

Upcoming Programs

Dr. Barbara Veazey – The
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May 08

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Legislative Update
May 15

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Rotary's New Generations

The Rotary Club of Paducah held a club assembly in which we reviewed the New Generations activities of our club. Rotarians were asked by president Missy Eckenberg to enjoy our good work, submit ideas of how we may further give back to our community through youth programs, and to consider which programs might fit with the way each member would like to provide "service above self".



Elementary schools:

Reading Partners and Literacy Support (PALS) was introduced to our club as part of the Impact Poverty Initiative. Every member who attended the July 1st Rotary meeting completed Reading PALS training and 12 Rotarians chose to become active Reading PALS reading and eating lunch together weekly. Rotarians invited their "pal" to our meeting this week and introduced them to the group. It was noted that this program is important because in the first 3 grades students learn to read and during the rest of their lives they read to learn. Rotarian co-chairs Ashley Wright & Gary Adkisson were thanked along with program coordinator Monique Zuber for making this a possibility. Each participating Rotarian described what a great experience the year had been.

Committee Chair, Deborah Simon was thanked along with her committee members for writing a District Simplified Grant to begin the Summer Backpack Reading Program to help sustain reading levels. Literature has documented that during the summer the literacy level may drop unless the students read daily. All Reading PALS, nearly 100 in four elementary schools including Clark, Farley, McNabb, and Morgan received backpacks containing grade-appropriate workbooks, paper, pencil, and books about Kentucky and the good works of Rotary. The actual backpack was shown to the club with a logo containing the sponsors including Interact (backpack assembly), Rotaract (assembly & donation), and Rotary (matching funding) along with the United Way of Paducah & McCracken County (coordination with schools). Rotarians were reminded that this District matching grant was made available through previous contributions that our club members had made to The Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians Melanie McNeill and Steve Bright co-chaired our 3rd Grade Dictionary Project. Over 800 students including all third graders in Paducah and McCracken County elementary schools benefited from this program. All Rotarians who delivered the dictionaries were thanked for their involvement.

At McNabb elementary Rotarians stepped up to help students understand possible careers through the "I Can Be" Program. Seven Rotarians visited the school on different Tuesday mornings and talked about their job, their education, and how they became successful in their vocation. 475 children in grades K-5 had the opportunity to understand and ask questions about possible future employment. Vocation Committee Co-chairs, Debbie Wattier and Chris Sims along with all participating Rotarians were thanked for their service.

Middle Schools:

Our club hosted nearly 100 students along with their parents and school officials from the Paducah and McCracken County middle and high schools for the 4-H Awards Banquet. Special guest, Congressman Ed Whitfield shook each participant's hand as they received their recognition awards this year. Rotarians Hutch Smith, Tommy Nuckolls, and Kelly Nuckolls were commended for their work to make this a special day for the students.

High Schools:

It was noted that every month our Student Rotarian chair – Anita Ward has Rotarians in place to introduce the top students of the Paducah and McCracken County High Schools and she was commended for her work. The students visit our club each week for a month, enjoy the speakers, get to know members, and are welcomed to join Rotary when they return to Paducah to work. The Student Rotarian Committee members were thanked for their good work.

The work of co-chairs Todd Anderson & Ashley Wright allowed 3 freshman students to participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program at the Wendall Ford Training Center in Greenville, KY. The students previously returned to the club and shared their heartfelt thanks and humorous accounts of the experience. Rotarian Lewis Carr was thanked for driving them to and from the program and James Mayfield from St. Mary participated as a junior counselor. Rotarians who sponsored the students monetarily were also thanked.



The Rotary Speech Contest is co-chaired by Tom Grassham & Carolyn Roberts and they were thanked for providing another great competition this year. We acknowledged the speech coaches from PTHS Martha Emmons and Sid Hancock as being instrumental in encouraging participation in the contest. The Rotarians who help time, judge, and tally the scores were also acknowledged for their service. The winners of the speech contest then showcased their talents. Cade Perfilli, Meg Hancock, and contest winner, Victoria Potter (who will represent our club well at the top level of the contest next week) provided their speeches for the club.



Rotarians Dee Dee Whitaker and Jessica Toren were thanked for their great job in co-coordinating the effort with Paducah Tilghman High School club faculty advisor, Steve Rich to charter the first Interact Club for our Rotary Club. Assistant principal Stacey Overlin was thanked for his administrative support. The committee members were also thanked for working hard to make sure all continues well with the club. The PTHS Interact club current president, Miles Butler discussed the activities of the club this year including helping Rotary with Hurricane Sandy Relief, sending cards to soldiers at Christmas, assembling the Summer Reading Backpacks, and helping with our Antique Quilt Show.

