

Upcoming Programs

Jeff Pederson - Paducah City Manager
July 03
Steven Connolly - Mayor of Berea, KY
July 10
Gale Cherry - Mayor of Princeton, KY
July 17
J. D. Chaney - Chief Gov Affairs
Officer, KY League of Cities
July 24

Birthdays

Debbie Wattier
June 25
Richard R. Veazey
June 29
Michael K. Stone
June 30
Allen Allen Dossey
July 01
Lee Powell
July 04
Barbara Veazey
July 05
Hal N. Sullivan
July 06
Dia Mitchell Canter
July 07
Gregory J. Menke
July 07
David Morse
July 08
Jamey R. Brown, CFP®
July 08
Walter C Howerton
July 11
Kenneth A Wheeler
July 11



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Rotary Club of Paducah - What a Great Year You Have Had!

President Missy began by reviewing her hope for each of club members last July - that this year they would get involved in such a way that allowed them to make that special transition from being a Rotary member to actually becoming a Rotarian through your "Service Above Self".

She then reviewed the year according to the Avenues of Rotary Service:

The first Avenue of Rotary Service is CLUB – this focuses on ensuring the effective functioning of the club and strengthening fellowship

- Thank you John Halsell for serving as our Assistant District Governor and all those who made our Board and Club meeting run smoothly this year.

- You brought 21 new members into the Rotary Club of Paducah this year to bring our present membership to 190 – congratulations!

-You welcomed people and your fellowship supported attendance. We had 64 Rotarians with perfect attendance this year including Dan Key with 36 years.

-Your friendship and good humor make people want to continue to be members. We have 15 members with over 40 years of membership in Rotary Club of Paducah.

-We held a 91st birthday celebration for the Metropolis, IL club to celebrate our charter of their club. It was a pleasure to host their members at our meeting!

-We worked to expand the positive image of Rotary through performance playbills, movie screen ads, and radio ads to promote Rotary & encourage membership.

-Fellowship was enhanced through - *Rotary on the Move*, an opportunity to include family as we visited the non-profit agencies that we financially support.

-We had great programs this year including State Senator Bob Leeper, Senator Mitch McConnell, The City/County Merger Debate, 4-H Awards luncheon with Congressman Ed Whitfield, Paducah Improv, Stan Eckenberg – CSI, Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson and great presentations from Club members such as our club assembly highlighting our new generations programs, Ashley Wright – Impact Poverty, Roger Truitt – Fracking, and Susan Guess – Bullying. Thank you Chris McNeill for your work as Program Chair this year!

-A proclamation was issued by Mayor Gayle Kaler of Paducah to acknowledge the week of February 17 – 22, 2013 as Rotary Awareness week and we enjoyed a birthday cake celebrating our 98th year as a club.

-Phyllis Russell was presented "The Rotarian of the Year" award for graciously stepping up for extended periods of time to make sure the club continued to run smoothly this year. She truly exemplified "Service Above Self".



The second Avenue of Rotary Service is COMMUNITY - this covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.



-You gave over \$160,000 from your hearts to over 40 different charities this year.

-You hosted Reading PALS training during our first club meeting of the year with 12 members choosing to read and eat lunch weekly with at risk students to improve reading skills as part of the community Impact Poverty initiative.

-You worked with the Salvation Army to ring the bell at Christmas raising over \$6,100 and winning their club category award for the most money raised by a civic organization.

-You assisted Rotaract with a food drive, spent an evening sorting food for the Paducah Cooperative Ministry, and began writing cards for the American Red Cross Holiday for Heroes program.

-You held a Blood Drive with the Lions Club – thank you to Jessica Toren & Scott Davis for their coordination and all who gave “the gift of life” in the form of 46 units.

-You provided dictionaries for over 800 3rd graders in the eight Paducah and McCracken County Elementary Schools.

-You hosted the Annual 4-H Awards Luncheon for over 100 students and their parents, which this year included Congressman Ed Whitfield shaking the hand of each award recipient.

-You again had a successful Antique Quilt Show raising approximately \$35,000 for Community Scholarship Program and educational programs support.

