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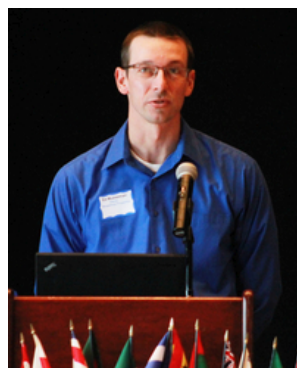
The Coke Plant

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-Speaker: Ed Musselman, Owner of the Coke Plant

-Topic: The Coke Plant

-Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:



-Ed and his wife Meagan purchased the historic Coke Plant in midtown Paducah in 2013. The Musselmans have been married for 15 years and have 3 children. They started Musselman Properties in 2004. Ed and Meagan are both Murray State graduates. Ed has a degree in biology and Meagan has a PhD in education.

- Luther Carson built the Coke Plant after the 1937 flood, and it opened in 1939. Luther Carson was the 7th Coca-Cola bottler in the world. The Coke Plant was a "beacon of hope after a disaster."

-Ed's favorite architectural feature of the Coke Plant is the rotunda lights. He continues to be touched and humbled by the community's support and pride for the Coke Plant.

-Ed wanted to achieve the right balance of tenants in the Coke Plant, and currently is not actively pursuing any additional tenants. Businesses located in the Coke Plant include Dry Ground Brewery, Mellow Mushroom, Piper's Coffee and Tea, Socially Present, Time on a String, and True North Yoga Studio.

-Before his wedding to Meagan, Ed spent 4 ½ months hiking the Appalachian Trail. He shared tales of the challenges of the hike, including ticks, rocky terrain, and ankles so swollen he couldn't wear boots. He returned from his hike 10 days before his wedding.

-Ed said the journey of taking the Coke Plant to where it is today was not easy, and he encountered obstacles and naysayers. "Success is not easy and we all struggle," he said. Economic and community development is not a fun, easy process. Yet Ed was determined to push past the setbacks.

- Ed also said he had the "stupidity and stubbornness to not quit." He revealed that some naysayers routinely asked him "why are you doing this?" Eventually those skeptics began to ask him "how are you doing this?"

- Ed is enthusiastic and optimistic about the future of Paducah. He said we are "on the precipice" of something big and that he marvels at the strength of this community. He encouraged all of us to continue to dream and innovative, because "what we are is too good to stagnate."

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-Ed's definition of business success is the number of people he positively impacts. He reminded us that not everyone is given the opportunity to overcome their challenges in life. He encouraged us to look for ways to lift others up and to give others to chance to succeed.

-Ed and Meagan will present "Entrepreneurship 101" at the McCracken County Public Library on Thursday, October 19 at 7 pm. They will discuss identifying needs and solving them through business creation, ideas on securing capital and financing for your business, the importance of networking and collaboration, when to leave your "day job", and experiences on juggling entrepreneurship and a family.

Announcements

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4th Quarter invoices are being emailed this week so please watch your inbox and make sure email from mailservice@directoryonline.com is on your approved list so it doesn't go into a junk mail folder.

The office is in the process of cleaning up member records in DACdb and Rotary International through a feature called "RI Compare." If there is a discrepancy between member information that is in DACdb and RI, it will be flagged and require clarification. If you receive an email from RI stating that you requested a "password reset" it is because your email address has been corrected. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Denise in the office.

The Board of Directors meets next Wednesday, October 18th at 5:15 p.m. at the McCracken County Public Library.

Guests

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Rubenia Sanchez – guest of Ralph Young
Sarah Suitor – guest of Barry Smith
Amy Bontrager and Ryne McMullen – guests of Mike Muscarella
Coy Merry – student guest from Paducah Tilghman
Jacob Kaufman– student guest from Community Christian Academy