

Upcoming Programs

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

J. Patrick Kerr
June 10
Richard J. Grana
June 13
Joe Framptom
June 14
Lynn King
June 15
Jill T. Chambers
June 16
Dee Dee Whittaker
June 19
Steve Shrewsbury
June 20



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Striking a Blow Against Bullies



Susan Guess received a standing ovation from her fellow Rotarians at the conclusion of her moving and impassioned plea to help change attitudes and behaviors toward bullying. Her voice cracked as she recounted the suicide of her brother who was victim of bullying and her own daughter at the age of eight. She and her daughter, Morgan, decided to strike back first by telling her story in a You Tube video, which attracted media attention and led Susan and Morgan to solicit donations to create the Guess Anti Bullying Fund at the West Kentucky Community Foundation.

Morgan suffered from her classmate's bullying to the extent it resulted in stomach spasms and panic attacks. Her pediatrician diagnosed her as clinically depressed and even recommended

removing her from school, but Susan and she decided to take action by raising awareness of the problem, which can be found in nearly every school and playground. Even in the workforce because bullies tend to grow up to be just bigger bullies. Susan said childhood bullies are more likely to be incarcerated by the age of 24 and go on to have serious criminal backgrounds.

"We have to be willing to stand up and do something about it," said Susan. That goes for the kids, as well. She shared a video of a bullying incident out of state that left a young boy unconscious, yet no one fellow student stepped up to challenge the bully. "We need to be passionate, but positive in the approach," she said. Susan enlisted help in bringing the independent film, "Bully" to Maiden Alley Cinema, along with the film's director, Lee Hirsch. The Guess Anti Bullying Fund now purchases a kit containing the film and other materials for area schools.

Paducah Mayor Gayle Kaler has announced an Anti Bullying Task Force will meet June 1th and Susan hopes that kind of movement will become statewide. "Kentucky can be a real national leader on this. We need to give these kids the tools to help others," she said. Amongst the stories of despair about bullied children is an inspirational one where classmates did indeed fight back against a bully in California using social media to lift up their bullied schoolmate. As a result, the bully was defeated and the victim was empowered.

Susan said another such inspirational story would be told by Tori Murden McClure, author of "Pearl in a Storm," who will speak at the Paducah Chamber Breakfast on October 1th, as well as meet with local students.

Announcements

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Rotary Riddle - Where is the International Convention being held this year? Answer - Lisbon, Portugal.

Regional Rotary Oklahoma Tornado Relief Effort - The Regional Rotary Oklahoma Tornado Relief Effort was a great success in conjunction with other area Rotary Clubs. The Paducah Club raised \$2,200 in cash which was given to the American Red Cross and collected donated cases of bottled water for the regional relief effort. President Missy thanked Lewis Carr for heading up the drive and Rotarians Laura Duff and Allan Rhodes for working to collect water and donations from the community.

Quilt Show - Jamie Futrell gave the final tally on this year's Rotary Antique Quilt Show, a whopping \$34,000, which surpassed last year's total by \$600. Jamie personally singled out numerous Rotarians who exemplified service above self this year, including the Quilt Show Committee, volunteers and sponsors. Debbie DeWeese and Phyllis Russell both worked to make sure all ran smoothly.

Rotaract - Laura Schaumburg, the outgoing president of Rotaract invited all to attend their year-end transition festivities at Glisson Tasting Vineyard on June 17th at 5:30 pm.

Golf Tournament - President Missy announced all Paducah golfers are invited to participate in the Murray Club's Annual Golf Tournament on June 28th. Contact Debbie at the office for more information.

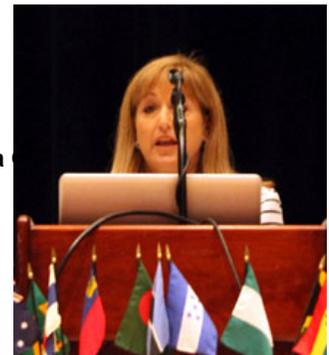
Rotary on the Move - The next Rotary on the Move will be held at the Purchase Area Sexual Abuse Center on June 11th at 5:30 pm.

Community Donations

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President Missy presented a check on behalf of the Club to our newest Rotarian Jennifer Humphries and Janel Tate of the **Kentuckiana Girl Scouts** and to Julie Harris of the **River Discovery Center**.



Guests

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Guests of Rotarians

Sara Williamson – daughter of Joni Hogancamp

Laura Schaumburg – Rotaract –

Melissa Shupe – guest of Lorraine Schramke

Hannah Elpers, Kayci Neuhaus, and Cody Burnett – guests of Mike Muscarella

Julie Harris – River Discovery Center

Janel Tate – Girl Scouts

Darlene Mazzone – guest of Maurie McGarvey

Student Guest

Erica Rust - Lone Oak

