

Upcoming Speakers

3/15 - **Gary Sigler**, Vietnam Veteran and 6 Year POW Survivor, "Perseverance"

3/22 - **Dr. Spencer Romine**, Surgeon, The Orthopedic Institute, "Rotator Cuff Stuff"

3/29 - **Lori Brown**, Executive Director, Purchase Area Sexual Assault & Child Advocacy Center (PASAC), "Hope, Heal, Grow"

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UNESCO Cities Coming to Paducah

March 8, 2017

Speaker: Mary Hammond, Executive Director of the Paducah Convention and Visitors Bureau (and fellow Rotarian). Hammond was introduced by Rotarian Joni Goodman.



Topic: Paducah CVB's plans to host the 1st UNESCO Creative Cities Network Meeting held in the USA. The event is scheduled for September 24-27, 2017.

Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Paducah earned the designation of UNESCO Creative City in 2013 in the category of Crafts and Folk Art. The Creative Cities Network is comprised of 116 cities in 54 countries, 20 of them under the category of "Crafts & Folk Art."

-Last October at the annual UNESCO Creative Cities network meeting, Hammond invited the group of "Crafts & Folk Art" cities to convene in Paducah and they accepted. The gathering will be hosted by the City of Paducah, Paducah CVB, Paducah Economic Development, and Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce.

-Hammond said hosting the meeting "creates a unique opportunity to elevate Paducah onto the global stage as an example of a city that is pushing the boundaries of innovation, economic development, quality of life, and tourism." She added, "How Paducah manages this opportunity will be critical to maximize a positive, long-term impact on the community."

-As stakeholders in the event, all agencies involved hope to "increase awareness among the local business community of the importance of the UNESCO designation and the importance of culture and the arts for Paducah's Economic Development." Hammond said it will also give local businesses the opportunity to promote foreign trade opportunities, as well as, educate the community about the UNESCO designation.

-Among the local entities to be showcased for the UNESCO visitors will be the UK School of Engineering and the Paducah School of Art & Design. Organizers also hope to demonstrate Paducah's ability to host large-scale conventions and meetings.

-While here, the group will conduct its own business sessions, tour the area, and attend Barbecue on the River!

-Other information opportunities being discussed for the gathering include discussion of Sustainable Tourism. Breakout sessions will include experts in Sustainable Green meetings and provide guidance to measure the sustainable impact of the meeting.

-Organizers are also facilitating pre-or post-meeting visits to other US cities, such as Louisville, Lexington, Nashville, etc.

-National sponsors that have committed to the event include: the Destination Marketing Association International; Brand USA; Americans for the Arts; Travel & Leisure Magazine; Italian Urban Planner & Economist Maurizio Carta.

-For more information on the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau. visit www.paducah.travel

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April 02

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April 07

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April 07

Laurie Latham

April 09

www.paducah.travel. You will also find links with more information about the UNESCO Creative Cities program.

Announcements

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-Sign-up sheets for work shifts at the 29th annual Rotary Antique Quilt Show will be available at our meetings each week. Show dates are Tuesday, April 25 through Saturday, April 29. This is the Club's largest fundraiser and all proceeds go to REAP to provide educational scholarships. Please check your calendars and commit to a shift. See Rotarian Randy Bridges for more details on working a shift, or becoming a Day Captain.

-Next Wednesday, March 15, will be 'Bring a Guest Day'. Club members are urged to make an extra effort to bring a guest on these dates. Please notify Denise at the Rotary office by Monday for accurate lunch planning.

-Rotary Speech Competition Chairman Tom Grassham presented club awards to the winners of the recent speech contest. First place winner was Michael-Ellen Walden, daughter of Wayne & Kelly Walden. Second place was Addie Rogers, daughter of Mike & Rebecca Rogers, and third place was John Holtgrewe, son of Greg & Veronica Holtgrewe. Congratulations and best of luck to Michael-Ellen as she competes at the District Level!

-Two Charitable Grant checks were awarded. Rotarian Rayla Bridges accepted the donation on behalf of the St. Nicholas Health Care Payment Assistance Program (formerly St. Nicholas Foundation). The agency provides medical assistance to people with jobs who cannot afford health insurance. Amy Taylor Nolan accepted the donation on behalf of the Family Service Society. The organization is one of Paducah's oldest service agencies providing dental, vision, food, medication and clothing assistance to people in need.

Guests

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Sarah Holland and Katie Smith – guests of Clay Howerton
John Kelly and Tracey Holleman – guests of Emerson Goodwin
Laura Oswald, Jill Jones, Nancy Duff, Fowler Black, Chuck Tate, Bennett Chambers – guests of Mary Hammond
Terri Lundberg and Dr. Bill Murphy – guests of Rayla Bridges
Mary Katz – guest of Debbie Wattier
Addie Rogers and Rebecca Rogers – guests of the Club
Michael-Ellen Walden, Kal Walden, Kelly Walden, Wayne Walden – guests of the Club
John Holtgrewe, Veronica Holtgrewe and Greg Holtgrewe – guests of the Club
Claire Kelly and Darby Moffatt – student guests from Paducah Tilghman High
Zach Althouse, Barton Christmas, Alex Bohannon – student guests from McCracken County
Lauren Tashjian – student guest from St Mary High