

Upcoming Speakers

12/7 - PSO Children's Chorus - Holiday Presentation
12/14 - Dr. Jessiann McCarthy – "A Primer on Polio"
12/21 - TBA
12/28 - NO MEETING (week between Christmas & the New Year)

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State Senate Caucus Visits Rotary

November 30, 2016



Speaker: Senator Robert Stivers, II (R-Manchester). Serving third term as President of the Kentucky State Senate, served as a Senator from District 25 in southeast Kentucky since 1997. Introduced by Senator Danny Carroll (R-Paducah), on behalf of Rotarian Barry Smith.

Topic: Preview of Senate priorities for the 2017 legislative session.

Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-Sen. Stivers and the entire Senator Majority Caucus visited Paducah for their annual legislative planning session. Traditionally, the Caucus meetings were held in either Frankfort or Louisville. Three years ago, the group began meeting statewide starting with Owensboro and Maysville, and Paducah this year. While in Western Kentucky, the group has held meetings and taken field trips to observe local agriculture, river industry, and economic development activities.

-As President of the Senate, Stivers serves as the leader of the 38-member Senate. and, is constitutionally third in the line of gubernatorial succession behind the Lt. Governor.

-Sen. Stivers cited the "significant changes" that have occurred in the recent election cycles, specifically the election of Republican Donald Trump as President, Matt Bevin as Kentucky Governor, a majority for Republicans in the Kentucky House of Representatives, and the appointment of Elaine Chao, wife of KY US Senator Mitch McConnell as Transportation Secretary in the Trump administration. He added that bipartisan cooperation will result in significant legislative being passed with perspective from both parties.

-The Senate leader hopes to see a much more efficient and effective "short session" of the legislature (in odd-numbered years, the session only lasts 30 legislative days and adjourns by March 30th). He said he hopes legislators will be presented fewer bills to consider, thus offering more thoughtful consideration to their content.

-Job creation will be a priority during the session, Stivers said. Producing a better educated and trained workforce; conducting regulation review; and examining the business dynamics of creating jobs will be that agenda, he added. "We don't know how we'll accomplish these, but they are certainly our priorities this session," Stivers said.

-Creating a larger tax base to fund education and other programs will be addressed as lawmakers determine how to approach tax reform.

-Using the Kentucky Bourbon industry as an example, Stivers cited how deregulation brought that industry back from stagnation. He said by repealing the Ad Valorem Tax on cases of distilled spirits, and allowing onsite sales and sampling of bourbon products, the state initially lost 12 million dollars in tax revenue, but, generated 20 million in new revenue through tourism and industrial

December 16
Joni Hogan
December 19
Mary E. Hammond
December 23
Michael P. Resnick
December 24
Scott Garrett
December 25
Chris McNeill
December 25
Susan Guess
December 26
David R. Clark
December 29

investment by the distilleries.

-When asked how the legislature planned to address Kentucky's budget shortfall, Stivers said the GOP controlled executive and legislative branches are willing to tackle the issue and "go down the tough roads." He said the pension program will undergo a complete audit, which means it's doubtful it will be addressed during this legislative session.

-When asked about whether the legislature will address the "Right to Work" law, Stivers said that will be "part of a bigger playbook for economic development." When asked about the chances of repealing the moratorium on nuclear energy production in Kentucky, Stivers said it has a much better chance now that Democrat Rocky Adkins no longer serves as Majority Leader of the House of Representatives. Adkins had traditionally led efforts to block that legislation in the House.

-The 2017 legislative session begins January 3rd. For more information on the Kentucky Legislature, logon to www.lrc.ky.gov.

Next week's program will be Paducah Symphony Orchestra – Youth & Children's Chorus Holiday Performance

Announcements

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Red Kettle Update: With one week to go before Rotarians staff the Red Kettle donation drive for the Salvation Army, only one open time slot remained to volunteer. Rotarians have signed up to fill all but one slot (Wednesday at 5:00 PM) for the December 7th campaign. Committee Chairs Joni Goodman and Bruce Akin shared with Rotarians some of the "necessities" for helping with the drive. Out of a big Santa bag were drawn reminder items such as a heavy coat, warm socks, gloves, tissues, and chewing gum. The weather for next Wednesday looks wonderful! Look for a high near 50 with temps falling toward the upper 20's by evening with a slight chance of participation.

Rotarians will staff eight locations through the day. To find out where you will be assigned, please drive by the Front Entrance to Kentucky Oaks Mall where you'll be directed to your station. Please come by at least 30 minutes before your shift to allow for drive and preparation time. Ring those bells and collect those donations!!!

Christmas Caroling: Rotarian Zach Hosman and his special little elf invited Rotarians to participate in Christmas Caroling on Thursday December 15th. Our singers will visit several nursing and assisted living homes in the area to brighten spirits with Christmas cheer! Times and locations to be announced.

Charitable Gifts: Charitable donations from the Rotary Club of Paducah were presented to Paducah Habitat for Humanity and the Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center.

Playground Closed for Improvements: In a release from Paducah City Hall it was announced that Thursday, December 1, the Paducah Rotary Playground will be closed to the public until further notice. City crews will be removing the temporary mulch surface to prepare the site for a rubberized safety surface that will be installed by the contractor. In addition, a groundbreaking ceremony for the first phase of the Health Park will be Wednesday, December 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the corner of 14th and Madison Streets.

Guests

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Hannah Hosman and Gabe Hosman – guests of Zach Hosman;
Tori Smoyer and Vick Patel– guests of Glen Anderson;
Brent Housman – guest of Randy Bridges;
Gina Leeper – guest of Laurie Latham;
Paula Armon – guest of Dia Canter;
Daniel Roe – guest of Basil Drossos;
Fran Johnson – guest of Sandra Wilson;
Bill Black – guest of Mike Muscarella;
Dr. Anton Reece – guest of Ken Wheeler;
Lucas Bremer – Rotarian guest from Marion, IL;
Reagan Davidson and Will Denton – student guests from Paducah Tilghman;
Emily Hulette, Kaitlynn Thompson, Michelle McKamey – student guests from McCracken Co.;
Logan Browning and EllaGrace Kirby – student guests from Community Christian Academy;
Senator Danny Carroll – guest of Barry Smith;
Senate Leadership and staff guests – David Givens, Damon Thayer, Dan Seum, Jimmy Higdon,
Becky Harilson, Jay Hartz, Dave Fleenor, Christy Fields and John Cox;
John Pfeifer – The Paducah Sun.