

Upcoming Programs

Dan Kemp - Mayor of Hopkinsville, KY
July 31
Warren Beeler, KY Dept of Agriculture
August 07
Jim Bullard, St. Louis Federal Reserve
August 14
U.S. Senator Rand Paul
August 21

Club Leaders

Chris McNeill
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Jamie Futrell
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Phyllis B. Russell
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Vice President
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Treasurer
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iPast President
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Membership Chair, Past President
Debbie DeWeese
Club Executive Secretary

Birthdays

Dan Key
July 25
Erik Wolfe
July 27
Don Barger
July 29
Scott Powell
July 30
Victor Sredl
July 31
Christopher Sims
August 01
Robyn Shapiro
August 01
Dwane Tucker
August 01
Patrick Withrow
August 04
Cathy Crecelius
August 04
Brian J. Laczko
August 07



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The Voice of Kentucky's Cities

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The Kentucky League of Cities has long been the voice of the diverse interests of the Commonwealth's 418 cities and as the Chief Government Affairs official J.D. Cheney has the difficult job of articulating those needs to state legislature, which he describes as taking a "paternalistic" view towards local governments and "antiquated" portions of the state constitution. The KLC takes the position that local elected officials should have more latitude to better serve the citizens who have elected them.

Cheney said the Kentucky Constitution, written in 1891, gives cities very little latitude in certain areas, such as location taxation. The constitution, he says, also creates "an illogical caste system," which divides the state's cities into different classes based

on population from First Class to Sixth Class. Paducah, for example is a Second Class City, which isn't allowed to pass a local restaurant tax, while Princeton designated in a lower class, is allowed to pass one. The KLC is in favor of the legislature allowing amendments to the constitution recognizing more home rule to give cities the flexibility to diversify revenue streams that would allow them to attract more business opportunities by allowing more taxes that could result in the lowering of others.

One area that is of concern to many cities is the funding for 911 centers. Paducah, and others, relies mainly on a landline phone tax, but the number of landline phones has fallen 50% in the past decade. This is a trend that is likely to continue. This will make it difficult for communities to keep up with federal mandates for 911 service set to take effect in the next couple of years.

Another area of concern is the state's road fund, which uses a 60-year-old formula that doles out of most of the funds to county roads rather than city streets, which get most of the traffic and need the most maintenance, but get only 13% of the funding. Economic development efforts are also hindered by a mandate that only allows local governments to award a five-year moratorium on property taxes for manufacturers only. "We need to continue to make Kentucky a friendlier place to do business," says Cheney.

Announcements

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CHANGE IN BY-LAWS: "Effective August 1, 2013, a change to the bylaws shall be made that any Rotarian having a past due balance of dues and lunches equal to six months of charges will be dropped from the roll of the club on January 1 and July 1 of each year."

Monday Emails: Beginning on Monday, July 29, 2013, the membership will receive an email with the next four speakers scheduled for lunch meetings each week.

Blood Drive - Rotarians are urged to mark August 15th as the day to give blood during the annual competition with the Lions Club to benefit the American Red Cross. You may reserve a time to donate by contacting the Red Cross or the Rotary Office.

St. Jude Dream Home - Rotarians are also asked to volunteer for the St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway between July 19th and August 17th. Volunteers are needed to help with tours of the home and answering phones.

Committee Sign Up - President Chris needs all Rotarians to sign up for at least one Rotary Committee for the current year. Sign up sheets are available at the weekly meetings or contact Debbie at the Rotary Office.

Rotary Foundation Status:

Every Rotarian Every Year		98%
Paul Harris Fellows	73	41%
Paul Harris Society	31	17%

Guests

July 24th, 2013

J.D. Chaney, Jon Steiner – guests of club
Noorieh Norton – guest of Lorraine Schramke
Clay Owens, Rachel Flaherty, Hannah Elpers – guests of Mike Muscarella
Jonas Neihoff – guest of Jamie Futrell
Patrick Mobley – guest of Rick Grana
Andy Beshear – guest of Duncan Pitchford
Caroline Cash – guest of David Denton
Daniel Key – guest of Dan Key