

Upcoming Speakers

May 2015

05/27 - Whitney Morreau, Impact One

June 2015

06/03 - Chad Lampey and Dr. Bommanna Loganatha

06/10 - Dr. Barbara Veazey and Lisa Stephenson - CSP

06/17 - Gary Zheng, Paducah Power

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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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June 13

Joe Framptom

June 14

Jill T. Chambers

June 16

Dee Dee Whittaker

June 19

Steve Shrewsberry

June 20



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Building Up Our Community

May 20th, 2015



Sandra Wilson, one of our own Rotarians, President and CEO of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce, and a Paducah City Commissioner is laser focused on her continued goal building our own community and the entire region through the Chamber. Although, she has had her challenges while in office she looks to her mother's advice of, "Put your lipstick on, roll your shoulders back and act like you know what your are doing."

That quote, #9 on her list of Top Ten was used in her recent commencement address to the graduates of West Kentucky Community and Technical College. Wilson is concerned about the "Lost Generation," of those who moved away from home and never came back. "We cannot afford for

that to happen. We need to build a better community where they want to live with good jobs and amenities," she said.

In her tenure as Chamber CEO and City Commissioner she has had to tackle a number of critical issues, including the closure and ongoing clean up of the Department of Energy Plant. One of the Chamber's greatest strengths is they take Public Advocacy very seriously on both the state and national level. The Chamber is one of only a very few which employs a full time lobbyist in Frankfort, as well as flyins to Washington, D.C. yearly to meet with Kentucky's delegation and Department of Energy officials. The last fly by community leaders resulted in a visit by high ranking DOE officials to Paducah two weeks ago, plus an invitation to install a permanent exhibit of Paducah at DEO headquarters in D.C.

The Chamber is also focused on the other lifeblood of the local economy, which small businesses. Wilson said those account for nearly 80% of the Chamber's membership, which create jobs and sell goods to the region, including Ft. Campbell. As a result, the Chamber is hiring a dedicated staff person to small businesses to work with the Small Business Administration and Murray State University.

The Chamber has many events coming up this year, including a new Leadership Paducah Class, Small Business Trade Show, and of course their upcoming monthly Power in Partnership Breakfast, featuring a nuclear energy expert from Flour. For more information visit <http://www.paducahchamber.org>

Announcements

May 20th, 2015

Rotarians were “thrilled and amazed,” and last weekend’s District Conference turnout and fireworks show, said Cathy Crecelius. The Club gives many thanks to a great number of Rotarians and their firms or corporations that made it all possible. A special thanks to the Paducah Park Service, James Marine and Pine Bluff Materials for assisting in making the fireworks a reality.

A standing ovation was given to Debbie DeWeese as she relinquished the torch as the Club’s Executive Secretary. Debbie has done an outstanding job in her tenure and we will miss her dearly.

We all warmly welcome her replacement, Denise Chapman, who begins this week. Denise has been a successful businesswoman and will no doubt be a great asset to the Club.

Jennifer Wilcox accepted a check from the Club on behalf of the Girl Scouts of America..

Guests

May 20th, 2015

Guests on May 13, 2015

Student Guests: Patrick Wadlington and Callie Shadrick – McCracken County High School; Katie Clark – St. Mary High School; and Aaron Armstrong – Paducah Tilghman High School.

Mark Mitchell – guest of David Morse;

Mickey Brown, Blaine Brown, and Stephanie Swanson – guests of Jessica Toren;

Bill Brown – guest of Roy Lowdenback.

Guests on May 20, 2015



Patrick Wadlington and Callie Shadrock – McCracken County High School; and Aaron Armstrong – Paducah Tilghman High School;

Bryan Carner, Fran Johnson, and Chris Wooldridge – guests of Sandra Wilson;

Cindy Ragland – guest of Lorraine Schramke;

Betty Schuppert – guest of Ken Schuppert;