

## Upcoming Speakers

5/23 - **Gayle Story**, District 6710 RYLA Co-Chair

5/30 - **Coach Billy Chumbler and Coach Joe Hosman**, Hall of Fame High School Basketball Coaches

6/6 - **Dr. Michael Ramage**, MSU Center for Telecommunications Systems Management

6/13 - **Dr. Robert Davies**, President Murray State University

6/20 - **Monica Bilak**, Sprocket Innovation Hub

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President-Elect



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## The Rotary Club of Paducah



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## Mid-year City Update: Mayor Brandi Harless

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**Speaker: Paducah Mayor Brandi Harless.** Harless was introduced by Rotarian Cathy Crecelius

### Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Mayor Harless shared the City of Paducah's current priorities and projects. The five most active projects, she said, are: selecting a new City manager; the city's new Downtown Development Specialist; budget preparation; Strategic Plan Updates; and other "opportunities."

-The search for a new City Manager resulted in 32 candidates from 17 states. A meet-and-greet for the four finalists will be held May 21 at 5:15pm at the Convention Center.

-The Mayor announced that Katie Axt of New York has been hired as the new Downtown Development Specialist.

-Regarding the city's budget, Harless said city leaders are currently reviewing the impact of the Pension Program's cost to the city. She also announced that various projects will be reviewed by "Deep Dive Committees" comprised of various city employees involved in the projects.

-The City's Strategic Planning process continues with involvement from both city leaders, employees, and the public. The Mayor said the Strategic Plan preparation involved five community reports, City Commissioner feedback, department input, 35 community group meetings, and staff action planning. She said the result will be a document that defines "who does what" in city government, and will be followed by a Plan of Work to achieve the Strategic Plan objectives.

-Current Opportunities for city growth and improvement were discussed. Harless explained a Kentucky Department of Transportation Grant opportunity currently being pursued. The City is also looking to form a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District for city development. She also mentioned that improvements at Barkley Regional Airport, the Convention Center, and investments in the city's recreational opportunities are all being pursued.

-For more information about the City of Paducah's projects and services, visit <http://www.paducah>

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### Birthdays

Andrew Carliss  
May 24  
Wally Montgomery  
May 24  
Guthrie H. Allen III  
May 27  
Richard J. Grana  
June 13  
Joe Framptom  
June 14  
Jill T. Chambers  
June 16  
Dee Dee Whittaker  
June 19  
Steve Shrewsberry  
June 20

<http://www.paducahky.gov>.

## Announcements

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**New Members** - The Rotary Club of Paducah welcomed two new members this week! Shawn Washer, an engineer with HDR Engineering in Paducah, was sponsored by Rotarian Bill Robertson. David Massey also joins the club this week. David was introduced by Rotarian Debbie Wattier, on behalf of his sponsor Phyllis Russell. Welcome Rotarians Shawn and David!

**Donations Needed** - President Melanie announced that the club is still seeking \$1,000 to complete the Kentucky Historical Marker project. The Marker will recognize our club as a 100+ year civic organization in Paducah. Plans are to place the marker in front of the Carson Center. To donate, contact President Melanie.

**Backpack Program** - President Melanie also thanked Summer Backpack Reading Project Chair Bill Robertson. Rotarian Bill led several club volunteers in packing and distributing some 800 backpacks to second graders through Paducah and McCracken County.

**District Conference** - District Governor Missy Eckenberg reminded the club of Rotary's annual District Conference to be held in Paducah June 1 and 2. To register or see the schedule of events, visit the district website at <http://www.rotarydistrict6710.org>

## Guests

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### **Member Guests**

Chloe Deweese - Tonya Goodale  
Josh Newsome - Laurie Latham  
Sarah Holland - Clay Howerton  
Craig Clymer - Eddie Jones  
Bob Turok - Dan Key  
Kirby Black - Jason Coltharp  
Jeremy Blackfield - Brad Clark

### **Student Guests**

Emma Johnson, Emery Wainscott - Paducah Tilghman  
Allie Housman, Skyler Mayes, Carlissa Frederich - McCracken County