

Upcoming Speakers

7/13 - Geoff Wilson, LCSW, Chairperson of Stop Youth Suicide/Youth Suicide Prevention
7/20 - Dr. Patrick Withrow & Captain Anthony Copeland - Topic: "The Adolescent Brain and Substance Abuse"
7/27 - Former Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins

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July 10

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July 11

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July 11

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July 14

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July 17

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July 19

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July 19

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July 20

Jeff Pederson

July 21

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KASPER Fighting Drug Abuse

July 6th, 2016



Kentucky ties with three states in the number of painkillers prescribed relative to the state's population, a statistic that correlates to the state's high number of drug overdose deaths.

That was the report from **David Hopkins**, Program Manager for Kentucky's KASPER Program.

KASPER, Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting System, was established in 1998 making Kentucky one of the first states to implement systemized prescription drug monitoring. Today, neighboring state Missouri is the only state in the country with no formal prescription drug monitoring system.

Hopkins explained that KASPER monitors prescription drugs classified as Schedule drugs, known to have the highest abuse potential through addiction or illegal resale. Illegal drugs such as heroin and marijuana are not prescription medications and thus are not monitored by the program.

KASPER operates as a web-based, real-time data base for health professionals. While used mostly by doctors and pharmacists to review patient's controlled substance prescription history, licensing boards, law enforcement, Medicaid, judges and medical examiners have access to KASPER records. Hopkins noted that law enforcement may only access KASPER with an active case file on a criminal suspect. KASPER data is also shared among states and with federal authorities.

Hopkins attributed poverty and work-related injuries resulting in painkiller addiction to Kentucky's prescription abuse problem which, he says, is highest in southeastern Kentucky and in the coal region of western Kentucky. Among the successes of KASPER, Hopkins cited:

-An overall decline in controlled substance prescriptions

-Non-physician owned pain management facilities (often considered "pill mills") reduced from 29 to 5

-A 52% decrease in "doctor shopping" among prescription drug abusers

Despite efforts to fight prescription drug abuse, Hopkins says overdose deaths from medication such as Fentanyl (determined to have led to the recent death of singer Prince), and heroin continue to rise.

Melanie W. McNeill

July 23

Daniel Key

July 25

Don Barger

July 29

Scott Powell

July 30

Victor Sredl

July 31

More information on the KASPER program is available at www.chfs.ky.gov/KASPER.

Announcements

July 6th, 2016

Meet Glen Anderson - Rotarians welcomed Glen Anderson as the club's President for 2016-17. Anderson recently retired from his position of General Manager of Paducah Water, which he had held for 21 of his 36 years with the agency. Anderson served as Board Chairman of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce in 2011 and was a board member and former Vice President of the American Water Works Association. He is currently Chairman of the Paducah Convention and Visitors Bureau and an Elder of the Reidland Church of Christ. He and his wife Vicki enjoy motorcycle trips and spending time with their four granddaughters. Anderson's club goals for the year include maintaining and increasing membership, and maintaining the club's history of contributing to Rotary International and the Polio Plus Program.

Board of Directors Meeting – The July board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 20 at 5:15 PM at the McCracken County Library.

Gearteeth Newsletter - The Rotary Gearteeth team would again like to thank Desiree Owen for her 20 years of service to producing the weekly newsletter. Terry Reeves will assume the new weekly reporting duties, with help from Suzanne Farmer, Eddie Grant and Jessica Toren. Gearteeth is published each week by Rotarian Steve Shrewsberry.

Guests

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Megan Thomason – guest of Jim Dudley

Joseph Newcomb and Barbara Larbes – guests of Carolyn Roberts

Shelby Doucet and Brad Housman – guests of Dr. Pat Withrow

Chuck Hank – guest of Glen Anderson

Morgan LaSalvia – guest of Sandra Cargill

Jessica Arnold and Bobbie Winters – guests of Emerson Goodwin

Betty Schuppert – guest of Ken Schuppert

Courtney Walker, Shelby Adams, Cassy Savoy and Ken Knapp – guests of Mike Muscarella