

Upcoming Speakers

April 2015

04/01 - Ed Bearrs, Civil War Speaker
04/08 - Jennifer Adrio, CEO, American Red Cross of Kentucky
04/15 - Clay Campbell, Kentucky Opry
04/21 - 27th Annual Rotary Antique Quilt Show

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Birthdays

Bruce Akin

March 26

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March 27

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April 09

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April 13

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April 17

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April 21

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Desiree Owen

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April 22



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Igniting Minds Through Solar Power

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The Lexington Rotary Club has joined forces with Rotarians in India to power up some aggressive initiatives to provide students in rural areas of India and Africa with the means necessary to learn. From providing used books to E-Learning classrooms and providing solar power to others the projects are "brightening lives and igniting minds," said Dr. M.S. Viji, President of the "We Serve" Foundation of Lexington.

Dr. Viji said one project involves creating free public libraries, in addition to online learning to more than 35,000 students in rural India. Rotarians in India receive large shipping containers of donated books and distribute them to the libraries. Although only 20% of rural Indians

have internet access the effort to connect the classrooms is bolstered by an initiative to b up link via satellite, which will cost about \$1 million to like up the entire country where the literacy rate is only 66%.

In addition, Rotarians are assisting with renovating mud schools in Kenya to brick, as well as providing solar power to an island with 14,000 students but very limited electricity. The project also provides families with solar portable lamps so students can read and study in the evenings. Solar lights for fishing boats, bridges and solar water heaters for hospitals are also saving lives.

For more information on the various projects and how you can help visit www.weservefoundation.org

Announcements

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March is Literacy Month in Rotary.


The World Service Committee is asking Rotarians to support the Impact One organization, which is trying to equip schools in Zambia with much needed technology. David Morse announced the Phase One goal is \$4,366 and the Club had collected \$1,963 just before a spirited auction took place of two basketballs signed by all the current University players and Coach John Calipari was conducted, which raised \$1,950 towards the goal. Basil Drossos and Bill Holsapple are the proud new owners of these prized souvenirs of a historic UK season.

Spring has sprung and that means thoughts turn to the Club's Annual Quilt Show. Volunteers are needed to man stations during the multiple day event that constitutes the Club's largest fundraiser. Sign up sheets are now available at every meeting.

Sharon Poat of the Midtown Alliance and Whitney Denson of Paducah Day Care accepted checks from the Club on behalf of their organizations.

Guests

March 25th, 2015



Student Guests: Noah Helton, Reagan Day, and Jordan Rudolph – McCracken County High School; Anne Lasher – Paducah Tilghman High School; and Caroline Curtsinger – St. Mary High School

Sheryl Chino – guest of Mike Muscarella;

Ricky Turner – guest of Shawn Turner;

Lora Crowley – guest of Laurie Latham