The College



Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs Robyn Shapiro and Jill Chambers were thanked for their part in coordinating the scholarship applicant information with each Paducah and McCracken County High School to allow the students to

apply for \$1,000 educational scholarships to attend the college of their choice. As part of the application process students were asked to write about "What is Rotary and What Does it Mean to You?" Each student told members their planned major and where they will be attending college before they read their essay. Those present today were Erin McIntyre from Lone Oak, Brittany Sullivan from Reidland, Lydia McManus from St. Mary High School, Brooke Davis from the Commonwealth Middle College, and Marissa Davis from Paducah Tilghman.

The funds for these high school college scholarships and the Community Scholarship Program (CSP), which next year will begin allowing students to attend West Kentucky Community and Technical College free for two years, come from our Rotary Education Assistance Program (REAP) Fund. REAP Chair Steve Bright was thanked for leading the committee to support college scholarships and a variety of youth charities including: Challenger Learning Center, Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club, Carson Center -Class Acts Education Series, Paducah Symphony Orchestra, National Quilt Museum, Market House Theatre, Boy Scouts, Yeiser Arts Center, River Heritage, Paducah Day Nursery, Easter Seals West Kentucky, United Way Paducah-McCracken County, and Heartland Cares. Steve will provide a report regarding REAP our May 8th meeting.

It was noted that the money for REAP is raised during our annual Rotary Antique Quilt Show. Last week was our 25th show and chair Jamie Futrell and the Quilt Show Committee were recognized for their great work. Every Rotarian, Rotaract, or Interact member who helped with the quilt show was also acknowledged for their teamwork that provides the funds that makes possible these college scholarships and contributions that support youth activities.

College to Young Professionals:

The New Generation program that encompasses this age group is our Rotaract Club. They represent the Rotary Club of Paducah well in the community and Rotarian co-chairs Jim Dudley and Andrew Long were thanked for being the liaisons from our club. President, Laura Schaumburg reviewed Rotaract's amazing year of service including the People's Choice Awards at BBQ on the River, preparing Christmas packages for the river vessel families, hosting a District Rotaract Retreat at Kentucky Dam State Park, and providing the workforce for many non-profit community events. She was thanked for her dedication and leadership as president.

Finally, President Missy encouraged the members to be proud of the fruits of their labor and congratulated the members for their commitment to the welfare of the youth in our community through our New Generation programs. She then challenged members to consider ways to enhance the existing programs or to implement other activities that will further help youth grow and succeed. Ideas may be sent to the Rotary office office@paducahrotary.org, or to an officer or Board member.

Thank you for your great work with New Generations this year!

Announcements

May 1st, 2013

Rotary on the Move is sponsored by the Carson Center this month. Rotarians and a guest are invited to attend the Carson Center Season Preview Reception on the 3rd Tuesday of May the 21st at 5:30pm here in the Myre River Room. Each Rotarian may invite one guest and reservations are by May 14th by contacting Debbie Wattier at 443-9932 or emailing dwattier@thecarsoncenter.org.

Community Donations

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President Missy presented checks to Terrye Peeler of Paducah Lifeline Ministries and thanked her for the good work that they provide to the community. She also presented a charity check to Stacy Thomas of the Leadership Paducah Foundation to assist with scholarships for the program that has helped so many business leaders understand their community and its needs more fully.

Guests

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Guest of Rotarians

Carla Swinford – Dee Dee Whittaker
Gary Dyer – Zach Hosman
Tammy Potter, Sue Foster – Robyn Shapiro
Sid Hancock, Justin Hancock – Ed Hely

Monique Zuber – Missy Eckenberg
Leslie Weitlauf, Rachel Wright – Mike Muscarella
Dawn Choate- Jamie Futrell

Guests of the Club

Stacy Thomas, Kelly Scruggs, Terrye Peeler – Charity Donations



Student Guests

Joey Mayo – St. Mary
Katie Hinchey – Reidland
Elizabeth Jarrell – Heath
Susannah Wilson – PTHS
Erica Rust – Lone Oak

Scholarship Recipients

Reidland – Brittany Sullivan
Commonwealth Middle College – Brooke Davis
St. Mary – Lydia McManus
Lone Oak – Erin McIntyre
PTHS – Marissa Davis

Speech Contest Winners

Victoria Potter – PTHS 1st place
Meg Hancock – PTHS – 2nd place
Cade Perfil – PTHS – 3rd place

PTHS Interact

Miles Butler – President
Stacey Overlin – Assistant Principal

Rotaract

Laura Schaumburg – President

Reading Pals - McNabb Elementary

Quermarion Smith – Allan Rhodes
DJ Bass – Gary Adkisson
Justice Campbell – Joni Hogancamp
LaDiamond Tankersley – Missy Eckenberg
Brittany Nelson – Ashley Wright
Judah Snow – Monique Zuber
Adajiah Jones – Elaine Spalding