

## Upcoming Speakers

7/19 - **Trent Okerson**, WPSD Local 6 Meteorologist, Topic: Upcoming Solar Eclipse

7/26 - **Bill Cunningham**, Supreme Court Justice, 1st District of Kentucky

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## The Rotary Club of Paducah



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## REAP and Community Scholarship Program Annual Report

July 12, 2017



**-Speaker: Dr. Anton Reece, President, West Kentucky Community & Technical College.** Dr. Reece, a fellow Rotarian, was introduced by Rotarian L.V. McGinty, Chairman of the REAP Board of Trustees.

**-Topic:** Annual Report of Rotary's participation in the **Commun Community Scholarship Program (CSP)** and the **Rotary Education Assistance Program (REAP)**.

### **-Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:**

-McGinty reported that the club's REAP efforts funded \$6,000 in scholarships to college-bound high school students, and, \$12,000 in charitable gifts to various agencies. He noted that the McCracken Fiscal Court and the City of Paducah each provide \$750,000 yearly to the Community Scholarship Fund. The Rotary Club of

Paducah contributes \$160,000 yearly from money generated primarily through proceeds from the Annual Rotary Antique Quilt Show.

-The CSP helps provide funding to students toward earning a two-year degree from WKCTC, providing an incentive for youth to stay in school. Ultimately, the programs goal is to increase the number of students attending college by helping to eliminate the financial barriers of a college education.

-In the first five years of the program, more than 2,600 students pledged to consider attending college after high school, representing more than 85% of the total number of eligible students attending high schools in McCracken County.

-Dr. Reece began his remarks by complimenting the Rotary Club and the community for its support of the CSP. He said the program helps put WKCTC ahead in education funding under Kentucky's new Performance-based funding formula. He said the program also adds to the area's economic development efforts by helping to create and maintain a qualified workforce.

-Of the approximately 700 graduating seniors in McCracken County, Reece estimates that one third will attend WKCTC, one third will attend other colleges and universities, and one third will not pursue post-secondary education. He said overall, the CSP has helped more students become engaged in continuing their education.

- "It's a program that works," is how Reece described the CSP, adding that WKCTC's graduation rate is now at 47% compared to the community college national average of 23%. "The program is fulfilling dreams, accomplishing goals, and enriching the community," he added.

-The school needs better data tracking tools, Reece said, in order to determine overall success of the program, the school, and its graduates.

-When asked about access to more dual credit courses at WKCTC, Reece said they are continuing to extend the school's outreach into other parts of Western Kentucky and Southern Illinois, making it even more important to arrange for dual credits. He said

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**Gloria Meriwether**  
 July 19  
**William Robert Johnston**  
 July 20  
**Jeff Pederson**  
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**Brandon Barnhill**  
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 July 23  
**Susan P Baier**  
 July 24  
**Daniel Key**  
 July 25  
**Don Barger**  
 July 29  
**Scott Powell**  
 July 30  
**Victor Sredl**  
 July 31  
**Lucas Bremer**  
 July 31  
**Christopher Sims**  
 August 01  
**Patrick Withrow**  
 August 04  
**Cathy Crecelius**  
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**Brian J. Laczko**  
 August 07  
**Wayne M. Shelton**  
 August 09  
**Steven A. Powless**  
 August 11  
**Lance Allison**  
 August 14

school officials are currently working on several MOU agreements that will increase the number of dual credit classes accepted and offered.

-WKCTC, according to Reece, offers more dual credit courses than any of the sixteen schools in the state's community college system.

-For more information about the Community Scholarship Program, visit [www.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/academics/k12/csp.aspx](http://www.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/academics/k12/csp.aspx).

## Announcements

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-This week's meeting was highlighted by the induction of **Paducah Rotarian Missy Eckenberg as Rotary District Governor for 2017-2018**. Eckenberg represents District 6710 which encompasses 55 clubs (2,800+members) stretching from the center of Kentucky to the far western tip. Her induction marks the first time a Paducah Rotarian has served as District Governor since Nat Dortch served in 1957-'58. Eckenberg succeeds Stuart Alexander of Louisville as District Governor. Alexander inducted Eckenberg and presented her the District Governor necklace that includes the names of all previous DG's who served over the last 80 years. **On behalf of the Rotary Club of Paducah, congratulations Missy!**

-The club's next Board of Director's meeting is Wednesday July 19, 5:15PM at the McCracken County Public Library.

## Guests

July 12, 2017

Helen Farrell, Erin Hendley, Stan Eckenberg, Mayor Brandi Harless, Dr. Jessiann McCarthy and County Judge Executive Bob Leeper – guests of Missy Eckenberg  
 Melanie Swager, Raquel Ziegler, Stephanie Groth, Riley Sturzebecker, Wesley Walden – guests of Mike Muscarella  
 Alex Sherwood – guest of Ken Wheeler  
 Renae Akin – guest of Bruce Akin  
 Kyle Hayden – guest of Dee Dee Whittaker  
 Lisa Stephenson, Barbara Maxey, Lee Emmons, Kevonte Kilby, John David Higgins, Devon Hart and Kayla Tuttle – guests of Dr. Anton Reece  
 iPDG Stuart Alexander, DG-elect Michael Owsley, AG Randy Fox, PDG Mike Kull, PDG Jayne Crisp, PDG Bill Robertson Sr., PDG Ann Robertson, District Admin Assistant Leigh Perry and Murray Rotary Club iPast President Keith Travis – guests of the Club