

Upcoming Speakers

5/18 - Dale Suttles, CEO, Sunrise Children's Services
5/25 - Ashley Wright, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, WKCTC
6/1 - TBA
6/8 - Steve Bright, Lisa Stephenson & Ashley Wright (Community Scholarship Program)
6/15 - Mike Keith, Tennessee Titans

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May 12

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May 14

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May 15

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May 20

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May 20

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May 21

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May 24

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May 24

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May 28



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Former NFL Player to Coach Paducah Tilghman Football

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Kurt Barber, a Paducah native and Paducah Tilghman graduate has returned home to coach Tilghman football after a celebrated collegiate and professional career in the sport. Barber, who was Kentucky's 1987 "Mr. Football," played for the University of Southern California, the New York Jets, the Denver Broncos and the Chicago Bears as a Linebacker. After leaving the NFL he held successful coaching positions at a number of colleges, including Utah and UNLV.

In speaking of his journey from Paducah he said his motto was to, "Never give up. Never quit." Despite all his successes, they were not guaranteed. Barber said he "bounced around from home to home" during his years at PTHS, but he always went to class because he wanted his education. "Your grades say something about you. If

you get an A, it means you have an excellent opportunity to learn, a B a good opportunity and a C an average opportunity," he said.

Barber said he started out the first day of spring training with 25 players, but today there are 40 in the program despite the rigorous physical training. "It is a work in progress," he said when asked about the Tilghman's football program. "We will teach them to be good citizens, as well," said Barber.

Announcements

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President John gave Chuck Tate a token of appreciation for his years of helping to facilitate the Club's meetings each week at the Carson Center. He has been named the new Manager of the Paducah McCracken County Convention Center. Congratulations, Chuck!

Rotary welcomes two new members this week. Wes Kramer, who was sponsored by Dick Veazey, and Diane Davis sponsored by Suzanne Farmer.



Paducah Rotary Playground
Online at PaducahRotaryPlayground.com





President John reminded everyone about the need for volunteers and donations to the **Rotary F Rotary Playground**, which will be under construction the week of June 20th. Hundreds of volunteers to help complete this addition to Paducah's new Health Park are needed. Personal donations can be made to REAP this week and next week. The financial goal is to raise at least \$40,000 to complete the \$200,000 project. To volunteer for a shift or shifts, please visit <http://www.paducahrotaryplayground.com>

The Playground Steering Committee will meet next Wednesday, May 18th at 4:15 pm prior to the Board of Directors meeting at 5:15 pm at the McCracken County Library.

What Does Rotary Mean to You?

May 11th, 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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Mindy Carroll – guest of Debbie Wattier

Jessica Holte – guest of Terry Reeves

Brian Katz, Richard Abraham, Eric Grogan and Tom Grimm – guests of Clay Howerton

Kaitlyn Hargett, Tiffany Roberts and Nichole Dewitt – guests of Mike Muscarella

Allen Treece – guest of Ken Wheeler

Terrance Adams – Rotaract President

Kelly Stewart – student guest from St. Mary

Hannah Newberry, Allison Germain, Emily Neckel – student guests from McCracken County

Grant Hutcheson – student guest from Paducah Tilghman