

## Upcoming Speakers

Dr. Richard Smith, New Healthcare  
Legislation

November 13

Perrye K. Turner, Head of FBI in  
Kentucky

November 20

Rev. Skye McCracken, Paducah  
District Superintendent, UMC

November 27

PSO Children's Choir

December 04

## Club Leaders

**Chris McNeill**

President

**Jamie Futrell**

President-Elect

**Phyllis B. Russell**

Secretary

**John A Williams Jr.**

Vice President

**Thomas Scott Taylor**

Treasurer

**Missy R Eckenberg**

iPast President

**Michael A. Muscarella**

Membership Chair, Past President

**Debbie DeWeese**

Club Executive Secretary

## Birthdays

**Dave Denton**

November 08

**Gayle Kaler**

November 11

**Thomas B Russell**

November 15

**Ashley Wright**

November 17

**Randy Bridges**

November 25

**George B. Shaw**

November 27

**Chad Pruitt**

November 29



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## Kentucky's Chief Public Defender Advocates New State Laws for Minor Offenders

November 6th, 2013



Ed Monahan, the chief of Kentucky's statewide Public Defense system, said he is lobbying the General Assembly for "common sense ideas and cost effective suggestions" to reduce costs, recidivism and taxpayer expense in prosecuting first offense Class D Felons, which are primarily minor offenses. "We can assure public safety, yet reduce costs to taxpayers, he said.

Despite public perception, crime is declining in Kentucky, which already has a lower crime rate than the national average. Monahan says already approved Pre-Trial Release changes has saved Kentuckians \$40 million in jail costs in 2 years and has been national recognized for its effectiveness. A risk assessment of each individual charged is conducted to determine whether they are a high or a low risk. A low risk offender is often allowed to remain free awaiting trial for the charge. McCracken County currently ranks 120 out of 120 counties in utilizing these guidelines.

Monahan is in favor allowing Class D Felons to have their record expunged after five to ten years with no further offenses and an automatic restoration of voting rights after a sentence has been served. He said 96,645 Class D Felons have never committed an offense, but their record is an "economic death sentence," years later because many employers will not employ a convicted Felon no matter how many years have passed since the conviction.

One of his office's successful programs assigns social workers to Class D Felons, which reduces jail and prison costs. There are only 8 such programs in the state and none in McCracken County. Monahan would also like to see some felonies reduced to "gross misdemeanors," in addition to promoting employment and reducing recidivism for low risk offenders.

"Ensuring public safety and reducing unnecessary costs are not competing goals," said Monahan.

## Announcements

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Jamie Futrell said attendance for the month of October was the worst the Club has seen in four years! Attendance was only 48.9% with 41 Rotarians with perfect attendance. One of those, Marvin Devers, won two tickets to see the Moscow Ballet's "The Nutcracker" at the Carson Center. President Chris reminded everyone make-ups could be done online to help attendance.

Kiana Davis, one of Paducah Rotary's RYLA students, publicly thanked the Club for giving her the opportunity to attend the weekend leadership program.

Rotarians also read thank you cards and notes from the many 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who received their free dictionaries this year.

The Christmas music has already begun so you know Hal Sullivan won't be far behind in asking everyone to sign up for the Annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Sign up sheets will be available beginning next week.

Community Donation: Sandra Wilson accepted a donation on behalf of Leadership Paducah.

President Chris recognized his "Rotarians of the Month(s)"

July – Steve Shrewsberry, Desiree Owen and Eddie Grant, for their weekly efforts to keep us informed through GearTeeth.

August – Melanie McNeill, Steve Bright, and Tom Grassham for work on the Dictionary Project.

September – Suzanne Farmer, Melanie McNeill and Lewis Carr for their work on Shoes for Orphaned Souls

October – The Sgt. At Arms Committee, Chuck Heyduck, Art Feather, Marvin Devers, and Ken Schuppert, for their weekly efforts on setting up our room.

### Take Pride in the Work of the Rotary Foundation!

Everything The Rotary Foundation achieves—from paying for polio vaccines to teaching children to read—is possible because of the time and contributions of Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

- The Foundation's primary goal is to eradicate polio. Through Polio Plus, the Rotary Foundation has led a global effort to rid the world of this disease. Rotary has contributed more than \$1 billion toward that goal.

- The Foundation has accepted a new challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has committed to match, two to one, every Rotarian dollar contributed to polio eradication for the next five years, up to \$35 million per year.

The Foundation changes lives. Rotarians carry out far-reaching projects based on Rotary's areas of focus. Our water project is a prime example of the Foundation's work.

YOU make it possible! The Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share our vision for a better world. Because of the Foundation's close monitoring of projects, giving to the Rotary Foundation is a financially sound decision.

“Our Rotary Foundation tells the world that we care,” said Trustee Chair Williams Boyd. Rotary International President Ron Burton says, “Through the Foundation, I can have a hand in the work of every single Rotary club and district around the world. I can look at any Foundation-supported project, program, any country that was declared polio-free and say: I helped make that happen.”

Don't you want to help make it happen? Your EREY, Paul Harris Fellow, and Paul Harris Society contributions do just that.

**Rotary Foundation Status:**

Every Rotarian Every Year - 98% of Club  
Paul Harris Fellows - 75 members, 42% of Club  
Paul Harris Society - 33 members, 19% of Club

Guests

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Student guests – Victoria Dejarnett, Community Christian Academy; Ian LaBarge, St. Mary; Chelsea Warmowski, Commonwealth Middle College; Lily Douhitt, Kaylee McCollum, and Dylan Colli, McCracken County High School; and Miles Butler, Paducah Tilghman High School;

Cheri Riedel, guest of Eddie Grant;

Monique Zuber, guest of Ashley Wright;

Victoria Caldwell, guest of Rayla Bridges;

Liz Block, Haley Reimer, and Shannon McMullen, guests of Mike Muscarella;

Maggie Johnson, guest of Sandra Wilson;

Audrey Lee, guest of Chris McNeill;

Bridget Davis, LdKeila Bedeau, and Andy Lewis, guests of Club.