

Upcoming Speakers

5/25 - Ashley Wright & Lisa Stephenson,
WKCTC/Community Scholarship Program
6/1 - MSU Athletic Department
6/8 - Laura Miller, West KY Special Olympics
6/15 - Mike Keith, Tennessee Titans

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A New Life Dawns for Children in Crisis through Sunrise Children's Services

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Sunrise Children's Services has been offering the abused and neglected children of Kentucky a new life since 1869, and today more than 1,000 kids are being helped through residential facilities, and over nearly 9,000 more with other services. **Dale Suttles, President** of Sunrise, said while success stories abound, "We would love to put ourselves out of business, but that is not going to happen any time soon. It is going to take all of us to put these children on a new life path."

Often children are referred to Sunrise by the Cabinet for Health and Human Services and are placed in one of the six residential centers across the state for therapeutic and medical treatment

before being placed in Foster Homes. But that is not where Sunrise's involvement ends. A program called Venture On, which was initiated in Paducah last year provides services for the children after Foster Care.

Suttles said the Venture On program in Paducah and other locations involves local mentors and a team of professionals to put the young adults on a life path for success. The group has 14 apartments in Paducah for these youth who are completing their education or skilled trade, and working. Suttles said Sunrise is actively seeking mentors, along with linens, towels, household items and toiletries to outfit the apartments. "We can move the needle and make these kids successful," he said.

For more information on the variety of services offered by Sunrise statewide, or more on how you can volunteer to help or donate in some way, please visit <https://www.sunrise.org>

Announcements

May 18th, 2016

Rotary welcomes two new members this week. Lance Alison sponsored by Sandra Wilson and Brad Clark sponsored by Dee Dee Whittaker. Please get to know our new Rotarians!



President John said the Club is about halfway to its \$40,000 goal to complete the Rotary Playground. Donations can be made at the weekly meetings or by sending in a check made out to REAP to the Rotary Office. Volunteers are still needed for playground's construction the week of June 20th. Please visit this website to schedule a shift [http://www.paducahrotaryplayground.com](http://www.paducahttp://www.paducahrotaryplayground.com)

Community Donation - Dia Canter accepted a donation from the Club on behalf of Habitat for Humanity.

What Does Rotary Mean to You?

May 18th, 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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Davina Merritt, Phil Justice, Mary Katz and Heather Baer – guests of Clay Howerton

Gina Leeper – guest of Daniel Sene

Thai Daniels and Grant Hutcheson – student guests from Paducah Tilghman High

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