

## Upcoming Programs

Senator Bob Leeper – Kentucky

Legislative Update

May 15

Chad Chancellor – Paducah

Economic Development Progress

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Susan Guess – The Issue of

Bullving

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## Club Leaders

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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



# GearTeeth

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## Rotary Makes Higher Education an Attainable Goal for Local Students



The Paducah Rotary Club has long been dedicated to offering scholarships to local students, but with the creation of an endowment created in conjunction with local donors, every local high school graduate can look forward to two tuition free years at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. **Dr. Barbara Veazey, WKCTC President**, said the program not only enriches individual lives, but will also lead to better paying jobs for those students. In fact, Paducah Mayor Gayle Kaler said, "It is one of the most important items in our tool box," when speaking to companies looking to relocate potentially in the Paducah area.

The scholarships are funded through a \$2 million endowment created by the Club, along with the City of Paducah, McCracken County, corporate and individual donations will generate \$500,000 a year. Rotarian Steve Bright chairs the board overseeing the program, which will turn out its first graduates in 2014.

**Dr. Lisa Stephenson**, of WKCTC, spearheads the program for the college and works with the area high schools to enroll the students during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. This program, unlike similar scholarship programs, is designed to develop a relationship with students throughout their high school years. Although, the guidelines stipulate a student must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA, 95% attendance and incur no major discipline referrals, Dr. Stephenson strives to work with those students and parents so they can remain in the program.

Enrollment continues to climb with 529 students slated for graduation next year, 624 students in 2015 and 737 students in 2016. Paducah Tilghman even has a staff member assigned to the program and 87% of its 2014 graduating class is enrolled.

Dr. Stephenson said, "This impacts so many lives. It is a tremendous help to many middle class families and will lead to more better paying jobs."



## Announcements

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President Missy announced Bud Qualk had undergone open heart surgery, but is recovering nicely. She also welcomed back Scott Davis who suffered injuries from a motorcycle accident during Quilt Show week.

Speaking of the Quilt Show, Jamie Futrell was



pleased to report attendance at the Club's Antique Quilt Show was up 27% over the previous year with 7,933 ticket holders over 6,251 in 2012. He thanks Dr. Bob Meriwether and his wife, Gloria, for hosting the Show's curator. Mike Resnick was the winner of the 4 St. Louis Cardinals tickets promised in a drawing of all volunteer workers. Jamie didn't stop there, though. He presided over drawings for April attendance, which was an Amish gift basket, won by Cathy Crecelius, and a May Birthday Floral Bouquet won by Steve Bright, who coincidentally donated the Amish Gift Basket.

Jamie also announced Club attendance for April was 60% with 83 Rotarians with perfect attendance.

President Missy named Jamie, "Rotarian of the Month" for April in honor of all his hard work with the Quilt Show and other projects this year. She also thanked Executive Secretary Debbie DeWeese for her high energy and tireless work during the Show.

Rotary on the Move will be held at the Carson Center on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm for the Annual Season Premiere. Please RSVP by May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Community Donations

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President Missy presented checks to Debbie Adams of **The Dream Factory** and Betty Dobson of the **Hotel Metropolitan**, who serenaded the Club with a song.

## Guests

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### Guests of Rotarians

Victoria Caldwell – Rayla Bridges  
Chris Mueller – Cathy Crecelius  
Gary Dyer - Zachary Hosman  
Ryan Polazynski, David Riley – Lanny King  
Gloria Meriwether – Robert P. Meriwether  
Rachel Wright, Leslie Weitlauf – Mike Muscarella  
Dr. Randy Z Greene, Barbara Maxey, Susan Graves – Barbara Veazey

### Club Guests

Betty Dobson - Charity Representative  
Barbara Adams - Charity Representative  
Lisa Stephenson - Speaker

### Visiting Rotarians

Jim Cargill



Sandra Cargill

**Student Guests**

Erica Rust - Lone Oak

Nathan Tillotson – Middle College

Susannah Wilson - PTHS