

Upcoming Speakers

June 2014

06/04 - Mary Hammond
06/11 - Mitch Barnhart, UK Athletic Director
06/18 - Kentucky Historical Society
06/25 - President's Day

Club Leaders

Chris McNeill

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Debbie DeWeese

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Birthdays

Jim Dudley

May 28

Richard J. Grana

June 13

Joe Framptom

June 14

Jill T. Chambers

June 16

Dee Dee Whittaker

June 19

Steve Shrewsberry

June 20

Ashley Grooms

June 24

Debbie Wattier

June 25



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Rotary Pledges Another \$100,000 to the Community Scholarship Program



As the first graduating high school seniors enrolled in the Community Scholarship Program prepare for the first semester at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in the fall, the Paducah Rotary Club stepped up to the plate with \$20,000 annual payments over five years. Rotary, along with local government, Paducah Junior College, and corporate donors founded the CSP to give all Paducah and McCracken County students a chance to attend WKCTC free for two years. The students must maintain a 2.5 GPA; have a 95% attendance rate and no disciplinary issues during high

school to qualify for the \$5,000 a year benefit. CSP will pay the balance of tuition not paid by federal, state, and other scholarship grants for which a student is eligible.

Dr. Barbara Veazey, President of WKCTC, said the program is a "hand-held pathway to college." The college works with each high school student by offering a support system and mentoring. This year's graduating seniors were required to take GEN 100 to prepare them for entering college. The course included developing a career path, scholarship events, financial aid information, early registration and a Summer Bridge Program to help students reduce the number of developmental hours that might be required in college.

The main goal is to increase the number of high school graduates, and keep them focused on attending college. "The program is making a difference," Veazey said. In the fall of 2010 29.5% of all high school graduates in McCracken County did not go on to college. In the fall of 2012 that number was down to 25.1%. Veazey said the goal is to cut that number by 20%. About 81% of the class of 2017 is enrolled in the CSP for a total of 661 students. Last year's freshman class at Paducah Tilghman has only four students not enrolled.

Even if a student failed to enroll, or has had difficulties meeting the scholarship requirements there is an appeals process that may allow those students to be accepted into the program. Veazey said, "We stepped out. There is no turning back."

Announcements

May 28th, 2014

The June 4th meeting will be held at Igert Hall of Broadway United Methodist Church.

Jessica Toren reported on the activities of the Interact Club at Paducah Tilghman over the school year. The group participated in a number of charitable programs, including the Rotary Antique Quilt Show, which funds the Club's commitment to the CSP. Anyone who is interested with the Interact Committee should contact Jessica.

Community Donation

The Club made donations to three local non-profit organizations. Melissa Duncan accepted on behalf of the Challenger Learning Center, Sharon Poat accepted on behalf of the Midtown Alliance and Angie Wilkey accepted for Habitat for Humanity.

Rotary Foundation Status:

Every Rotarian Every Year - 98% of Club

Paul Harris Fellows - 77 members, 44% of Club

Paul Harris Society - 33 members, 19% of Club

Guests

May 28th, 2014

Susan Graves – guest of Ken Wheeler;

Debra Edmonds – guest of Barbara Veazey;

Barbara Maxey, Melissa Duncan, Angie Wilke, and Sharon Poat – guests of Club.