

## Upcoming Speakers

7/6 - Dave Hopkins, Program Manager, Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER)  
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"

## Club Leaders



**John A. Williams Jr.**  
President



**Glen Anderson**  
President-Elect



**Phyllis B. Russell**  
Secretary



**Thomas Scott Taylor**  
Treasurer



**Melanie W. McNeill**  
President-Nominee

### **Roger Truitt**

Rotary Foundation Chair

### **Don Barger**

Sergeant-at-Arms



**Jamie B. Futrell**  
iPast President

### **Denise A. Chapman**

Club Executive Secretary

## Birthdays

**Wes H. Kramer**

July 01

**J. Lee Powell**

July 04

**Barbara Veazey**

July 05

**Hal N. Sullivan**

July 06

**Dia Mitchell Canter**

July 07

**Jamey R. Brown**

July 08

**David Morse**

July 08

**William E. Pinkston**

July 10

**Walter C. Howerton**

July 11

**Kenneth A. Wheeler**

July 11

**John A. Williams Sr.**

July 14

**Glen Anderson**

July 14

**Emerson Goodwin**



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## Passing the Gavel

June 29th, 2016



Rotarians celebrated a spectacularly successful Rotary year under the leadership of President John A. Williams, Jr., this week as he passed the gavel on to incoming President Glen Anderson. The Club is elated to cap off the year with the culmination of a year's worth of planning and a hot week of construction to complete the new 4,000 square foot Rotary Playground at 13th Street and Martin Luther King Drive. President John said it is a "thank you" to the community, and a demonstration the Club remains committed to the future.

The project is a huge undertaking that involved more 8,748 volunteer hours broken down into 1,708 four hour shifts filled by Rotarians and local citizens. The Club has raised \$167,610 to date toward the \$200,000 total cost. President John said there are four outstanding grant applications, which along with other donations, will pay for pavers, installing hundreds of commemorative pickets, permanent signage, a mural on the climbing wall, and a "surprise final element," that may be possible if all other items are completed. The City of Paducah is providing a permanent surface for the playground, which is a focal point of its new Health Park.

President John gave special recognition to Playground Leadership Committee, Rotary Secretary Denise Chapman, and the Construction Captains who will each receive a commemorative picket in the playground fence. The enormity of the task is all the more impressive considering Rotarians continued its other annual projects, including the Annual Rotary Antique Quilt Show, Summer Backpack Program, 3rd Grade Dictionary Project and Salvation Army Bell Ringing. All the projects total up to more than 10,000 volunteer hours and some \$262,000 given to local non-profit organizations and projects.

Incoming President Glen is excited about the upcoming year, which will focus on leadership and vision. He plans on building upon John's previous goals with "fun" as an additional pillar. Both Glen and John were extremely pleased with the media coverage of the playground construction, which highlighted all the good works Rotary does in the community. President Glen hopes to leverage that positive publicity toward recruiting new Rotarians. He also plans to work on member retention and engagement by "connecting with each other" in fun ways. A Vision Committee will also be formed that will work toward creating a three year plan for the future of the Club.

President Glen says new opportunities for community projects may present themselves in the coming year because people know, "Rotary gets things done," he said.

July 17  
**Julie Hart**  
July 19  
**Gloria Meriwether**  
July 19  
**William Robert Johnston**  
July 20  
**Jeff Pederson**  
July 21

## Announcements

June 29th, 2016



Rotarians had fun listening to “Nine Days of the Playground,” a playful homage to the “Twelve Days of Christmas,” written by Carolyn Roberts and performed by Michael Cochran, Maurie McGarvey, Daniel Sene and Don Barger.

Phyllis Russell and Terry Reeves taped and produced a [video of the week's work](#), while Innovation Branding House produced a [time lapsed version](#) of the construction.



Rotary Secretary Denise Chapman, whose inaugural year in that position included not only the Quilt Show, but the labor intensive playground project, was presented with a hug from President John and a well-deserved bonus check from the Club for her dedication.

Rotarian of the Year - President John presented Desireé Owen with the “Rotarian of the Year” award for her service as the Rotary Gear Teeth Editor for twenty years. He noted this is not an award given annually, but one

which is reserved for special recognition by the Club.

## Guests

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Kristin Williams – guest of Laura Duff

Marra McMillan – guest of Barry Smith

Megan Thomason – guest of Jim Dudley

Sheryl Chino and Mark Thompson – guests of John A. Williams, Jr.

Pierre McCombs – guest of Tony Hamilton

Kasey Oliver – guest of Tom Grassham

Jason McHaney, Oscar Gamble and Robert Canter – guests of the Club