

## Upcoming Speakers

5/17 - **Ellen Walsh**, Director of the Regional Prevention Center, Four Rivers Behavioral Health

5/24 - **Steven Curtis Chapman**, Singer/Songwriter, Record Producer, Actor, Author, and Social Activist

5/31 - **Betsy Burkeen**, Resource Development Manager, United Way of Paducah-McCracken County

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## Birthdays

**Robert L. Alexander**  
May 16  
**Andrew S Wood**  
May 20  
**Suzanne Farmer**  
May 20  
**Andrew Carlross**  
May 24

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## The Rotary Club of Paducah



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## Fighting Poverty Through Job Training

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**Speaker: Nicole Farley, Executive Director of Hope Unlimited Family Care Center.** Farley was introduced by Rotarian Monique Zuber.

**Topic: Hope Unlimited's "Jobs for Life" Job Training Program**

### Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Hope Unlimited Crisis Pregnancy Center was founded in 1989 to serve primarily women dealing with unplanned pregnancies. The ministry is now called the Hope Unlimited Family Care Center and assists women with pregnancy tests and prenatal medical services. Their services also extend to engaging fathers in the parenting process and educating school-aged young people.

-Hope Unlimited operates two centers, one in Paducah and another in Metropolis. They receive no federal funding and rely on businesses, churches, civic groups and individuals for support.

-As a result of the 2012 "Impact Poverty" project led by the local United Way, Hope Unlimited began helping their clients get Job Readiness Skills. The goal was to not only help clients get a job, but keep their jobs. Farley said the 7.2% local unemployment is higher than national and state rates and points to the need for better job readiness skills for the unemployed.

-Farley says one of the core missions for the Jobs for Life Program is to help participants find dignity and value when preparing for the workforce.

-Some of the barriers for job-seekers, Farley says, are: not knowing the expectations of being an employee; resume writing; lack of references; and lack of interview skills. The program also helps participants with personal barriers such as lack of appropriate work clothes; conflict resolution techniques; and transportation issues.

-Hope Unlimited uses volunteers to work with participants to overcome those barriers. The 12-week training program meets two hours weekly. Graduates receive a \$50 gift card for necessities, and, are allowed to use the program as a referral when applying for jobs.

-Hope Unlimited staff and volunteers track the success of the Jobs for Life participants. The program currently has a 95% success rate of employment.

-50 People are currently enrolled in the Jobs for Life Program

Wally Montgomery

May 24

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June 14

307 people are currently enrolled in the Hope for Life Program.

-The program has become known through word-of-mouth, and referrals from agencies such as the United Way.

-For more information, visit [www.hopeunlimitedfcc.org](http://www.hopeunlimitedfcc.org).

## Announcements

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-President Glen thanked Rotarians who volunteered for the 2nd Grade Summer Reading Backpack Program. Volunteers, under the direction of Project Chair Bill Robertson, packed and distributed backpacks to second graders throughout the city and county. The backpacks are filled with educational activities the students can enjoy throughout their summer break.

-Rotarian Zach Hosman shared details of Rotary Night with the Paducah Chiefs. Paducah Rotarians and their guests will receive free admission to Brooks Stadium for the Chief's June 17th game. Play ball!

## Guests

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Morgan Alvey – guest of Ken Wheeler

Jennifer Woodard – guest of Basil Drossos

Doug Truitt – guest of Roger Truitt

Joseph Reeves – guest of Chuck Hank

Kaki Shadoan and Isaac Humphrey – student guests from Paducah Tilghman

Alexis Cochran and Boston Hicks – student guests from McCracken County

Caden Tillett– student guest from St. Mary

Maddy Brown and Ethan Miller – student guests from Community Christian Academy