

## Upcoming Speakers

### September 2014

09/17 - Dr. Everette McCorvey and the UK/Lexington Opera

09/24 - Juva Barber, Kentuckians for Better Transportation

### October 2014

10/01 - Chris Scribner, VP of Public Policy for Regions Financial

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## Birthdays

**Monique Zuber**

September 16

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September 18

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September 18

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September 19

**Jessica Toren**

September 20

**Mark Hequembourg**

September 25

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September 29

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October 02

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October 03

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**Hardy L. Roberts**

October 06

**Quin Sutton**

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**Jody W Stivers**

October 08



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## A Rosier Outlook for Funding for the Ky Lock and Dam

September 10th 2014



It has been a project underway for many years now, but seemed annually in trouble of a work stoppage due to the lack of adequate funds. Today, Don Getty, Project Manager, said the future looks much brighter for completion of the project by 2021-22, as a result of a new funding mechanism at the federal level. Community leaders have been working hard for years to ensure the project continued critical annual funding, but one major undertaking has made a big difference.

Steve Little of Crouse Corporation, as Chairman of the Inland Waterways Trust, was able to effect change with a Capital Projects Business Model, which as adopted by the Corps of Engineers and

approved by Congress. The plan changed the funding allocations previous dictated, which was 50% funding by the federal government and 50% funding by the Trust itself funded by a 20 cent a gallon tax on diesel fuel paid by the inland marine industry.

Another nearby project, Olmstead Lock and Dam, is so extensive that it was sucking the fund dry from other needed such projects. President Obama has signed an order to permanently fix the funding allocation for the Olmsted project at 85% federal funds and 15% from the Trust Fund, which will allow for more funds to flow to the KY Lock and Dam project. In addition, the House of Representatives passed a bill that looks promising for further funding of the project. The KY Lock and Dam project was fortunate to also garner \$89 million in Federal Stimulus funds, the most of any Corps of Engineers Project.

Getty says the project is vitally important to the regional economy since it can reduce the wait time of 5 to 6 hours barges now experience when attempting to lock through. "The new lock takes the wait time down to zero," said Getty. This will be a boon for the industry that moves 62 million tons of coal, grain and other products on the waterways. Getty said traffic is expected to increase with the completion of the Panama Canal Expansion in 2016.

"Fiscal Year 2015 looks solid, but we need to complete this project as soon as possible, Getty said.

## Announcements

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September is New Generation Month for Rotary.

A hearty "welcome back" to Julie Hart, who has been recovering from injuries sustained in a fall last winter. Welcome home, Julie. You were missed.

President Jamie also asked Rotarians to keep long-time member Tommy Nuckolls in their thoughts and prayers while he is recovering from cancer treatment and a badly broken leg.

Volunteers are needed to help deliver the dictionaries the Club gives to each 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in the county. Please contact Debbie if you can help.

There are still openings on several Committees. Sign up sheets are available at each weekly meeting or contact Debbie.

Zach Hosman said the Family Service Society is seeking volunteers to work their Beer Garden at the Barbecue on the River this month. There are sign up sheets available for two hour shifts.

It may still be warm, but Christmas is not far away! The Annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing will be Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendar.

*Upon recommendation of the Membership Approval Committee and the Board of Directors, Robert Finney has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Paducah. Objections must be filed in writing to the Club Secretary within seven days. It is not necessary to respond if you do not object to this recommendation.*

## Guests

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Student Guests: Jacob Lang, St. Mary; Ryan Garner, Brenna Adams, Karah Braboy, McCracken County; Victoria Taylor, Paducah Tilghman, Alli Clinard, Community Christian Academy; and Carla Hagan, Commonwealth Middle College.

Steve Little – guest of Michael Byers;

Kristy Lewis – guest of Monique Zuber;

Troy Leatherman – guest of Patrick Mobley;

David Hutchison – guest of Chris McNeill;

Robert Finney – guest of LV McGinty;

Patrick Hollowell – guest of Den Johnston;

Britany Claxton and Dakota Kellow – guests of Mike Muscarella.

