

Upcoming Speakers

October 2014

10/08 - Jeffrey Seay, PhD, PE, UK College of Engineering, Paducah Campus
10/15 - Dr. Randy Dunn, President of Southern Illinois University
10/22 - District Governor Visit
10/29 - 4-H Luncheon

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October 02

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October 08

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October 12

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October 15

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October 16

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October 16

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October 19

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October 19

J. William Howerton

October 22

Laura A Duff

October 23

Arthur P. Feather

October 26

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October 28



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Political Polarization and the Midterm Elections

October 1st, 2014



If you were hoping for an end to political gridlock in Washington, D.C., Chris Scribner, Senior Vice President of Public Policy for Regions Financial said it is highly unlikely no matter who wins the elections this November. He also gives Kentucky U.S. Senator a 60% chance of beating his Democratic challenger Alison Lundergan Grimes; even the "political mood" favors the GOP this year.

Scribner said there are only seven truly competitive Senate races in states where President Obama lost by 10 points in 2012, and only 35 competitive House races. In his opinion, the president is unpopular, but it really won't matter who wins the Democratically controlled Senate. The political landscape still remains a huge divide between both parties.

"The dynamic of compromise is gone," he said. An ever widening expansion of distrust between the two parties means there are no moderate members of Congress to foster a reach across the aisle, especially on the Federal Budget. Scribner said voters themselves are even more polarized than members of Congress and exacerbated the divide between the two parties.

"Congress just isn't doing their job. They need to move away from politics and move more towards making policy," he said.

Announcements

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September is New Generation Month for Rotary.

October 24th is World Polio Day and Rotary International will live stream an event on ending polio beginning at 6:30 pm. The Club will also be hosting the popular Dessert Auction on November 5th to raise money for Polio Plus.

Todd Anderson reported the Club had 58% attendance in September with 58 Rotarians scoring perfect attendance. Patrick Mobley won the attendance drawing for 2 tickets to the Market House Theatre.

The Club was shocked and saddened to learn Mike Muscarella's youngest brother, Dan, was shot and killed in an armed robbery near Cincinnati. He leaves a wife, two sons and an unborn granddaughter.

Condolences were also extended to Debbie Stone who lost her mother recently.

Rotarians are asked to assist in the preparation for next February's celebration of Paducah Rotary's 100th Anniversary. Please submit stories of how Rotary programs have impacted individual lives, and any photos they may have of Rotarians at work. Email rotarymemories@gmail.com. You should also visit, and like, www.facebook.com/PaducahRotary100 Celebration.



Guests

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Student Guests: Jeffrey Walker and Willow Aspery – McCracken County; Aleja Grant – Paducah Tilghman; Maria Shockley – St. Mary; Shannon Eckelkamp – Community Christian Academy; and Lindsey Duncan – Commonwealth Middle College.

Nathan Henderson – guest of Jim Dudley;

Raffaele Ponti – guest of Daniel Sene;

Jeff Stewart and David Hutcheson – guests of Chris McNeill;

Brittany Claxton, Dakota Kellow, and Jimmy Crick – guests of Mike Muscarella.