

Upcoming Speakers

Adolph Rupp - by Kentucky
Chautauqua

March 19

Dr. David Silverstein

March 26

Sheri Erwin, President, Kentucky Rural
Health Association

April 02

Dr. Boyd Buser, Dean, Univ. of
Pikeville, Ky, Coll of Osteopathy

April 09

Club Leaders

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Birthdays

Lewis Carr

March 14

Anita Akin Ward

March 18

Betty Higdon

March 19

Kyle P Katterjohn

March 22

Lanny King

March 23

Phil Hook

March 24

BA A. Hamilton

March 27

Victoria E Caldwell

March 28

Ann Erickson

March 29

Michael Cochran

March 29

Charles R Manchester

April 02

Joseph D. Crawford

April 05

Marvin G. Devers

April 05

Maurie McGarvey

April 07

William Edward Barker

April 07

Laurie Latham

April 09



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From Gaseous Diffusion to Lasers



Paducah's Gaseous Diffusion Plant is expected to get a new life and a new overhaul if the Nuclear Regulatory Council issues GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy a license to construct and operate a new uranium enrichment plant utilizing a laser process. "The old plant worked itself out of a job and we are preparing for life after that," said Charlie Martin, who oversees the project for the Greater Paducah Economic Development Corporation, along with a 14 member task force comprised of community leaders.

GE Hitachi's technology, which is partly owned by Cameco, the world's largest uranium miner, will take

advantage of the spent uranium tails at the USEC site. Martin said there are hundreds of metric tons of uranium in the tails that can be converted into a reusable form. The laser technology is vastly more energy efficient and advanced than gaseous diffusion.

Martin said GE Hitachi is also interested in pressing the Department of Energy to increase spending on the clean up of the plant site. The DOE authorized \$324 million for clean up in 2014, which was \$174 million more than last year's appropriation. "The challenge is to get the DOE to spend it," said Martin.

If the NRC approves GE Hitachi's request for a license within the next two years, the plant could be a reality in four to five years, he said. It will be parent company GE's largest capital construction in its history with the promise of thousands of construction jobs and the potential for permanent jobs. The continued clean up at the current level of funding could provide most of the 1,157 jobs that were lost. Additional job opportunities will come with the plant's component suppliers who are expected to build on a nearby 655 acre site donated by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Martin had praise for local, state and federal officials who are continuing to move the clean up and the new plant forward. "We have a better relationship with DOE than we ever have. They are going to spend billions here going forward and the community needs to have input on the process," said Martin.

Announcements

March 12th, 2014

The Annual Antique Quilt Show is just around the corner! Please support the Club's largest fundraiser of the year by signing up for a volunteer shift April 22-26. Sign up sheets are available at each week's Rotary meeting.

Megan Thomason gave an update of the Rotoract activities and pledged the group will be also be volunteering for the Quilt Show.

Rotary gained a brand new Paul Harris Fellow this week. Roger Truitt presented the award to Randy Bridges. Roger also awarded Ron Jackson with his PHF plus two pin and Ed Hely with his PHF plus four pin.

Community Donation

Pam Truitt accepted on a donation from the Club on behalf of the Family Services Society. Mary Katz accepted a donation on behalf of the Carson Center Class Acts program.

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 12th, 2014

Student Guests: Allison Reed, St. Mary High School; Will Hancock, Paducah Tilghman High School; Audrey Peyton, Community Christian Academy; and Kennedy Powers, Hyoebin Lee, and Courtney Grewelle, McCracken County High School.

Rotoract Guests: Megan Thomason, Becky Glasby, Catherine DuPerrieu, Andrew DuPerrieu, Whitney Denson, Maegan Mansfield, and Samuel Hawkins.

Jim Tidwell – guest of Andrew Wood;

Stan Eckenberg – guest of Missy Eckenberg;

Heath Pederson – guest of Jeff Pederson;

Zana Renfro – guest of Lorraine Schramke;

Dan Whitley – guest of Dick Veazey;

Ben Peterson – guest of Ken Wheeler;

Ryan Burkhart and Stephanie Calhoun – guests of Becky Straley;

Mardie Herndon – guest of Joe Framptom;

Gayle Kaler – guest of club.

