

Upcoming Speakers

May 2015

05/20 - Sandra Wilson, Chamber of Commerce

05/27 - Whitney Morreau, Impact One

Club Leaders

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Birthdays

Tom Grassham

May 14

Mardie R. Herndon

May 15

Guthrie H. Allen III

May 20

Andrew S Wood

May 20

Suzanne Farmer

May 20

Robert L. Alexander

May 21

Andrew Carlross

May 24

Wally Montgomery

May 24

Jim Dudley

May 28



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The Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions

May 13th, 2015



Jim Waters, President of the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions, a Libertarian Think Tank, gave Rotarians his broad overview of an approach to public policy, which he called the "Pillars of Freedom."

These pillars uphold the view that not all people will ever be equal in an economic sense. Some will be rewarded for their genius or hard work and others will not. Waters' other pillars include the sanctity of private property rights, tax reform and the basic fact there is no "money tree" growing in Frankfort of Washington, D.C. "People should spend other people's money as if it is their own," he said. "Legislators give tax credits for some and not to others," which he feels is unfair. He also warned against "politicians bearing large, phony checks" for local projects.

He criticized the Federal Stimulus program instituted after the recent Recession and claimed the funds spent on "shovel ready projects" creating jobs would have been better spent by issuing checks for \$20,000 to each American to be spent as they wished.

Waters said he is not "anti-government, but we need eternal vigilance over it," He maintains the view government needs to return to the principles of the Founding Fathers.

The Bluegrass Institute is headquartered in Bowling Green and also opposes the Right to Work Law, increases in the Minimum Wage, and Common Core Standards in education. It is a member of the State Policy Network, headquartered in Arlington, VA with partners in all 50 states.

Announcements

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Rotarians are strongly encouraged to attend the upcoming Rotary District 6710 Conference to be held in Paducah May 15-17th. Volunteers are needed to issue commemorative Rotary wooden nickels prior to the fireworks show on Friday evening at 8:15. Volunteers are also need at the registration desk during the day Friday.

Rotary will also wind up the latest Shoes for Orphan Souls campaign, which will coincide with the District Conference. The results will be announced at the conference.

Rotary welcomes a new member: Teresa Grubbs, Director of Public Relations for Marcum Engineering, was sponsored by Ron Bacon.

John Williams, Jr. announced the Club had an outstanding 65% attendance in April. David Perry was the winner of the Attendance Drawing and will enjoy two passes to the River Discovery Center.

Missy Eckenberg thanked everyone for the involvement in the recently completed Summer Reading Backpack Program, which gave 810 Second Graders a backpack of



items to keep them reading and learning over the summer vacation.

Daniel Roe accepted a donation from the Club to support the Boy Scouts of America.

Guests

May 13th, 2015

Guests for 5/13 will be listed in next week's newsletter: