

## Upcoming Speakers

11/2 - **Robert Tashjian**, McCracken County 4H Club (Excellence Awards Presentation)  
11/9 - **Anton Reece**, President, WKCTC  
11/16 - **TBA**, Joint Meeting with Kiwanis

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## Birthdays

Milton M. Livingston Jr.

October 28

Tonya Goodale

October 30

Jessica Shay Morgan

October 31

Danny Evitts

November 02

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November 03

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November 04

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November 05



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## Anti-Bullying Advocate Shares Story with Rotarians

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**Speaker:** Morgan Guess, Co-Founder of the Guess Anti-Bullying Foundation. Morgan, 13, is a student at Lone Oak Middle School. After suffering emotional and physical effects as a victim of bullying, Morgan became an advocate for anti-bullying efforts locally and nationally. Morgan is the daughter of fellow Rotarians Susan and Craig Guess. Morgan was introduced by Rotarian Clay Howerton.

**Topic:** Morgan shared her personal story and the accomplishments of the Foundation.

### Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

-As an elementary school student five years ago, Morgan was repeatedly physically and emotionally bullied by other students. As a result, she began to suffer symptoms of clinical depression.

-When she and her parents began pushing back against bullying, attempts were made to silence and intimidate them. As they discovered how much fear drives bullying, they understood why it has been declared a Human Rights issue at home and abroad.

-Morgan quoted statistics that indicate 13 million people will be bullied this year. A teenager in the United States is bullied every seven seconds. Adding to the problems created by bullying, "Kids who are afraid, don't learn," Morgan said.

-Instead of succumbing to the effects of bullying, Morgan chose to stand up for herself and other victims and try to effect change. She began her speech by thanking all the elected officials and school personnel who supported her efforts locally, and at the Kentucky Legislature. One of their first battles was to officially define what bullying means. While it seemed logical to reduce a 211-word definition into a 27 word easy-to-understand definition, lobbyists fought to keep it vague for potential legal challenges. Morgan and her team maintained that the purpose of a clear definition of bullying was, ultimately, to encourage young people to come forward to be helped.

-One of the outcomes hoped for by the Foundation, Morgan said, is to focus on protecting young people from bullying. One goal, is to push for more school counselors to work with students.

-Since launching the Anti-Bullying Foundation with her mom Susan, Morgan has become somewhat of a magnet, particularly through social media, for bullying victims to share their stories. Morgan says physical pain, panic attacks, and often suicide are the most talked-about topics.

-Another goal of the Foundation is to "make kindness the norm," Morgan said. After her speech Wednesday, Foundation members and supporters unveiled the first "#bekindpaducah" mural at the corner of 7th and Broadway in Paducah. The unveiling coincides with October being National Bullying Prevention Month. The mural is the first of ten then hope to be painted in Paducah by next summer. The group's goal is to have a 10 mural "Mural Trail" painted across Paducah by next summer.

-Other activities sponsored by the Foundation have included a Kindness Walk, speeches by national authorities on the effects of bullying, and Writing Centers that produced some 12,000 Kindness Letters. The letters were written by students and the community and offered encouragement to students victimized by bullying.

-Morgan's efforts continue to be recognized nationally. In addition to interviews in national networks and publications, Morgan was recently appointed as a member of the Harvard Graduate School of Education's "Youth Advisory Board of Making Caring Common." She has also been named one of ten national "Community Action Heroes" by the Hasbro Corporation.

-For more information, logon to [www.guessantibullying.com](http://www.guessantibullying.com).

Joe A. Powell

November 05

Julian M Carroll

November 05

Bill Robertson

November 06

Dana Patterson

November 07

W David Denton

November 08

Our program next week is the annual Rotary 4-H Awards Luncheon.

## Announcements

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**New Member Inductions:** The Rotary Club of Paducah welcomes two new members, Wendy Kester and Terrance Adams.

Wendy, nominated by Rotarian Jimmy Brown, is a Financial Advisor for UBS Financial Services in Paducah. She has 20 year's experience in financial planning. Wendy is an active member of Lone Oak First Baptist Church and volunteers for several local agencies.

Terrance, nominated by Rotarian Suzanne Farmer, is the Director of Orthopedics and Rehab Services at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. He is a native of Louisiana where he received degrees Bachelor and MBA degrees in Health Service Administration. Most recently, Terrance served as President of the Rotaract Club, as a member of the Paducah Young Leaders group, Leadership Paducah, and is a Board Member of the Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club, and, the Paducah Area Transit System.

The Club is proud to have Wendy and Terrance as its newest members!

**Bell Ring Slots Left to Fill:** Rotarian Joni Goodman reports that 80% of the volunteer slots have been filled for the Salvation Army Kettle Bell ringing on December 7th. That leaves 25 slots open to cover every position throughout the day. To check schedules and sign-up, see Joni next Wednesday, or, logon to: <http://signup.com/go/YMTFJF>.

**4-H Luncheon Next Week:** President Glen reminded the club that next week's program is the annual Rotary 4-H Awards Luncheon. In a break from previous years, the 4-H has selected 35 guests to attend the luncheon, therefore, there should be ample seating for members and our guests.

## Guests

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Pam Matlock, Albert O'nan and Dan Lavit – guests of Brad Clark  
Davis-Katherine Dubrock – guest of Tonya Goodale  
Brandi Harless – guest of David Morse  
Darlene Mazzone – guest of Sandra Wilson  
Lynda Peters – guest of Becky Straley  
Taylor Thomas, Gerald Watkins and Danny Carroll – guests of Susan Guess  
David Mast – guest of Ken Wheeler  
Brian Heller – guest of Daniel Sene  
Mayor Gayle Kaler – guest of Club  
Karina Romero – student guest from St. Mary High  
Caroline Meiners and John Holtgrewe – student guests from Paducah Tilghman High  
Natalie Shadrick, Hayden Brotherton and Connor Tilford – student guests from McCracken County High