

Upcoming Speakers

10/12 - **Maestro Raffaele Ponti**, Artistic Director & Conductor, PSO
10/19 - **Davina Merritt**, Author, "Fostering Hope for America"
10/26 - **Morgan Guess**, Co-Founder, The Guess Anti-Bullying Foundation

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History & the Future: Oscar Cross Boys and Girls Club

October 5, 2016



Speaker: Bjarne Hansen, Executive Director, Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club of Paducah. Formerly with Murray-Calloway County Transit Authority and active supporter of YMCA programs for more than 20 years. Hansen was introduced by Rotarian Clay Howerton.

Topic: Overview of OCBGC history, current programs, and future needs.

Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:

One, "the basics": For only \$10 per year, a child can attend and participate in any of the 11 major programs offered by the club. The club is open from 2-6 PM Monday through Friday, and 8 AM to 5 PM during Summer Day Camp hours. The club serves primarily young people who attend any of the 5 Paducah City School System schools.

Two, "what's offered?": The OCBGC offers 11 major programs throughout the year that help young people learn and experience Health & Wellness; Academic Support; Leadership Skills; Internet Safety; Personal Finance; and Responsible Behavior.

Three, "a Positive atmosphere": The club focuses on Five Key Elements for Positive Youth Development. They are: a safe and positive environment; fun; supportive relationships (in lieu of, or to supplement, parental relationships); offer opportunities and expectations; and recognition.

Four, "the Oscar Cross Legacy": In the early 1950's, Mr. Oscar Cross (1906-1999) founded the Junior Legion Club, which later became an affiliate of the National Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Mr. Cross was a probation officer who "saw a need for young men to set higher goals for themselves and prepare for their future."

Five, "what does the club need?": Hansen listed a number of items the club needs to help it function and improve its offerings. The list includes: gym enhancements; vehicles; copier; Sponsorships for its Teen Room and Family Nights; Staffing; phone system, Xbox/Play Station units and games; basketball goals; art equipment and supplies. The club is also seeking either a new, or additional facility with more space.

Six, "more than just a youth club": Hansen said in seeking a larger facility, the OCBGC hopes to continue its youth services and become more of a Community Center resource.

Seven, "what does it cost?": The club operates on a \$355,000 annual budget and receives various grants from 234 businesses and agencies.

Eight, "how many are served?": The average daily attendance for the club's after school program is 170 young people. The ADA for their Summer Day Camp is 90 young people.

Nine, "how can I help?": The OCBGC constantly seeks volunteers to help at the center, mentors for the young people, and donors.

Ten, "for more information...": Contact the Oscar Cross Boys and Girls Club of Paducah at 270-444-9124, or via the web at oscarcrossbgc.org.

Our speaker next week: Maestro Raffaele Ponti, Artistic Director & Conductor, Paducah Symphony Orchestra.

Announcements

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Roger Truitt

October 15

Shawn Turner

October 16

Deborah Simon

October 19

Brenda Alcock

October 19

Online sign-up for Bell-Ringing: Rotarian Joni Goodman reminded club members to watch for an email sent Wednesday about the Salvation Army Kettle Drive. The email has instructions on how to sign-up online and pick your specific time slot(s) to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army. Our day to participate in the Kettle Drive is Wednesday, December 7th. If you would rather not sign-up online, please contact Joni directly.

Impact One Fundraiser: The local Impact One Initiative hosts its Fourth Annual Prime Rib Fundraiser Brunch October 16th. The event takes place at The Parlor Restaurant, 3033 Lone Oak Rd. from 10am-2pm. The Rotary Club of Paducah supports Impact One as a World Service Project. The public is invited.

RCOP Awarded District Grant: Vice President Dee Dee Whitaker announced that the Rotary Club of Paducah has been approved by the District 6710 Grants Subcommittee for a \$3,000 District Grant for the "Uganda Fuel Oil" project. More on this will follow in the weeks ahead. Additionally, the Club has been awarded a \$3,000 District Grant for the "Summer Reading" Backpack project again this year.

Q4 Dues Due: Watch your email for your fourth quarter Dues Invoice.

Hurricane Watch: Especially during this Fall Break week with so many of our fellow Rotarians on vacation in the south, our thoughts go out to everyone affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Guests

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Wendy Kester – guest of Jim Brown
Todd Faulkner and Samuel – guests of Ken Wheeler
Heather Baer – guest of Clay Howerton
Brandi Harless – guest of Allan Rhodes
Bob Bloomingburg – guest of Danny Evitts
Luke Beggs – guest of Mike Muscarella
Gina Winchester – guest of Laurie Latham