

## Upcoming Speakers

6/15 - Mike Keith, Tennessee Titans  
6/22 - NO MEETING, PLAYGROUND BUILD  
IN PROGRESS!  
6/29 - President's Day

## 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

**Richard J. Grana**

June 13

**Joe Framptom**

June 14

**Jill T. Chambers**

June 16

**Dee Dee Whittaker**

June 19

**Steve Shrewsbury**

June 20

**Ashley Grooms**

June 24

**Debbie Wattier**

June 25

**Richard R. Veazey**

June 29

**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



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## "More Alike Than Different"

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That is the motto for a new Kentucky Special Olympics program called Project Unify, which will connect students through the public schools in McCracken County to focus on inclusion of those with special needs and their counterparts. Laura Miller, the Western Kentucky Regional Director for Special Olympics, said the program will further extend the goals of the organization outside of the regular sporting competitions. Some 7,400 kids in Kentucky participate in athletics ranging from track and field to equestrian events. There are 16 different sports offered regionally, but on 5 in McCracken County.

"Special Olympics is not just a one day event. It a year round sports training and competitive program," said Miller.

Other Special Olympics programs include Young Athletes for those 2 through 7, which is a jumpstart for original program for those 8 and up. Millers said there is also an Athlete Leadership program focusing on leadership skills, and a Healthy Athletes program, which screens for overall health issues. "This is the largest public health program in the nation," said Miller.

The Special Olympics in our region works with an annual \$2 million budget, which depends largely on fund raising, including the upcoming Big Brown Truck Pull in Paducah in August, and the annual Polar Plunge, which raised about \$100,000 this year Miller said participants and volunteers are needed across the spectrum. "There are 100 active kids in the McCracken County program, but only a hand full of volunteers," she said.

For more information on Special Olympics programs and how to volunteer visit <http://www.soky.org>  
<http://www.soky.org/generalinfo.htm>

## Announcements

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President John is excited about the upcoming Rotary Playground construction the week of June 20th. John said many volunteer slots are filling up, but people are still needed for the final weekend June 25th and 26th. Club members are also asked to loan tools and give cash donations. A comprehensive Tools List has been emailed to members. Those that can provide tools should label them, and bring them to a special tools trailer at the park between 10 am and 2 pm on Saturday, June 18th and Sunday, June 19th between 1 and 3 pm. "At this point, there is nothing that money, tools and volunteers can't fix," he said.

Commemorative pickets on the fence enclosing the playground are also available to donors for \$50. The pickets will be routed with up to 17 characters. An order form and other information is available at <http://www.paducahrotaryplayground.com>

REAP and Community Scholarship Board Chairman, Steve Bright gave an update on scholarship funds. REAP has awarded \$12,000 to educational charities this year, and is prepared to make a \$20,000 donation to the CSP in the next couple of weeks. REAP is also donating \$25,000 to the Paducah Health Park, which contains the Rotary Playground.

## What Does Rotary Mean to You?

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We all have different reasons for being in Rotary and get different outcomes from being here. Some of us enjoy the comradery of weekly lunches, some of us use Rotary to network with other active businesses in our community, some of us volunteer for everything and get great enjoyment out of helping others, and on and on.

In an effort to understand what Rotary means to us and ultimately to help spread around the community all that Rotary means and does for each of us individually, we are going to test a campaign and have Rotarians tell "what Rotary means to me".

Every other week we would like for a Rotarian to stand at lunch and tell what Rotary means to them in hopefully a 2-3 minute "elevator speech". We will start with some of our past presidents to get the momentum rolling and then hopefully have enough volunteers to fill-in from there.

If you are willing to participate, please contact Denise, Mike Muscarella or John to get on the calendar.

## Guests

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Jo Cook – guest of Laura Duff

Abigail Hawkins, Gavin Posey and Palmer Stroup – 2016 Rotary Scholarship Recipients

Melissa and Spencer Hawkins – guests of the Club

Ashley Posey and Brooke Posey – guests of the Club

Terrance Adams – Rotaract President

Dave Gott – visiting Rotarian from the Boise, Idaho Metro Rotary Club

Keith Wood – visiting Rotarian from the Aiken, South Carolina Downtown Rotary Club

Lessie Price – guest of Keith Wood