

Upcoming Speakers

1/11 - Dr. Randy Wilson, Murray State University
1/18 - Andy Beshear, Kentucky Attorney General
1/25 - TBA

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Paducah Mentored for Innovation Hub Program

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Speakers: Arkansas State Representative **Warwick Sabin** (D-Little Rock) and **Joel Gordon**. Sabin and Gordon co-founded the Arkansas Innovation Hub in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Sabin and Gordon were introduced by Rotarian Donald Shively.

Topic: Overview of the AR Innovation Hub and similarities between their program and one that Paducah hopes to develop.

Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Sabin and Gordon were invited to Paducah by, among others, Paducah City Schools. The school system is high in the running for funds from the Kentucky Work Ready Skills

Initiative. The three-year-old Arkansas program is a model for what Paducah would like to accomplish if the funds are granted.

-Sabin observed how the Paducah area resembles the Arkansas landscape that helped inspire the AR Hub. Specifically, both areas are considered rural and largely agricultural economies, both suffer from "brain drain" (young people graduating, then taking their talent to other cities). He recalled the story of North Carolina's Research Triangle, developed in the 1950's, that began in a rural area before technology was what it is today, and, before the growth of the area's major universities.

-Sabin discussed how technology was initially a reason why young people relocated as they sought to follow the tech-centric companies. Now, he says, technology is poised to be the savior of the same areas. He cited the proliferation of technology use in community healthcare, education, and communications as reasons young people can now, literally, "work from anywhere."

-One priority in their development, Sabin said, was to develop "community space" to give entrepreneurs and inventors access to co-working spaces and prototype development. They eventually developed a 100-year-old lumber warehouse space into a 22,000-square foot facility. He said working with agencies that were already providing resources was key in preventing redundancy and providing a cohesive effort.

-In addition to administrative and meeting space, the Hub building houses what they dubbed "Maker Space". Gordon says the Arkansas group supports the Mechanomics concept, which promotes the development of craftsmen & women who can connect their talents with information technology. This connection, Gordon added, eventually allows the US to "re-shore" jobs that specialize in crafting skills.



-The Maker Space houses resources for art & design, metal

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design equipment, and various types of digital design equipment. Skilled machinists, architects, engineers and finish specialists use the equipment to help inventors develop prototypes for their inventions. In addition to entrepreneurial development, the AR Innovation Hub promotes young talent

development by exposing area students to the hands-on concept of "making things." , The Hub also benefits from many retirees who share their expertise, as well as, develop their own innovations.

-The AR Innovation Hub is funded by a combination of grants and earned income through facility membership and class offerings. The goal, they said, was to make the non-profit program financially sustainable.

-Entrepreneurs needing funding with their inventions can take their prototypes to an "Arkansas Angel Network" of angel investors interested in supporting the new products and services developed at the Hub.

-The AR Innovation Hub shares a partnership with the Winrock International Foundation to replicate the Hub's model domestically and internationally. Winrock International, founded by Winthrop Rockefeller, works to empower disadvantaged regions by increasing their economic opportunities while focusing on sustaining natural resources.

-For more information on how the Arkansas Innovation Hub operates, [visit www.arhub.org](http://www.arhub.org).

Next week's speaker is Dr. Randy Wilson, Program Coordinator of Murray State University's P-20 and Community Leadership Program.

Announcements

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-President Glen announced that **first quarter dues invoices** will be emailed Thursday, January 5. Please watch for yours and contact the Rotary Office if not received by Friday (also check your spam mail folder).

-Rotarian Mike Resnick announced that Rotarians have again been asked to assist **Paducah Cooperative Ministry** in sorting canned goods. The items were collected at the annual Nobel Park Christmas light display. The exact dates to help will be toward the end of February. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the coming weeks. Shifts are 1 ½ hours each, mornings, afternoons, and a Saturday. PCM is one of the community organizations supported each year by the Rotary Club of Paducah.

-The Club made a charitable donation to the **Senior Citizens Program of McCracken County**. Guelda Wooldridge was present to accept the check. The program assists 150, mostly homebound, residents who need transportation or homebound assistance.

Guests

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Monica Bilak, Dale Weaver, Will Black, Allan Paul, Art Davis, Jonathan Smith and Dr. Carl LeBuhn – guests of Donald Shively
Meagan Musselman and Ed Musselman – guests of Becky Straley
Holly King – guest of Phyllis Russell
Pam Benzing – guest of Steve Powless
Ellen Wheeler – guest of Laura Duff
Gary Gresham – guest of Jamie Futrell
Robin Breeden and Paul King – guests of Ron Bacon
Dr. David Silverstein – guest of Ken Wheeler
Stan Eckenberg – guest of Missy Eckenberg
Mason Blanford – guest of Tom Grassham
Melinda Winchester – guest of Maurie McGarvey
Whitney Riley and Josh Searcy – guests of Eileen Duobinis-Gray



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 and Regan Frazer – student guests from Community Christian Academy