

Upcoming Speakers

11/23 - NO MEETING (Thanksgiving Week)
11/30 - Robert Stivers, President of the
Kentucky Senate
12/7 - PSO Children's Chorus - Holiday
Presentation

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Birthdays

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November 17

Randy Bridges

November 25

George B. Shaw

November 27

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December 08



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Former Rotaract President Gives First Speech as Paducah Mayor-Elect

November 16, 2016



Speaker: Mayor-elect Brandi Harless. Harless was introduced by Rotarian Barry Smith.

Topic: Stories from the campaign trail and her goals as Paducah's next Mayor

Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Harless recognized active Rotarians and former Mayors of Paducah Geraldine Montgomery and Bill Paxton. In doing so, Harless commended their past service to the community during their respective terms.

-She said that while campaigning, it was encouraging to have so many substantive conversations across party lines about issues affecting the community. She added that it was impressive to observe how the candidates themselves helped influence the conversation on community issues during the election.

-Harless reiterated her two philosophies about Paducah citing the book "The Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell. One, that the city can simultaneously be proud of its accomplishments while working to solve its problems. Two, that Paducah is at a tipping point and success can be achieved by bringing together its "connectors", its "experts", and its "salespeople."

-The Mayor-elect said she would focus on five initiatives: Neighborhood empowerment; promoting a business-friendly environment; Economic Development; Regionalism toward economic development; and maintaining the city's infrastructure.

-Her first 100 days in office, she said, would be spent listening and learning to all stakeholders in city government. After that, she plans to prioritize her goals and propose ways to achieve them.

-Harless said she hopes to help reverse the trend of young people moving away from the Paducah area, and would focus on "modern economy" jobs.

-She said the city has a unique distinction of being declared "ripe and ready" for young people, and, as an ideal location for retirement.

-When asked about the issue of city and county consolidation, Harless said to her that means maintaining a strong working relationship with the McCracken Fiscal Court on all issues facing the city and county.

-Harless is a native of Ballard County. She attended Murray State and Vanderbilt Universities, and earned a Master's Degree in Public Health from Boston University. After working in Nashville, she returned to Paducah in 2009 serving in leadership positions at EntrePaducah, Kentucky Care, and is currently CEO of Personal Medicine Plus of Paducah.

-When sworn-in in January, Harless will become the fourth woman to serve as Mayor of Paducah since 1972. For more information on Paducah city government, logon to www.paducahky.gov.

Announcements

November 16, 2016

Kevin Shannon

December 10

Ronald Jackson

December 10

Keith Wilke

December 12

Royce N. English

December 12

Timus G. Taylor

December 16



Paducah Tilghman High School's Choir

Department treated Rotarians to a musical preview to their performance of the classic musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie." The club heard solo performances from cast members Reagan Davidson, Michael Ellen Walden (our club's reigning Speech Contest Winner", and Will Denton (grandson of fellow Rotarian David Denton). Performances at the Tilghman Auditorium are at 2:30 and 7:00 this Saturday

(Nov. 19) and 2:30 Sunday afternoon (Nov. 20). Tickets are available at the door, or in advance at www.showtix4U.com.

Rotary's participation in the **Salvation Army Kettle Bell Drive** is only three weeks away (December 7). Chairs Joni Goodman and Bruce Akin reported that both the volunteer slots, and the pre-drive donation goals are almost complete. The pair reminded the club of the "Top Five Reasons to Volunteer for the Kettle Bell Drive": 1) An hour out of the office! 2) We get to know our fellow Rotarians better. 3) We get to see Hal Sullivan in his famous duster! 4) It's an opportunity to help others. 5) IT'S FUN!

Today was our annual meeting with the **Downtown Kiwanis Club** as our guests. Kiwanis President Brent Housman thanked the club for the opportunity to get together and, reminded the group about the Kiwanis Christmas Auction which takes place December 6th at the Carson Center. Tickets are available from Kiwanis members.

Hope Unlimited representatives Nicole Farley and Vince Carter were presented a charitable donation from the Rotary Club. For more information on Hope Unlimited, see www.hopeunlimitedfcc.org.

Guests

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Ann Denton and Heather Denton – guests of David Denton

Tori Smoyer – guest of Glen Anderson

Sarah Stewart Holland – guest of Clay Howerton

Martha Emmons – guest of Hutch Smith

Michelle Smolen – guest of Jim Smolen

Trey Griffin – guest of Sandra Wilson

Bob Hopper – guest of Bob Johnston

Stan Eckenberg – guest of Missy Eckenberg

Reagan Davidson and Will Denton – student guests from Paducah Tilghman

Emily Hulette, Kaitlynn Thompson and Michell McHamey – student guests from McCracken Co.

Olivia Griffin – student guest from St. Mary

Logan Browning – student guest from Community Christian Academy

Downtown Kiwanis Club guests – Brent Housman, Heddy Beyer, Tim Straley, Scott Jordan,

Marilyn Chapman, Keith Chapman, Judy Oliver, Don Oliver, Tom Dolan, Sonny Smith, Bobbie

Wrinkle, Bill Murphy, Jay Hite, Brian Laird, Alice Robertson, Kelly Davis, Sandra Jernigan, John

Oliver, Quent Smith, Mason DeJarnett, Chase Venable, Larry Cretsinger and James Acton.