-You received a District Simplified Grant that allowed our club to work with our Rotaract and Interact Clubs, and the Paducah/McCracken County United Way to provide a Summer Reading Backpack Program for all 105 children involved in the Reading PALS program that encouraged reading during the summer months to sustain literacy levels.

-You joined with other Purchase clubs to provide needed supplies for those affected by Hurricane Sandy collecting 8,000 pounds of clothes and supplies and over \$5,000 in funds in one day for the Freeport-Merrick Club in New York City.

-You joined with Purchase Rotary Clubs to collect bottled water and provided \$2,200 in funds to help the American Red Cross assist those in need from the Oklahoma Tornado.

The Third Avenue of Rotary Service is VOCATIONAL - it encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

-We developed a Vocations Committee and during October, Vocations month, club members spoke about their specific vocation including why they choose to pursue this profession, how they prepared educationally for their current role, and what service they have been able to give back to the community with their vocational skill set.

-The committee also coordinated participation in the “I Can Be” Program at McNabb Elementary School that allowed a Rotarian to visit the school on Tuesday mornings to inspire the 475 students in grades K through 5 by discussing their profession and how they prepared through education to be successful in their chosen vocation. Principal Greg Ross noted “I enjoy watching our student’s eyes light up when they hear what they can possibly achieve one day.”

The 4th Avenue of Rotary Service is NEW GENERATIONS - this recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities.

-At the elementary level our club supported Reading PALS for 2nd graders, dictionaries for 3rd graders, vocation sharing with grades K through 5, and the Summer Backpack Reading Program with 2 through 4.

-At the high school level our club continued to welcome Student Rotarians selected by the six Paducah and McCracken County School based on scholastic and extra-curricular accomplishments.

-We continued sponsoring the Rotary Speech contest and our participants joined us at a lunch meeting to share their winning words. Our winner, Victoria Potter, went on to represent us well by winning the District contest held in Louisville.

-We continued support for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program by sponsoring three participants and a junior counselor and enjoyed hearing their humorous reports about their experience at our club meeting.

-We chartered our first Interact Club at Paducah Tilghman High School and were proud

of their community service including working with our club during the Hurricane Sandy relief effort, supporting the American Red Cross by making cards for soldiers, assisting the Salvation Army with the sorting and distribution of Christmas gifts for those in need, acting as a focus group for the Community Scholarship Program, assembling literacy materials for the *Summer Backpack Reading Program*, and assisting with set up for our Quilt Show.

-Our club awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships to seniors from each of the Paducah and McCracken County High Schools and the Commonwealth Middle College and Rotarians participated in each high school's annual awards program handing out certificates to those seniors who were part of our student guest program and those receiving the Rotary Scholarship.

-We also entered into our 5th year of partnership with the city & county government, multiple businesses, and West Kentucky Community and Technical College to continue to build the corpus of the endowed funds for our Community Scholarship Program by contributing an additional \$25,000. Students that graduate next year will be the first recipients of the two year college scholarships that required maintaining a 95 percent attendance rate, a 2.5 or above grade point average, and have no disciplinary problems.

-Our Rotaract Club continued to grow in numbers and activities. Their largest fundraising project centered around our community's largest charitable event *Barbecue on the River*. For the second year, they offered the "People's Choice Awards" that raised nearly \$4,000 this year that they distributed to support various local charities and provided Kiva loans to individuals in other countries. This year they also partnered with the Seaman's Church Institute to put together Christmas packages for the crew members of 80 river vessels and volunteered for hundreds of hours of community service through multiple organizations. They partnered with our club by making a \$250 contribution to help fund the *Summer Backpack Reading Program* and also hosted a Rotaract Retreat for the District at Kentucky Dam Village.

The 5th Avenue of Rotary Service is INTERNATIONAL - this encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

-We welcomed both a Brazilian and New Zealand Group Study Exchange team to Paducah as they visited with the Metropolis and Murray Clubs.

-We completed an International Water project in Villahermosa, Mexico that now provides clean water to over 1,000 people by utilizing a matching grant from The Rotary Foundation & working with the Rotary Clubs of Metropolis, Clinton, Hickman, Fulton, Mayfield, Marshall, Murray to provide the matching funds.

