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Human Trafficking: Kentucky's Perspective

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Speaker: Allyson Taylor, Director, Office of Child Abuse & Human Trafficking Prevention and Prosecution, Office of the Attorney General. Taylor was introduced by Rotarian Jessica Toren.

Topic: Human Trafficking Investigation, Prosecution and Response

Takeaways for Rotarians:

-From the agency's website: "The Office of Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention and Prosecution was developed by Attorney General Andy Beshear in January of 2016. The office's mission is to prevent and protect Kentucky's children from becoming victims of abuse and sexual exploitation and to raise awareness of the

prevalence of human trafficking across the state."

-The agency's Four Part Mission includes: 1) preventing and prosecuting child abuse; 2) protecting senior citizens from abuse and scams; 3) seeking justice for victims of rape; 4) addressing the drug epidemic plaguing Kentucky

-Taylor stressed the difference between "human trafficking" and "human smuggling", the latter as depicted in the movie "Taken". She added that trafficking is typically associated with victims who are threatened into working in the sex industry or scam-type door to door sales.

-Taylor described profiled trafficking victims as typically being US citizens, 12-14 years old, and have usually been reported as a runaway. A large number, she said, have been recruited...and eventually marketed...through the internet. Male victims, she said, are typically trafficked as labor workers. 80% to 90% of victims are also sexually abused, and victims are usually the same ethnicity as the perpetrator.

-Human trafficking, Taylor said, is an estimated \$32 billion illegal industry in the US. In Kentucky, the Catholic Charities of Louisville tracks human trafficking statistics. In the eight years between 2008 and 2016, they identified 364 victims. 161 of them were trafficked teens. 44% of those trafficked were children, 46% were adults. 68% were trafficked for sex, 21% for labor. 26% were foreign nationals, 66% domestic. 81% were female.

-Taylor's agency has enlisted the help of the trucking and hospitality industries to train

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their workers for signs of human trafficking. Also being targeting for training are first responders, educators, healthcare workers, the banking industry and public transportation employees. To request training on how to recognize and report human trafficking, contact Taylor allyson.taylor@ky.gov.

-To report suspected human trafficking, the Kentucky hotline is 1-800-KYCHILD1. The national hotline is 1-888-373-7888.

-For more information on Kentucky's fight against human trafficking, visit <https://ag.ky.gov/about/branches/OCAHTPP/Pages/default.aspx>

Announcements

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-Rotarian Victoria Caldwell presented the club with Rotary Club flags she gathered while visiting clubs in, and near, Stockholm, Sweden. Thank you Victoria for being an ambassador for the Rotary Club of Paducah!

-The 30th Annual Rotary Antique Quilt Show is just over four weeks away! Rotary VP Randy Bridges serves as this year's Chair for the show which runs April 17-21 at the Cherry Civic Center in Paducah. Sign-up sheets for volunteer shifts are now available at each club meeting. Please don't wait until the last minute to get all shifts filled!

-Attendance Committee Chair Jamie Futrell shared that February attendance increased to 48.8%. The perfect attendance prize of a Mellow Mushroom gift certificate went to Rotarian Phyllis Russell.

-Three charitable donations were made. Rotarian Sandra Wilson accepted a donation on behalf of the Leadership Paducah Foundation. Rotarian Bob Johnston accepted a donation on behalf of the Paducah Railroad Museum, and a donation to the River Discovery Center was accepted by Julie Harris.

Guests

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Melinda Winchester – guest of Barry Smith
Leigh Ann Ballegeer – guest of Suzanne Farmer
Cindy Dobrzynski – guest of Jessica Toren
Janet Simerly – guest of Jessica Toren
Emma Straub – guest of Eric Straub
Jason Coltharp – guest of Shay Morgan
Kevin Wilson – guest of Zach Hosman
Ben Crenshaw – guest of David Morse
Abby Smith, Lucas Nare, Megan Koch, Blake Sullivan and Kelly Keitel – guests of Mike Muscarella
Hanna Fischer and Max Overlin – student guests from Paducah Tilghman
Clay Englert – student guest from St. Mary
David Perriello, Brendan Wright and Preston Wright – student guests from McCracken County