

Upcoming Speakers

July 2015

07/15 - Wade White, Lyon County Judge
Executive
07/22 - Dr. Sam McNeill, UK Research and
Education Center, Bio Systems and Agricultural
Engineering

Club Leaders



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Birthdays

Walter C. Howerton

July 11

Kenneth A. Wheeler

July 11

John A. Williams Sr.

July 14

Glen Anderson

July 14

Gloria Meriwether

July 19

Julie Hart

July 19

William Robert Johnston

July 20

Jeff Pederson

July 21

Brandon Barnhill

July 22

Melanie W. McNeill

July 23

Dan Key

July 25

Don Barger

July 29

Scott Powell

July 30

Victor Sredl

July 31



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Therapy on Horseback

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It only takes one hour a week for eight weeks to make a huge difference in a disabled child's life. Angie Falconite, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Cassidy's Cause Therapeutic Riding Academy said those who ride become more relaxed and calm, in addition to becoming more physically fit by increasing core strength in the saddle. Falconite said 46% of their riding students are autistic, while others suffer illnesses, such as cystic fibrosis. "It also builds confidence and self-esteem," she said.

Falconite initiated the program a year and a half ago on a 22 acre farm on Clinton Road and has recently added a large building on site. It takes over 100 volunteers each week to assist the 50 riders with saddling and grooming their horses to other tasks such as leading the horses. Paid instructors are certified in a therapeutic horseback program, which takes more than a year to complete.

For these kids, teens and even adults, this is their sport. "Everyone is equal in the saddle," said Falconite. The riders are grouped for the weekly sessions by age and disability with 37% being ages 6 to 10 years. Some older teens are now able to ride unassisted.

The Academy is a non-profit organization and only charges \$200 for the eight week program. Rider sponsorships are available for those who cannot the fee. Sixteen of the seventeen horses used in the program were donated and specially trained. She invited Rotarians to visit the academy, which is so popular it maintains a waiting list.

"Come out and watch the magic and the love. Some are moved to tears," said Falconite

For more information on how to assist Cassidy's Cause, or to learn more about the program visit www.cassidyscause.org.

Announcements

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President John is watching for Rotarians who wear their Rotary pins to weekly meetings, and rewarding them with a bronze Rotary coin.

Beginning next week Rotary Club Membership Forms will be available at the back table each week. Members hosting guests will also be able to identify their guest as a potential new member at the weekly sign in.



President John also said the Club will be encouraged to become even more involved with Rotoract and with organizations, such as Leadership Paducah to encourage more new members. Rotoract invites Rotarians to reception this Friday at 5:00 pm at the Carson Center.

Quarterly dues have gone out with one notable change. The item formerly termed as "meals" is now labeled "programs".

Guests

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Heather Thomas, Will Hutson, Erin Sieberkrob, Katherine Brock and Alison Barker – guests of Mike Muscarella;

Marjorie Heyduck – guest of Chuck Heyduck;

Bob Wade – guest of Bud Qualk;

Melissa Yates - guest of Dave Denton