

Upcoming Speakers

6/14 - **Jennifer Woodard**, Paducah Site Lead,
US Department of Energy (DOE)

6/21 - **Dr. Shiraz Patel**, Orthopaedic Surgeon,
The Orthopaedic Institute

6/28 - **PRESIDENT'S DAY**

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One Judge - Three Courts

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Speaker: Honorable Thomas Russell, Senior United States District Judge, US District Court for the Western District of Kentucky. Judge Russell was introduced by Rotarian Lewis Carr.

Topic: Functions of the US District Court, plus, his roles on the US Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and the Alien Terrorist Removal Court

Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Judge Russell, a Louisville native, received his BA Degree from Western Kentucky University, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law. From 1970 through 1994 he served in private practice in Paducah. Judge Russell is married to fellow Rotarian

Phyliss Russell.

-Upon the retirement of Judge Edward Johnstone, President Bill Clinton nominated Russell for US District Judge of Kentucky's Western District in 1994. He was confirmed by the US Senate later that year. He served as Chief Judge in the Western District from 2008 until 2011 when he achieved Senior Judge status.

-Although Senior US District Judges typically decrease their caseload, Judge Russell continues to shoulder a full, active caseload. "As long as I have my health, and enjoy staying active on the bench, I'll likely continue taking on an active case load," Russell said.

-The Western District of the Federal Court includes 53 counties stretching from Fulton County in the west to Casey County in central Kentucky. The court holds sessions in federal courthouses in Paducah, Owensboro, Bowling Green and Louisville.

-In addition to his duties on the Federal bench in Kentucky, Judge Russell is one of 11 members of the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (a.k.a. "FISA Court"). Established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, members of the court are tasked with overseeing requests for surveillance warrants against suspected foreign spies operating within the US. Requests typically originate via the Department of Justice based on cases presented by the National Security Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

-United States Supreme Court Justice John Roberts appointed Judge Russell to the FISA Court post in 2015 to serve a 7-year term through 2022. "The FISA Court requires approximately 7 weeks per year of actual meeting time in Washington," Russell said, "Most of it entails document review, meetings of the court, and briefings on classified information and matters of national security."

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-Upon receiving the surveillance requests, members of the FISA Court must determine probable cause. "Most often, we will focus on minimizing the scope of the request to protect individuals against invasion of privacy. One of our tasks is to determine whether the suspect can be considered a credible threat, or, is simply exercising his/her First Amendment rights," said Russell.

-The Judge lauded the DOJ and investigative agencies for their thorough presentations, adding that since its inception 95% of warrants requested were granted. Only a handful were denied or amended for approval.

-In a somewhat related assignment, Judge Russell also serves as one of five members of the United States Alien Terrorist Removal Court. Its members, appointed by the Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, consist of either active or former members of the FISA Court. Established in 1996, the USATRC is charged with determining whether non-US citizens (aliens) should be deported from the US on grounds they may be a terrorist.

-For more information on the US District Court – Western District, visit <http://www.kywd.uscourts.gov>. For more information on the US Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, visit <http://www.kywd.uscourts.gov>.

Announcements

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-The Paducah Chiefs Baseball Team is off to a great start and Rotarians can be part of the action...for free! The Chiefs will host the Rotary Club of Paducah Saturday night June 17th at Brooks Stadium in Paducah. All Rotary members and their families are invited to attend for free. First pitch is at 6:30, but get there early for the ceremonial "first pitch" to be thrown out by a Rotarian. And, as a group, we'll lead the crowd in "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" (and thanks to the Rotary Music Committee we should know that one quite well!). There will be a sign-up sheet at the back table at next week's club meeting to get a general idea of how many will attend. The club would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of Rotary Night with The Paducah Chiefs: Bikeworld; Paducah Bank; KeeFORCE; Candlewood Inn & Suites; and Fairfield Inn & Suites. (*editor's note: Paducah Catering, which serves our weekly Rotary lunches, offers one of the best tasting hot dogs this ballpark-hopper has ever tasted!).

-President Glen recognized our fellow Rotarian Hutch Smith and Martha Emmons for their 30th anniversary as owners of Bikeworld of Paducah. Hutch and Martha have supported countless Rotary and other community projects over the years, as well as, supported so many "healthy lifestyle" initiatives in the community.

-A charitable donation was awarded to the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana. Accepting the donation for the Girl Scouts was Emily Toy

-Rotarian Ralph Young introduced two guests from the Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon. They displayed one of the fuel oil demo's that will be on display at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta next week. The devices are designed to produce cooking and heating fuel from waste fuel products.

Guests

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Morgan Alvey – guest of Ken Wheeler
Jim Tidwell and Andrew Wood – guests of Mike Resnick
Stephanie Young – guest of Ralph Young
Whitney Riley – guest of Bud Qualk
Stan Eckenberg – guest of Missy Eckenberg
Jessica Graves, Faith Mackin, Alexa McLaughin and Raquel Ziegler – guests of Mike Muscarella
Alanna Miel and Adam Creighton – Rotarian visitors from the Portland Pearl Rotary Club in Portland, Oregon