

Upcoming Programs

Amy Goebel - Occupational Therapist
June 19
President's Day
June 26
Jeff Pederson - Paducah City Manager
July 03
Steven Connelly - Mayor of Berea, KY
July 10

Birthdays

Richard J. Grana
June 13
Joe Framptom
June 14
Lynn King
June 15
Jill T. Chambers
June 16
Dee Dee Whittaker
June 19
Steve Shrewsbury
June 20
Ashley Grooms
June 24
Debbie Wattier
June 25



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Volunteer Paducah



Volunteer Paducah is an admonition and an online clearinghouse for citizens wishing to give something back to their community through offering their time as volunteers. Ashley Wright, Paducah's United Way Executive Director, said it is a painless way to match up local non-profits with those who wish to volunteer.

Ashley, one of our fellow Rotarians, admitted that prior to launching the

website too often potential volunteers had to "jump through some hoops" to get matched up with an opportunity to serve. Ashley changed all that with a grant from Murray State University to develop and maintain an easy to use website that matches the right donors, advocates and volunteers with the right opportunities.

Ashley said it is a misconception that many people do not have the spare time to volunteer by pointing out on any given day people are spending 24 million hours playing online Solitaire, 388 million hours on FaceBook and 2 billion hours watching videos on You Tube. She speculates a few of those hours each week or month could be devoted to a worthy volunteer effort since 74% of all people nationwide do not volunteer.

To date 35 non-profits are on the website with continually updated information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Since it was launched a few months ago there are 250 regular users and 900 who use the site each month. That has resulted in 20 new matches for volunteers each month. "It has removed the barriers to move people from concern to true community engagement," said Ashley.

June Program Chair Ed Hely honored Ashley with a Paul Harris Award in recognition of her service to the community and Rotary.

For more information visit www.volunteerpaducah.org.

Announcements

June 12th, 2013

Rotary Song - The Club was entertained by Kim Yocum who sang a selection from Les Miserables, which continues to run at Market House Theatre. You do not want to miss it!

McCracken County High School Tours - Please let Debbie DeWeese know at 442.3418 or office@paducahrotary.org if you plan to participate in the tour of the new high school next Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. We will meet on the parking lot of the new school and be escorted throughout.

Paul Harris Society - John Williams, Sr. welcomed two new members to the Paul Harris

Society. He presented Dr. Robert Meriwether and Ken Wheeler with their "Paul Harris Fellow Plus One" pins. John said that brings the Paducah Club up to nearly 40 Society members since September. Rotarians have been sent the information again to enter member access to check their accounts online to see how close they are to achieving this milestone. John said the Club would also be mailing letters with current balances at the end of the Rotary Fiscal Year, which is June 30 and will be adding an area to the newsletter to show the percentages of members participating in EREY, PHF, and PHS.



New Members - Rotary welcome three new members, including a husband and wife



team, who have transferred their membership from Montana. **Jim and Sandra Cargill** have lived many places and even chartered a new Rotary Club during their careers in higher education. Jim was sponsored by Danny Evitts and Sandra was sponsored by Mary Hammon. **Gloria Meriwether**, wife of the aforementioned Rotarian Bob Meriwether was also inducted into the Club.



Water Project - Ralph Young gave a pictorial overview of the Club's International Water Project in Villahermosa, Mexico, which was recently completed. Ralph said he was greeted and treated warmly by our fellow Rotarians and the community. The water purifying station provides clean water to a community that desperately needed it for cooking, drinking and hygiene. President Missy presented Ralph with a special

pin as Rotarian of the Month for traveling to Mexico to finish the project and for making this project a reality.

District Survey - Frank Bennett gave an enlightening review of a recent Club survey, which 43% of the membership participated in recently. Some notable percentages were 94% of Paducah Rotarians were satisfied with their Club compared to 92% in the District. The Club had some rather high percentages in other areas, but there were a couple that revealed there is more work to be done. Only 78% felt the Club listened to its members, as opposed to 82% District wide. Fortunately, 100% of Paducah members are "proud to be Rotarians."

Holiday Mail for Heroes - Jessica Toren reminded members of an email they received this week encouraging them to participate in this year's Holiday Mail for Heroes, which sends cards to active military members. Jessica, who runs the project through the Red Cross, said cards would be available at next week's meeting for Rotarians to complete. She also encouraged members to get their business, school, or church involved.

Board of Directors - The Rotary Board of Directors will meet June 19th at 5:30 pm at Whaler's Catch.

Rotary on the Move - President Missy thanked Rotarian Amy Clevidence and PASAC for hosting this month's Rotary on the Move on June 1th. She shared artwork that the visiting Rotarians made that will be hung on the wall at the center.

Rotaract - Rotaract invites all Rotarians to attend their year-end transition festivities at Glisson Tasting Vineyard on Monday, June 17th at 5:30 pm.

Club Condolences - The Club offers condolences to the family of Ashley Wright on the passing of her grandfather and to Amy Clevidence for the loss of her grandmother.

Community Donations

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President Missy presented a check on behalf of the Club to Sharon Poat and Virginia Siegel of the **Midtown Alliance of Neighbors**, which provides free home repair to those in need.

Guests

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Sharon Poat and Virginia Siegel – Representing the Midtown Neighborhood Alliance

Kim Yocum and Cindy Miller – Guests of Michael Cochran

Sam Wright – Spouse of Ashley Wright and guest of Ed Hely