

## Upcoming Speakers

3/8 - **Mary Hammond**, Paducah CVB  
Executive Director

3/15 - **Gary Sigler**, Vietnam Veteran and 6 Year  
POW Survivor, "Perseverance"

3/22 - **Dr. Spencer Romine**, Surgeon, The  
Orthopedic Institute, "Rotator Cuff Stuff"

3/29 - **Lori Brown**, Executive Director,  
Purchase Area Sexual Assault & Child  
Advocacy Center (PASAC), "Hope, Heal, Grow"

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March 05

Wendy Kester



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## State Parks Working to Upgrade Statewide

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**Speaker: Don Holliman, Kentucky Commissioner of Parks.** Commissioner Holliman, an experienced business owner and manager, is from Cadiz, Kentucky and is a fellow Rotarian (Cadiz Rotary Club). He was introduced by Rotarian Joni Goodman.

**Topic:** Overview of Kentucky State Parks System

### **Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:**

-The Kentucky State Parks system encompasses 49 parks (17 of them resorts), 12 golf courses, 30 campgrounds, 32 pools and beaches, 15 marinas, and 1,600 buildings on 45,000 acres of land.

-The state's park system falls under Kentucky's Tourism Cabinet. Holliman said tourism is the state's third largest industry. The Parks division, he said, generate an annual

economic impact of \$889 million and contribute \$93.1 million to state and local tax coffers. State parks employ 785 full-time staff, adding some 1,500 seasonal staff in summer.

-Holliman cited a 2015 report to the state legislature that state park facilities need over \$240 million in repairs and maintenance. He said for the past several years, the Parks System fell victim to state budget "sweeping" ...the practice of moving budget dollars from one department to another with no promises for future funding.

-13 State Resort parks now serve alcoholic beverages. "Extra income from alcohol sales has significantly helped our (financial) bottom line," Holliman said.

-The Commissioner said additional advertising has helped the parks system. He said expanding the hotels' online reservation system through Expedia has also helped fill rooms. "For every \$1 spent on advertising, \$151 are spent by tourists in return," Holliman said.

-200,000 People visited the state's historic sites last year, Holliman said. That included the Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site in Ballard County which drew 8,000 visitors, and Columbus-Belmont State Park which drew 150,000 visitors.

-Bluff stabilization is a major concern at Columbus Park. Sitting high above the banks of the Mississippi River, the park has fought erosion for years. Holliman said the US Army Corp of Engineers has proposed a \$60 million-dollar stabilization effort.

-Holliman reminded the group of Governor Bevin's 2016 announcement that \$18 million dollars will be spent on state park safety and aesthetic upgrades. Painting, sidewalk and building repair are part of the \$3.8 million to be spent at Kentucky Dam Village, Lake Barkley, Kenlake and Pennyryle Forest.

-The Department is active in promoting Public-Private Partnerships. Holliman said a new legislative proposal will allow financial sponsorships by private business. He said the state would like to add new privately owned hotels on state property.

-For more information on Kentucky State Parks, visit [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov). To learn about

March 08  
**Geraldine B. Montgomery**  
March 11  
**Phyllis B. Russell**  
March 12  
**Lewis Carr**  
March 14  
**Anita Akin Lentz**  
March 18  
**Betty Higdon**  
March 19  
**Kyle P Katterjohn**  
March 22  
**Lanny King**  
March 23  
**Bruce Akin**  
March 26  
**Victoria E. Caldwell**  
March 28  
**Michael Cochran**  
March 29  
**Brandon W Morgan**  
March 31

support opportunities, visit [www.kentuckystateparksfoundation.org](http://www.kentuckystateparksfoundation.org).

## Announcements

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President Glen announced that \$4,887 were raised from the recent Polio Plus Dessert Auction. The total surpassed the 2014 total by \$735. The club thanks Committee Chair Susan Carr and all who participated.

Two charitable grants were presented. Sean Oslin accepted a check on behalf of Heartland Cares. The organization provides medical care and supportive services for people living with HIV and AIDS, and their families. Oslin said they currently have 400 active clients in 46 counties. Janie Criner accepted a check on behalf of Child Watch Counseling and Advocacy Center. 573 Children were served by the center in the past year.

## Guests

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Blake Shuecraft – guest of Brad Clark

Gina Winchester – accompanying speaker Donnie Holland and guest of the Club