

Upcoming Speakers

Charlie Martin - "Bringing GE to Paducah"

March 12

Adolph Rupp - by Kentucky Chautauqua

March 19

Dr. David Silverstein

March 26

Sheri Erwin, President, Kentucky Rural Health Association

April 02

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Birthdays

Geraldine B. Montgomery

March 11

Phyllis B. Russell

March 12

Lewis Carr

March 14

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March 18

Betty Higdon

March 19

Kyle P Katterjohn

March 22

Lanny King

March 23

Phil Hook

March 24

BA A. Hamilton

March 27

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March 28

Ann Erickson

March 29

Michael Cochran

March 29

Charles R Manchester

April 02



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"Paducah, Well Run"



Jeff Pederson, Paducah's City Manager, reminded us that life sustaining services tend to occur at the local level. "Local government is the basic building block of democracy. It touches the life of everyone who lives in the United States, whether or not they know it."

Pederson's goal as city manager is to help city government run ethically, effectively, and efficiently. "City managers are leaders of leaders, including elected officials." He/she is the CEO of the city and executes goals set by the elected officials.

Pederson, a member of ICMA, states that city government involved management of a diverse group of services, and the biggest limitation of the job is time constraints.

Paducah has a Council-Manager form of government. The manager oversees day to day business of the government while commissioners are elected to set policy.

The city manager works for the commission as a whole, translates policy and visionary ideas into tangible results, and supervises departments while complying with state and national law. Elected officials represent constituents, establish a vision, set policy, adopt a budget, appoint the manager, and have general oversight of government.

The City of Paducah has managed to maintain a level of services with a decrease in revenue and expenditures since 1980. "In the last six years, Paducah has done away with ten percent of the workforce paid out of the general fund with little impact on services. Paducah has become more efficient, Pederson said, trying to do as much or more with the restrained budget."

Currently, the city is working on a number of issues, including the use of social media, civic engagement, and citizen confidence. Pederson pointed to numerous projects from Downtown Revitalization to Riverfront Development currently ongoing.

Announcements

March 5th, 2014

Sign-up sheets to volunteer for the Rotary Antique Quilt Show April 22nd – 26th will be available throughout the month of March. You may also call the Rotary Office to volunteer.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2014 Paducah Rotary Speech Contest: Zach Story, junior at Paducah Tilghman, first place; Meg Hancock, sophomore at Paducah Tilghman, second place; and Cade Perfili, senior at Paducah Tilghman, third place. We also want to thank those who helped with the event: Tom Grassham, chair; Tammy Potter, Carolyn Roberts, Michael Resnick, Dia Canter, Bob Johnston, Laurie Latham, Shae Nickell, and Debbie DeWeese.

We welcome our two newest members who were inducted on Wednesday, Roxanne Wendling, sponsored by Gary Dyer, and Kelsey Holland, sponsored by Jody Stivers.

Rotary Foundation Status:

Every Rotarian Every Year - 98% of Club

Paul Harris Fellows - 77 members, 44% of Club

Paul Harris Society - 33 members, 19% of Club

Guests

March 5th, 2014

Student Guest: Will Hancock, Paducah Tilghman High School;

Pam Spencer and Gayle Kaler – guests of Jeff Pederson;

Jim Tidwell – guest of Andrew Wood;

Brad Ziegler – guest of Dane Blythe;

Eric Chumbler – guest of Jamie Futrell;

Stan Eckenberg – guest of Missy Eckenberg;

Ken Hunt, Chad Chancellor, and Charlie Martin – guests of Dave Denton.