

Upcoming Speakers

1/13 - Mayor Gayle Kaler & Judge Executive Bob Leeper
1/20 - Dr. Bob Hilgers, Women's Global Cancer Alliance
1/27 - Liz Hansen, CASA

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January 10

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January 15

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January 20

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January 20

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January 24

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January 24

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WPSD Local 6 Chief Meteorologist, Jennifer Rukavina, Talks Weather Preparedness

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Three-time Emmy nominated WPSD-TV Chief Meteorologist, Jennifer Rukavina, has loved weather since she was a young girl growing up in Ohio. She holds a Master of Science degree in Geosciences/Broadcast Meteorology from Mississippi State and taught there while a graduate assistant, coming to Paducah after working as a meteorologist in Columbus, Mississippi. Sharing with the Club, her vision and goals as a local meteorologist, Rukavina stated, "My biggest passion is toward preparedness which begins with understanding our weather now, and in the future."

Focusing her presentation on the impacts of El Nino and how it is effecting our winter weather now and how it will continue to impact our weather over the next couple of months, Rukavina observed that we are experiencing a BIG El Nino this year that

developed very quickly. El Nino is the warming of the waters off the coast of South America which changes the global weather pattern. The strongest El Nino recorded was in 1997 and we are already poised to potentially beat that record. Historically, it seems that about every decade there is an El Nino pattern set up in the ocean which statistically has meant below average snow and milder temps in our area. Rukavina expects very little snow and average rainfall this winter. Temperature wise, we have already shattered the record for the warmest December recorded by several degrees, keeping with the trend for above average temperatures in a strong El Nino event. Looking forward to the next two months, expect lower snowfall totals, normal precipitation which may come in the form of rain, ice or sleet and warmer than normal temperatures. "There will be cold temperatures, Rukavina states, it IS winter. But overall, I expect things to be fairly mild with smaller amounts of snowfall, unlike last year."

Keeping with her theme of weather preparedness, Rukavina challenged those in attendance to do at least one thing that would better prepare them for the next severe weather event, such as the recent flooding. These events can happen extremely fast and it is imperative that resources are in place to help those in need in our communities when they need it most. For her, preparedness is serious and also very personal after seeing firsthand those with tears in their eyes after being impacted by a severe weather event.

In closing, on the topic of climate change, Rukavina acknowledged that it is a very politically fueled topic but encouraged the group to "listen to more of the science instead of the politics." The earth is warming at a rapid pace, no matter what we personally may think is causing it, but Rukavina doesn't see it as a political issue. "There is a lot more to climate change and global warming than politics, and I would ask you to at least consider the science." At last year's Weather & Climate Summit in Breckinridge, Colorado, Rukavina met a National Geographic photographer who had a desire to go to the arctic to photograph ice glaciers and their progression through time-lapse photography. The result of that desire is a documentary film called **Chasing Ice**, which is available on Netflix. Rukavina encouraged those who have Netflix to watch the film to help bring the science down to a relatable level as they visually see the changes that are happening, as never before caught on film.

This message from Jennifer Rukavina was received in the Rotary office to share with Rotarians: "Thank you for making me feel so welcome today as your featured speaker. While I realize weather is an interest to many, I appreciate your interaction and fair exchanges with me on the topic of climate. If you feel compelled, you can find the movie I talked about on Netflix or iTunes. It's called, **Chasing Ice**, and let me know what you think! I love continuing the discussion with those who engage. In addition, I'll be live from the **Weather & Climate Summit** starting **January 19th at 5:00 p.m.** and hope you'll tune in."

Announcements

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Charitable grant checks were presented to **Paducah Day Nursery** and **Easter Seals West KY**.

President John advised members who ordered 100th Anniversary DVDs but have not picked them up that Denise will have them at next week's meeting. If you ordered a copy and will not be at next week's meeting to pick up your copy, please email Denise at the Rotary office.

President John asked members to confirm their email and contact information by emailing Denise at the Rotary office First quarter dues invoices will be emailed this week, so check your email and if you don't receive your invoice in the next few days, email Denise at the Rotary office.

What Does Rotary Mean to You?

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We all have different reasons for being in Rotary and get different outcomes from being here. Some of us enjoy the comradery of weekly lunches, some of us use Rotary to network with other active businesses in our community, some of us volunteer for everything and get great enjoyment out of helping others, and on and on.

In an effort to understand what Rotary means to us and ultimately to help spread around the community all that Rotary means and does for each of us individually, we are going to test a campaign and have Rotarians tell **what Rotary means to me**".

Every other week we would like for a Rotarian to stand at lunch and tell what Rotary means to them in hopefully a 2-3 minute "elevator speech". We will start with some of our past presidents to get the momentum rolling and then hopefully have enough volunteers to fill-in from there.

If you are willing to participate, please contact Denise, Todd or John to get on the calendar.

Guests

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Monica Futrell – guest of Monique Zuber;

Eleanor Spry – guest of Ashley Wright;

Tonya Goodale – guest of Jamie Futrell;

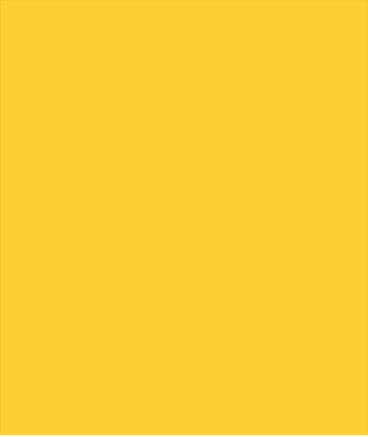
Colette Roth – guest of Mike Muscarella;

Steve Hechlinger – guest of Emerson Goodwin;

Wes Kramer – guest of Dick Veazey;

Elizabeth Mason and Jessie Meiser – guests of the Club;

Mason DeJarnett and Chase Venable – guests of the Club;



Kelly Clapp, Lakila Bedoe, and Whitney Denson – guests of the Club;

Mayor Gayle Kaler – guest of the Club;

Rotaract President Terrance Adams – guest of the Club;

Teri Doss and Micheal Hassel – student guests from Paducah Tilghman;

Madeline Wooten, Beau Garcia and Wells Purdom – student guests from McCracken County;

Anna Wilson – student guest from St. Mary;

Grace McGough – student guest from Community Christian Academy.