

Upcoming Speakers

4/6 - Carrie Nath, Kentucky Center, Governor's School for the Arts
4/13 - Dr. Peter Locken, Radiation Oncologist, and Dr. Thomas Gruber, Neurosurgeon, Paducah, KY
4/20 - NO MEETING, Rotary Antique Quilt Show

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Joint Sewer Agency Operating Effectively, yet Cost Efficiently

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Rotarian John Hodges, Executive Director of the Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency has a difficult job overseeing the hundreds of miles of sewers, planning improvements and keeping up with governmental regulations. The JSA, which was created in 1999 is one of 772 such agencies in the nation, that are governed by a board of directors appointed by the County Judge and the Mayor. Even though, Louisville and Owensboro have similar agencies, Hodges said Paducah is unique in its infrastructure and customer base.

"It is what it is and we are what we are," said Hodges. Fortunately, Paducah does have strong capacity, a stable customer base and ample net capital reserves. However, Hodges said there "100 million plus EPA mandates" that

are unfunded. Hodges said the JSA doesn't make a lot of money, nor does the agency have a tremendous amount of growth. A combination of grant money, low interest rates and local government support make necessary improvements possible. He noted 20% of Paducah's population earns less than \$20,000 a year.

One of the largest recent improvements involved replacing a joint sewer and storm drain near Paducah Middle School, which caused problems during heavy rains. The \$5.2 million project separated the two, which Hodges said was "labor intensive work," that disrupted the lawns of a good many homeowners. "It was intrusive work, but we had full homeowners cooperation," he said. The JSA is working hard to replace the area above ground as it was before.

A good portion of downtown Paducah is still serviced by the joint sewer and storm drains put in place in the 1920's, which will take correction in the future, but in the meantime, "We can afford what we can afford," said Hodges.

Announcements

March 23rd, 2016

Quilt Show - Rotarians are needed for the upcoming Rotary Antique Quilt Show, the largest fundraiser of the year. Please check your calendars and sign up for a shift at the next meeting, or contact Denise.

Lodging Needed - Lodging is still needed for two Australian Rotary couples attending the show for the week of April 18th. If you can house one or both please contact Denise.

Community Donation - Melissa Duncan of the Challenger Learning Center, along with Donna Reeder and Jody Cofer-Randall of Heartland Cares accepted donations from the Club on behalf of their respective organizations.

What Does Rotary Mean to You?

March 30th, 2016

We all have different reasons for being in Rotary and get different outcomes from being here. Some of us enjoy the comradery of weekly lunches, some of us use Rotary to network with other active businesses in our community, some of us volunteer for everything and get great enjoyment out of helping others, and on and on.

In an effort to understand what Rotary means to us and ultimately to help spread around the community all that Rotary means and does for each of us individually, we are going to test a campaign and have Rotarians tell "what Rotary means to me".

Every other week we would like for a Rotarian to stand at lunch and tell what Rotary means to them in hopefully a 2-3 minute "elevator speech". We will start with some of our past presidents to get the momentum rolling and then hopefully have enough volunteers to fill-in from there.

If you are willing to participate, please contact Denise, Mike Muscarella or John to get on the calendar.

Guests

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Dr. John Brazzell and Jerry Pace – guests of Emerson Goodwin;

Lance Allison – guest of Sandra Wilson;

Brittany Ford, Morgan McCully, Rachel Smith, Drew Tierney, and Heath Crist – guests of Mike Muscarella;



Alex Dunbar and Jackson Rudolph – student guests from Paducah Tilghman;

Emily Perry, Mesa Trimm and Gavin Henshaw – student guests from McCracken County;

Emily Meredith – student guest from St. Mary;

Abigail Parker – student guest from Commonwealth Middle College.