

Upcoming Programs

Roger Truitt - Fracking, Its
Economic and Environmental
Impact

April 03

Paul Rhode - Mid-West
Vice-President, Waterways
Council

April 10

John Hodges -
Paducah-McCracken County
Sewer Agency

April 17

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March 29

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March 29

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April 02

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April 05

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April 05

William Edward Barker
April 07

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April 07

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April 09

Elaine Spalding
April 12

Edward Grant
April 13

Georgann Lookofsky
April 16



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A Ten Year Plan on The Fast Track



In 2010, the United Way facilitated a task force to develop ten year plan to reduce poverty in Paducah and McCracken County and today, **United Way Executive Director Ashley Wright** says great progress has been made in six strategic areas.

Community Wellness

Ashley said the long-term goal of establishing a Community Health Center could be a reality by the fall of this year. Quite an achievement since Task

Force members expected the plan to take the full decade. ARcare, which operates such facilities in Arkansas has opened up one in Bardwell under the name KYcare and plans to cooperate with the St. Nicholas Family Clinic to provide primary and preventative health services to those in need in Paducah and McCracken County.

Kids and Education

The goal is to increase the number of high school graduates and encourage the pursuit of higher education among those in poverty. A mentoring program is in place in the schools with 145 mentors participating, but with hopes of having 213 by the end of the year.

Supportive Services

The idea is to bridge the gap between social services and provide assistance efficiently. Charity Tracker is already in place, which is a software program used by service agencies and tracks service users and providers. Independence Bank is providing the Community Service Coalition, which brings providers together quarterly for networking. The United Way, along with Murray State University, used grant funds to create www.volunteerpaducah.org, a database for both volunteers looking for a cause and agencies providing services.

Perceptions of Poverty

As Rotarians heard earlier in the month, training programs are being offered for "Bridges Out of Poverty," recruiting facilitators and trainers for "Getting Ahead," which helps those in poverty become more self-sufficient through a fifteen week program.

Ashley said two other strategic areas were "challenges." An effort to stem substance abuse is being retooled, while a community leader is being sought to spearhead an effort to create more jobs in the community.

Dessert Auction

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The "First Ever Polio Plus Dessert Auction" was a huge success as a "fun raiser" and a "fundraiser." Rotarians and local businesses donated 33 luscious desserts for auction to reach a goal of \$2,000 to support Rotary's effort to eradicate Polio. Many individual calorie counts and **more than \$4,000** were



raised! Many thanks to auctioneer Robert Alexander and his helper Jamie Futrell for helping to make it fun for all, in addition to the hard work of Shawn Turner and Lisa Long who organized the auction.

"We would like to thank everyone who provided a dessert, bid on a dessert or placed money in the buckets on the tables. Special thanks to Robert Alexander and Jamie Futrell for their great job. It's exciting when everyone comes together for one common goal. Know that lives will forever be changed because of your contribution. We appreciate your support." - **Lisa Long & Shawn Turner**

Announcements

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The Club welcomes new **Executive Secretary Debbie DeWeese**. Please introduce yourself and get to know Debbie to make her transition to the Club Family an easy one.

Rotary on the Move - The next event will be April 9th at 5:30 pm at the Yeiser Art Center. We will have the good fortune to visit during the "Fantastic Fibers" exhibit. Be sure to mark your calendar!

Guests

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Guests of Members

Kelm Davidson Burchard - Guest of Rayla Bridges

Jennifer Humphreys - Guest of Cathy Crecelius

T.J. Cofield - Guest of Josh White

Kristin Williams - Guest of John Williams, Sr.

Jonas Neihoff - Guest of Jamie Futrell

Chris Gibson - Guest of Ashley Wright

Andrew Halford - Guest of Julie Hart

Katie Conner and Kristen Jones - Guests of Mike Muscarella

Visiting Rotarian

Joe P. Cole – Clinton, KY



Student Guests - Catherine Miller – PTHS, Annie Segebarth – Commonwealth Middle College, Steve Wooten – Lone Oak, Olivia Romero – St. Mary