

Upcoming Programs

Warren Beeler, KY Dept of Agriculture
August 07
Jim Bullard, St. Louis Federal Reserve
August 14
U.S. Senator Rand Paul
August 21
Friends of Coal
August 28

Club Leaders

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

Birthdays

Christopher Sims
August 01
Dwane Tucker
August 01
Robyn Shapiro
August 01
Patrick Withrow
August 04
Cathy Crecelius
August 04
Brian J. Laczko
August 07
Sue Moore Fenske
August 08
Wayne M. Shelton
August 09
Steven A. Powless
August 11
John G Barker
August 12
Bill Glenn Holsapple
August 15
Kevin Peck
August 15
Scott Davis
August 17
Jennifer E Humphreys
August 19
Frank Shelton
August 23
Lisa Long
August 24
Brent Gaines
August 24
Joshua E White
August 26
Carolyn T. Roberts
August 31



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The Fastest Growing City in the Commonwealth

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Hopkinsville Mayor Dan Kemp asked for little indulgence in “bragging” about his city and who can blame him. Mayor Kemp has presided over a period of 3% growth in a challenging economy. But prosperity wasn’t always the case. When he began his term in 2007, Mayor Kemp said the city was “going through a period of malaise.”

During his first term the city rallied around a five year Vision Plan focused on five goals including improving education, economic development, quality of place, tourism and a more tolerant community. Mayor Kemp said the community made substantial progress over the progress over the past 7 years due to city council agreeing to raise local taxes to provide the seed money for the much

needed projects to reach their goals. At the same time, Hopkinsville reduced government employees through attrition by 10%. He said this allowed Hopkinsville to weather the coming national recession and still fund the necessary projects.

Today, their educational system has gone from near the bottom to jumping 65 spots to the middle of the pack. A crumbling inner city is seeing improvements in both residential and commercial buildings, along with major investments in infrastructure. Mayor Kemp said the city is investing \$87 million on sewer, water and flood preventions, for example. The city is also moving its police station into the old city hall and building a new one downtown where the city has established a Residential Enterprise Zone. More than 250 dilapidated homes have been razed and 209 homes have been rehabbed. Another major project is the 5K Rail Trail, the first leg of the Hopkinsville Greenway System.

Economic Development has blossomed over the past 2 years with 500 new jobs. Hopkinsville boasts 9 Japanese companies, along with others from Germany, Mexico, Italy and Spain. Mayor Kemp says the city also benefits from having the 40,000 personnel at nearby Fort Campbell. The city has made a huge effort to recruit those employees living off base to live in Hopkinsville. Another plus is being located to across the state line to the bustling city of Clarksville, TN.

Announcements

July 31, 2013

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.

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.

The Paducah Rotary Club congratulates Anita Ward on receiving the Paul Harris Fellow +2 Distinction.

Rotaract News: New Rotaract President Megan Thomasson gave a report of all the wonderful things her members have been doing this month, including the service projects they have completed and are just beginning. Megan will be giving the Club an update each month, but all Rotarians are invited to attend their monthly meetings. The next meeting is Monday at the Museum of the American Quilters Society.

Rotary Foundation Status:

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

Guests
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- Sarah Hendley - guest of Missy Eckenberg
- Megan Thomason – guest of club, Rotaract
- Catherine Duperrieu – guest of club, Rotaract
- Andrew Duperrieu – guest of club, Rotaract
- David Boswell – guest of Phyllis Russell
- Henrietta Kemp – guest of club
- Courtney Ahlers – guest of Mike Muscarella
- Hannah Elpers – guest of Mike Muscarella
- Clay Owens – guest of Mike Muscarella
- Rachel Flaherty – guest of Mike Muscarella
- Chief James Berry – guest of Brandon Barnhill
- Tammy Potter – guest of Robyn Shapiro
- Bill Robertson – guest of Glen Anderson