

Upcoming Speakers

July 2015

07/08 - Angie Falconite, Co-Founder of Cassidy's Cause
07/15 - Wade White, Lyon County Judge Executive
07/22 - Dr. Sam McNeill, UK Research and Education Center, Bio Systems and Agricultural Engineering

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July 08

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July 11

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July 14

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July 19

Julie Hart

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July 20

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July 21

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McConnell Looks Ahead to 2016

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U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, who won re-election last year, as well as the title of Senate Majority Leader, is looking ahead to the next presidential election. He doesn't see the sheer number of Republicans who have announced their candidacy as a liability. "It is the like the Kentucky Derby race this year. There are a lot of good horses," he said.

The senator praised Hillary Clinton as a "smart and capable woman," but said hanging her hat on the notion women would vote for Clinton to obtain the milestone of electing the first female president is wrong. He pointed to his own election victory last year against Democratic

opponent Allison Lundergan Grimes, as a case in point, which would have also been a first.

McConnell, a vocal opponent of President Barack Obama, has found some common ground with the Democrat on the proposed Trade Promotion Authority and the Trans-Pacific Partnership. He said despite claims the U.S. always gets shortchanged in international trade agreements the U.S. is the ultimately the winner. McConnell said the U.S. has a \$62 billion trade surplus, which means we sell more to other than nations than we import to our own shores. "We are traders. We are good at it," he said.

The Majority Leader did rail against what he called, "over regulation," which has dampened the economic recovery from the Great Recession. He has always been, and continues to be, an opponent of the Affordable Care Act. Despite two U.S. Supreme Court Decisions supporting the law he said only the voters can change it, which he expects with the 2016 election. "Just because it is has been upheld twice doesn't mean it was the right thing to do," he said. He feels the future of what he calls Obamacare will hinge on the next presidential election. The winner will say, "If you think this is the better we can do, or if you think we can do better, I'm your person," he said.

Summing up the two terms of President Obama, McConnell quoted former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. "Americans always do the right thing after everything else fails.

Announcements

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President John displays and announces a new feature to Rotary, a PowerPoint of Rotary Club factoids and projects before each meeting. He wishes to change the perception Rotary is "Older men and their fathers." Women Rotarians heartily agree.

Guests

July 1st, 2015

July 22
Melanie W. McNeill
July 23
Dan Key
July 25
Don Barger
July 29
Scott Powell
July 30
Victor Sredl
July 31
Christopher Sims
August 01
Robyn Shapiro
August 01

Joni Barwick – Guest of Kerry Lynn;

Robin Breeden – Guest of Kevin Peck;

Katherine Brock, Lorelei Gunn, Alicia Hargrove, Erin Sieberkrob, Heather Thomas, and Rachel Smith – Guests of Mike Muscarella;

Whitney Denson, Cory Hicks and Fran Johnson – Guests of Sandra Wilson;

Angie Falconite and Reese Hawkins – Guests of Laura Duff;

Michelle Garland and Heather King – Guests of Jamie Futrell;

Matt Haney, Jody Howell, Stan Jones, Bill Miller and Angie Yu – Guests of Richard Grana;

Sarah Hendley – Guest of Missy Eckenberg;

Marjorie Heyduck – Guest of Chuck Heyduck;

Bob Wade – Guest of Eileen Duobinis-Gray

Bob Leeper – Guest of Hal Sullivan;

Ernie Mitchell – Guest of Mike Resnick;

Bruce Pope and Jim Tidwell – Guests of Andrew Wood;

Charles Settles – Guest of Charles Moffitt;

David Simon – Guest of Deborah Simon;

Rex Smith – Guest of John Williams, Sr.;

Sue Tharp – Guest of Clay Howerton;

Melissa Yates – Guest of Joe Framptom;

David Riley and Terrance Adams – Rotaract;

Visiting Rotarians - Don Cherry, Murray, and Kim Jones, Mayfield