

Upcoming Speakers

Rob Korte, Senior Engineer of AEP
River Operations
January 15
Ashley Wright, Vice President of
Industrial Advancement, WKCTC
January 22
Brandon Barnhill, Paducah Chief of
Police
January 29

Club Leaders

Chris McNeill
President
Jamie Futrell
President-Elect
Phyllis B. Russell
Secretary
John A Williams Jr.
Vice President
Thomas Scott Taylor
Treasurer
Missy R Eckenberg
Past President
Michael A. Muscarella
Membership Chair, Past President
Debbie DeWeese
Club Executive Secretary

Birthdays

Daniel Sene
January 10
Joni F. Goodman
January 11
John R Anderson Jr.
January 15
Charles O. Heyduck
January 20
John W. Harris
January 21
Kenneth M. Schuppert Sr.
January 24
Tommy E Nuckolls
January 25
Edward A. Hely
January 25
Roger L. Kellner
January 27
James A. Harris Jr.
February 01
Kelly Nuckolls
February 03
Alex Edwards
February 05
Michael A. Muscarella
February 06



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"It is now 72 days until Spring!"



"It is now 72 days until spring!" Richard Roof, manager of Barkley Regional Airport, reminds himself of that on a regular basis, according to his comments to the Rotary Club on Wednesday. The Polar Vortex has wreaked havoc on flights and flight schedules all across the United States.

The U.S. economy has suffered a \$5 billion loss as a result of the weather pattern that has affected all 50 states in some way. Barkley Regional Airport has dealt with 2 ½ days of no flights because of the backlog in Chicago.

"It is not just the air that we have to worry with," Mr. Roof said. "Ground equipment won't work in these frigid temperatures, and we have the added human factor with this storm. People cannot be out in these

temperatures for any length of time. Barkley Regional Airport returned to a normal schedule last night. The last flight disruption we had of this magnitude was in 1978.

New government regulations went into effect on January 1st that have added to delays and frustrations. Two new requirements on flight crews have made catching up extremely difficult. The FAA reduced duty time for flight crews without longer periods of mandatory rests, and pilots must now have more hours logged as experience. This has resulted in the FAA Vortex, Mr. Roof joked.

Mr. Roof described some of the significant changes in the airline industry that have occurred in the past few decades. In 1978 the airline industry was de-regulated, and major changes have resulted. In 1978 there were 12 major airlines; now we have 3. With 12 carriers, they operated on the philosophy that they needed their market share. They set up hubs, and in order to feed passengers into those hubs, they subsidized regional carriers to carry passengers to those spots. Now the bottom line is the primary focus. Profit level has replaced market share as the major focus. We are now faced with 50 large airports that cannot expand to support the traffic through their airports, and other airports cannot survive.

Barkley saw a 20% increase in passenger flow out of Paducah in 2013, and a slight increase is forecast for this year. In the meantime, it is now 72 days until spring!

Announcements

January 8th, 2014

January is Rotary Awareness Month.

The Rotary Club welcomes our newest members Jan Keen and Susan Carr.

We congratulate Jamey Brown upon becoming the newest Paul Harris Fellow.

Rotarian Ken Schuppert was the recipient of the January birthday flowers.

Rotarian Melanie won the tickets to the Saturday night MSU Basketball game for the perfect attendance prize.

Roxanne Wendling accepted a charity check for the American Red Cross.

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 8th, 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 Jordan Riley, Paducah Tilghman High School.

Dave Hoffman – guest of Mike Muscarella;

Roxanne Wendling – American Red Cross;

Mary Ready Taylor – guest of Rev. Tim Taylor;

Chris Johnson – Paducah Tilghman High School;

Sarah Hendley – guest of Missy Eckenberg.