

Upcoming Speakers

May 2014

05/14 - Arch Gleason, Kentucky Lottery Commission

05/21 - Bob Stewart, Secretary of Tourism, Arts, and Heritage

05/28 - Barbara Veazey

June 2014

06/04 - Mary Hammond

Club Leaders

Chris McNeill

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Birthdays

Tony A. Hamilton

May 12

Tom Grassham

May 14

Andrew S Wood

May 20

Suzanne Farmer

May 20

Guthrie H. Allen III

May 20

Robert L. Alexander

May 21

Andrew Carlross

May 24

Wally Montgomery

May 24

Roxanne L Wendling

May 26

Jim Dudley

May 28



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The Rotary Club of Paducah

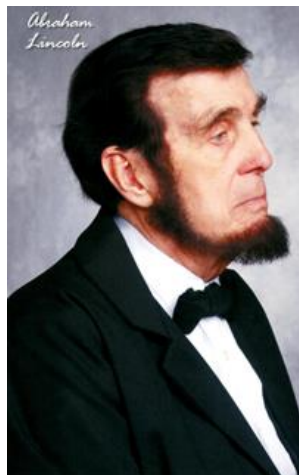
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Kentucky Chautauqua's Abraham Lincoln



President Abraham Lincoln was unpopular in Kentucky during the Civil War, but when he said, "I, too, am a Kentuckian," no one could dispute it. Lincoln's paternal grandfather migrated west from Virginia when Kentucky was still a place of dangerous frontier and was killed in Indians in Jefferson County in 1786. Abe's father, Thomas, and his mother, Nancy Hanks settled in Hodgenville in 1809 where he was born. His earliest memories were of a farm on Knob Creek, where he briefly went to school, even though he was largest self-taught.

A first person recollection, sprinkled liberally some of Lincoln's own quips, covered the early years through the Gettysburg Address. Jim Sayre, a Kentucky Chautauqua performer, entertained Rotarians with his Lincolnesque beard and stove pipe hat by recounting how he became a lawyer and met the beautiful Mary Todd, who would come to be his wife and mother of their four children. He told of his political campaigns, the beginning of

the Civil War, and how he came to write his most famous speech at Gettysburg.

Though he never came close to winning Kentucky in a presidential election, and was reviled by some of the state's most outspoken residents, Lincoln always regarded Kentucky with affection. He never lost sight of its strategic importance in the Civil War. "I think to lose Kentucky, " he said, "is the same as to lose the whole game. Kentucky gone we cannot hold Missouri, nor I think Maryland."

The Kentucky Chautauqua is a program of the Kentucky Humanities Council and strives to bring history to life for groups and school children around the state. For more information on Jim Sayre and other performers visit www.kyhumanities.org.

Announcements

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President Chris announced \$892 was raised last week for the Arkansas disaster relief effort.

Lewis Carr is planning to deliver summer reading backpacks to Concord Elementary next week and needs volunteers to assist. Call Lewis or Debbie DeWeese if you can help.


Jamie Futrell was very pleased to announce a new Club record for attendance in April. Some 95 Rotarians were credited with perfect attendance bringing our average to 70% for the month. Randy Bridges won the drawing for a \$25 gift card to Flamingo Row.

Tom Grassham won the May birthday drawing and received a lovely floral bouquet.

Community Donation

Gail Robinson Butler accepted a donation from the Club on behalf of the Arts in Focus Series at West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

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 7th, 2014

Student Guest – Trae Hampton, Paducah Tilghman High School;

Jay Hite – guest of Mark Hequembourg;

Bobbie Wrinkle and Fowler Black – guests of Mary Hammond;

Jessica Yonts – guest of Debbie Wattier;

Julie Griggs – guest of Dan Key;

Trevor Peck and Brandon Peck – guests of Kevin Peck;

Matt Cherry – guest of Jamie Futrell;

Tim Stark – guest of Sandra Wilson;

Roger Reichmuth – Assistant District Governor.