationship that was "seamless." Mary Foley of the Merryman House personally testified to this, and praised the cooperation between the police and the sheriff in protecting the safety of her clients.

-Chief Barnhill said that the department has had some success in diversifying their work force by hiring women and people of color, but they still aren't where they need to be. He asked Rotarians to promote law enforcement careers with good potential candidates in the community.

Shawn Turner

Birthdays

Betsy Burkeen

February 05

Alex Edwards

February 05

Michael A. Muscarella

February 06

Walter Allen Qualk

February 09

Charles Hank

February 09

John Hodges

February 10

Daniel Roe

February 12

Missy (Helen) R. Eckenberg

February 12

Anton Reece

February 13

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

Vicki Anderson

February 21

Thomas Scott Taylor

February 25

Basil Drossos

February 25

James R. Brown

February 27

the community.

Announcements

January 31, 2018

-Jamie Futrell presented the December attendance report – 44.3%, which is unfortunately our new all-time low. There is nowhere to go but up! John Williams Sr. won the attendance prize.

-37 units of blood were donated at the Rotary Blood Drive on January 29.

-Polio Plus Dessert Auction is set for February 14. Please sign up to donate a dessert.

-Joe Framptom announced the Membership Recruitment Challenge. Each Rotarian is asked to make special efforts to invite prospective members to a Club meeting between now and May 21 and to propose them for membership in our Club. At the conclusion of this initiative each Rotarian who has proposed a new member will have his or her name entered in a drawing once for each new member proposed, and a winning name will be drawn. An anonymous member of our Club will make a \$1000 donation to the Rotary Foundation honoring the winner as a Paul Harris Fellow or if the member is already a PHF, the donation will move them to the next level.

-Club level Speech Contest is set for February 22.

-Congratulations to Rotarian Mary Hammond on receiving the 2018 Paducah Chamber of Commerce Summit Award!

-Online signups will be available soon for World Rotary Day on February 23, where Rotarians will serve as guest readers for local schools. 11 reading time slots are available, and each slot can accommodate 1 to 3 Rotarian guest readers. The reading will occur in each school's library. Rotarians can bring a book selection of their own, ask Rotarian Susan Baier for suggestions, or be provided a book by the school librarian.

-President Melanie presented a charitable donation check to the National Quilt Museum.

Guests

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Amy Webb – guest of Jody Stivers

Whitney Denson – guest of Sandra Wilson

Melinda Winchester – guest of Barry Smith

Mark Thompson – guest of Joe Framptom

Audrey Withrow, Meagan Murray, Abby Smith, and Megan Koch – guests of Mike Muscarella

Robin Newberry, Erica Harrison, David White, Brian Laird, Matt Smith, Justin Crowell,

Michael Zidar and Brian Krueger – guests of Brandon Barnhill

Alexia Tyler – student guest from Paducah Tilghman

Jaden Estes – student guest from Community Christian Academy

Sarah Adams - student guest from McCracken County