

Upcoming Programs

Susan Guess – The Issue of Bullying
May 29
Kevin Kern - Life with a Prince
June 05
Ashley Wright - Volunteer Paducah
June 12
Amy Goebel - Occupational Therapist
June 19
President's Day
June 26

Birthdays

Wally Montgomery
May 24
Andrew Carlross
May 24
Jim Dudley
May 28
J. Patrick Kerr
June 10
Richard J. Grana
June 13
Joe Framptom
June 14
Lynn King
June 15
Jill T. Chambers
June 16



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Paducah Economic Development: Delivers Results. Fast.



Chad Chancellor, President and CEO of Paducah's economic development said the agency's new motto is more than hype. It is an accurate description of how they are achieving results through wide-reaching programs. The group has produced 850 new jobs and \$96 million in corporate investments. New employers to the area, such as Macco, a Montreal drug-maker and Shoreline Steel, a fabricator, created many of those new jobs. Others were created through expansions by existing employers, such H.B. Fuller and Dippin' Dots.

Chancellor said the board has a goal of making 100 face-to-face cold calls a year with prospective employers. This past year those cold calls had a 20% return on investment with the most recent being

the recruitment of Whitehall, a wholesale automotive supplier. But the biggest leads for the heavy manufacturing type industries come from Kentucky's Economic Development Cabinet. In fact, the area has gotten at least 10 successful leads in the past year from Frankfort. Another 7 were netted by the cold calling strategy.

Chancellor and his board are also heavily involved in efforts to either continue operations at Paducah's DOE plant or find a reuse for the facility, as well as securing continued site clean up funds. He said 3 entities are, in fact interested in reusing the plant. "The spent tails are an asset. We want to keep those here to be processed," he said.

How can citizens help to bring jobs to Paducah? Chancellor said donations to fund the \$1,000 cold calls are very much appreciated. He also urges everyone to be positive on the community and let others know it. He praised Rotary for initiating the Community Scholarship Program because he said it is one of their most effective recruiting tools. Chancellor said a prospect that previously had no interest in Paducah as a site booked a trip here when he learned about the scholarship program.

He credited local officials for working together to bring the new Murray State University Paducah campus to fruition, which will soon boast an enrollment of 2,000 students in 2014. Between WKCTC, The UK Engineering School and the new campus, Paducah can be perceived as a true "university town," which also aids recruitment efforts.

Announcements

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Regional Rotary Oklahoma Tornado Relief Effort - A big thank you to club members for their generous donations to assist the Red Cross help those devastated by the tornado in Oklahoma. Also a special thank you to Lewis Carr for spearheading our participation in a regional Rotary effort including clubs in Murray, Mayfield, & Fulton. Members Laura





Duff, Allan Rhodes, & Missy Eckenberg collected cases of water that were sent to

Murray for delivery by bus to Oklahoma. The club & community donations allowed our club to provide over \$2200 to those in need.



Jessica Toren, Rotarian and Executive Director of the local Red Cross gave the Club an update on their relief efforts on the scene.

International Water Project - Rotarian Ralph Young was wished well as he travels to Mexico to bring clean water to 2,000 people the last week of May.

Erica Rust, a very recent graduate of Lone Oak High School thrilled attendees with a masterful rendition of the National Anthem. Rust will be attending the University of Louisville in the fall and will major in Music.

Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) - Roger Truitt, co-chair of the Foundation Committee presented PHF certificate & pins to Chris Sims & Robert Alexander for their generous contribution of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation to help those suffering in the world.

Rotary On The Move - Thank you to the Carson Center for hosting Rotary on the Move on May 21st - we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

New Rotarian

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Rotary welcomed a new member this week. **Jennifer Humphries**, sponsored by Cathy Crecelius, is moving her Rotary membership from Jeffersonville, Indiana to Paducah. Jennifer is the new Fund Development Manager for the Kentuckiana Girl Scouts.

New Rotarian Proposed

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Gloria Meriwether has been proposed as a new member. Please send any objections to the Rotary office.

Community Donations

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President Missy presented checks on behalf of the Club to Bill Baxter of the **Tilghman Heritage Center** and Lennis Thompson of the **St. Nicholas Clinic**.



Guests

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Janel Tate – club guest
 Hannah Hosman – guest of Zach hosman
 Bill Baxter – representing Tilghman Heritage Museum
 Jennifer Humphreys – inducted today
 Jonas Neihoff – guest of Jamie Futrell
 Chad Chancellor – speaker



Gloria Meriwether – guest of Dr. Robert Meriwether
Lennis Thompson – representing St. Nicholas Clinic
Lee and Eric Rust – guests of Andy Carlross
Alex Metzger – guest of Chris McNeill
John Lewter – guest of Frank Bennett
Ryan Polczynski- guest of Lanny King

Student Guest
Erica Rust

Visiting Rotarians
Jim and Sandra Cargill