

Upcoming Speakers

11/16 - TBA, Joint Meeting with Kiwanis
11/23 - NO MEETING (Thanksgiving Week)
11/30 - Robert Stivers, President of the
Kentucky Senate

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November 17

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November 25

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Reece Implores Rotarians to 'See Beyond What We Can See'

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Speaker: Dr. Anton Reece, President of West Kentucky Community and Technical College

It was almost fitting that one day after the presidential election, Dr. Anton Reece, new President of WKCTC addressed the club with a presentation that was not unlike a political candidate's stump speech, in that it was part pep rally, part call to action, and full of ebullient optimism and a bright vision for Paducah and the surrounding area. Only briefly mentioning the school he took the helm of only 34 days ago.

Reese's thesis was a quote from Henry David Thoreau that implored that we "should see beyond what you can see," applying it to his future vision for Paducah. An admitted data geek, Reese said that he was surprised to see that

Paducah was not one of the top 10 most populated cities in Kentucky, but that depending on where you looked, we ranked 15th or 17th. He talked about how Elizabethtown, ranked 10th with 33,000 people and Bowling Green have all seen tremendous growth in recent years, while Paducah has not.

He feels that Paducah should follow in the steps of Ashville, NC where he once lived. There, he said, Duke, and North Carolina have joined forces to help form what they call a research triangle that utilizes their combined academic power to help the region to grow. He said he believes, that there is no reason that we couldn't do the same here, with the academic resources we have in our area.

He believed that by doing this, along with showcasing all of the outstanding attributes Paducah has to offer in terms of quality of life, as well as education, as well as the beauty of the rivers and the region as a whole. Paducah could attract companies from all over the country and the world, and that there was no reason for Paducah not to work hard to be in that top 10 list of cities.

He went on to say that it was up to us to reach out to the other cities in our area and come and work together for the betterment of this part of the state, so that we could all grow together.

He closed his remarks by saying that now was the perfect time for us all to work together to market Paducah better and showcase all of the "jewels we have here," He then called on each and every one of us to be ambassadors for Paducah in our various spheres of influence.

He said by doing these things and finding new ways to grow and strengthen Paducah and the surrounding area, and being innovative, we are taking Thoreau's advice. And if we, do that he said there is no limit to what the future holds for us and what we can accomplish. And that "WKCTC stands ready to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us all to help our area reach its full potential."

Announcements

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Countdown to Kettle Bell: Rotarian Joni Goodman encouraged Rotarians to help achieve the goals they have set for the upcoming December 7th Kettle Bell Drive for the Salvation Army. Currently, 96% of the needed bell ringers are committed to serve so we are on target but need to work to achieve 100%. Goodman shared a series of short Salvation Army videos that encouraged people to share their #RedKettleReasons for being a bell ringer.



New Member Inductions: Rotarian Monique Zuber formally introduced new member Lt. Johnny Horton of the Salvation Army, and Paducah Police Chief Brandon Barnhill introduced Paducah Police Captain Anthony Copeland who were both formally inducted into the club by President Glen Anderson.

Guests

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Marjorie Heyduck – guest of Chuck Heyduck

Ann Denton – guest of Lorraine Schramke

Tori Smoyer – guest of Glen Anderson

Monica Horton – guest of Johnny Horton

Ben Hogancamp – guest of Joni Hogancamp

Reagan Davidson and Will Denton – student guests from Paducah Tilghman

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

Olivia Griffin – student guest from St. Mary

Logan Browning – student guest from Community Christian Academy