-We partnered with KeeFORCE and Healing Hands International to collect over 1,000 used computers that were distributed to 3rd world country orphans and women to learn business skills for self-support.

President Missy then reviewed The Rotary Foundation activities this year:



-We brought Rotary "this much closer" to eradicating Polio through our first Polio Plus Dessert Auction that raised over \$4,400.

-Through your generosity, the Rotary Club of Paducah became a Rotary International "Star Club" this year for annual giving per member to The Rotary Foundation averaging \$100 or more. This includes your "Every Rotarian Every Year" donations you provided along with your other Foundation contributions. Our club averaged over \$200 per member.

-Did you know that this money comes back to our District to help local and international matching grants? We received two matching grants through The Rotary Foundation – the District Simplified Grant for the Summer Reading backpack Program and the International matching grant for the Villahermosa water project – they provided our club with valuable ways to serve those in need.

-We were reminded that the Paul Harris Fellow is a Rotarian who has generously given \$1,000 to support the good works of The Rotary Foundation and 10 Rotarians became Paul Harris Fellows this year.

-We became familiar with the term Paul Harris Society – those who choose to provide a \$1,000 donation to The Rotary Foundation annually. And we set an example for the rest of the District for generosity to the Foundation with the number of Paul Harris Fellows + 1, 2, & 3, and one + 8.

-Our Rotary Foundation statistics approximate the following: EREY – 98%, - PHF – 42%, PHS – 18%, and total giving \$45,000



-John Williams, Sr. was awarded Rotarian of the Year for his “Service Above Self” for the immense amount of time and energy given to educate and change the culture of the club to better understand the good works of The Rotary Foundation.

She noted that from the review of the year it seems that many of you have made the transition from Rotary member to Rotarian – thank you on behalf of all those you helped!

She ended with two personal notes of thanks to her employer, St. Thomas More Catholic Church and Fr. Pat

Reynolds and to her husband, Stan Eckenberg and her daughters, Erin & Sarah for their “love and continuous support through this amazing year!”

She then presented the 2012 – 2013 who lead the club this year including: President elect Chris McNeill, Vice president - Jamie Futrell, Secretary Phyllis Russell, Treasurer - Scott Taylor, Sgt.- at- Arms - Chuck Heyduck, Ex Officio Mike Muscarella and board members Glen Anderson, Danny Evitts, Brandon Barnhill, Phil McIntosh, Rayla Bridges, Melanie McNeill, Steve Bright, Steve Shrewsberry, Michael Cochran, and Ken Wheeler.



President Missy placed the antique President’s pin on incoming President Chris McNeill and declared him the new president of the Paducah Rotary Club beginning July 1. President Chris thanked President Missy for her outstanding leadership of the club, and presented her with a gavel plaque and Past President’s pin. Mayor Gayle Kaler also presented her with a Duchess of Paducah award for her exemplary contributions to the community through the oversight of the Rotary Club.

New President Chris stated that he is honored and humbled to take the presidency of such an outstanding organization. His goals include continuing efforts with the Community Scholars Program, attracting and maintaining members, looking into international projects that may focus efforts in Paducah, and supporting the district initiative “Shoes for Orphaned Soles.”

The 2013-14 officers and board members were also introduced. In addition to President McNeill, they are Jamie Futrell, president-elect; John Williams, Jr., vice-president; Phyllis Russell, secretary; Scott Taylor, treasurer; and Chuck Heyduck, sergeant-at-arms. Board members are Todd Anderson, Michael Byers, Michael Cochran, Basil Drossos, Melanie McNeill, Steve Bright, Hutch Smith, Shawn Turner, Debbie Wattier, Ken Wheeler, Dee Dee Whittaker.

Guests

June 26th, 2013

Visiting Rotarian

Sym Davenport - Owensboro

**Guests**

Susan Gibson – guest of Ashley Wright

Stan Eckenberg – guest of Missy Eckenberg

Pam Fee- guest of Chris McNeill

Walker McNeill – guest of Chris McNeill

Winston McNeill – guest of Chris McNeill

Debbie Stone – guest of Deborah Simon

Laura Schaumberg and Megan Thomason, Rotoract - guests of the club.