

## Upcoming Speakers

9/20 - Ms. Betsy Burkeen, Topic: United Way Reading Pals & Math Pals

9/27 - UNESCO Luncheon at Convention Center (guests must be registered no later than September 20th) \*This will be a joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club and the Lions Club as we host the UNESCO delegation

## Club Leaders



**Melanie W. McNeill**  
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President-Elect



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Club Executive Secretary

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## The Rotary Club of Paducah



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## Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club

September 13, 2017

**-Speaker: Bjarne Hansen, Executive Director of the Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club**

**-Topic: Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club**

**-Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians:**



-Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club has as its mission "to enable all young people, especially those who need us the most, to be all that they can be as productive, responsible and caring citizens." The club has been a vital force in the Paducah-McCracken County community for over sixty years.

-Mr. Hansen previously served in leadership positions at the Murray-Calloway Transit Authority and the Murray Family YMCA before joining Oscar Cross.

-Membership at the Club costs \$10.00 per year and the hours of operation are from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. five days a week. The hours of operation are extended to 7:30 am to 5:00 pm during the summer break. While at the Club, youth can work on homework and participate in a variety of meaningful activities – sports, crafts, leadership programs, health and wellness activities, and more.

-The Club annually serves more than 300 young people. On a typical day, 100-120 youth enter the club. Free transportation to the Club is provided from local schools.

-90% of club members qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches. The Club served 29,000 snacks to children last year, and also became a food bank last year.

- The Club received a \$60,000 donation from last year's Leadership Paducah class. This donation will be used to revamp the teen area. The teens at the club will be engaged in the process and give their input on the design.

- The Club and its youth members benefit from the time and talent of community members, and volunteers are always welcome. Tutors from Murray State and WKCTC help youth with homework at the Club, and volunteers come regularly to teach youth how to crochet. Local banks visit to teach money management.

- Mr. Hansen said the five key elements for positive youth development are (1) safe, positive environment (2) fun (3) supportive relationships (4) opportunities and expectations and (5) recognition.

## Birthdays

C. Robert Shelton

September 17

David R. Perry

September 18

Craig Guess

September 18

Jessica Toren

September 20

Terry Reeves

September 22

Mark Hequembourg

September 25

Gayle Martin

September 27

James Dennis Johnston

September 29

Lydia May

October 02

John A. Williams Jr.

October 03

Allan Rhodes

October 04

Hutchinson Smith

October 05

Hardy L. Roberts

October 06

Jody W Stivers

October 08

Barry Smith

October 12

-The Club participates in the National Youth Outcome Initiative, a survey and measurement tool used by Boys & Girls Clubs nationally. The Club's scores are on par with national results, but they seek to continuously improve. As Mr. Hansen said, "either you're growing or you're done."

-The Club depends on donations from individuals. Last year they received \$115,000 in individual donations. For more information on the Club and how to support it, visit [ocbgc.org](http://ocbgc.org).

## Announcements

September 13, 2017

-President Melanie reminded the club that volunteers are needed to fill shifts to park cars at this week's First Annual AQS Fall Quilt Week. The show runs September 13-16, so we desperately need volunteers to sign up! To sign up, simply go online to: <http://signup.com/go/EZLn> <http://signup.com/go/EZLvSk> You don't have to create an online account, just select a shift time and show up! Proceeds from the project go toward club civic projects.

-Rotarian Debbie Wattier invites all Rotarians to attend a retirement party for fellow Rotarian Brian Laczko. Rotarian Brian has served as Executive Director of the Carson Center in Paducah for the past 12 years. The party is Friday September 15, from 5-7pm at the Carson Center.

-Club attendance was 48.8% in July, 48.0% in August. We are moving in the wrong direction and need to do better! Basil Drossos and John Williams Sr. were awarded attendance prizes.

-WKCTC President Dr. Anton Reece accepted a \$20,000 donation to the Community Scholarship Program.



## Guests

September 13, 2017

Jay Patel – guest of Barry Griffith

Mary Katz and Brian Katz – guests of Debbie Wattier

Terry Bradley – guest of Zach Hosman

Savanah Allen – guest of Jon Deaton

Lora Jean Gowan – guest of Bob Johnston

Shannon Livingston, Todd Faulkner, Hooman Taleban, Melissa Mast – guests of George Bray

Monica Futrell, Hannah Clark, Quincy Bell, Jay Smith, Abijah Williams, Justin Hill, Dr. Jo Marshall, Lee Emmons and Lisa Stephenson – guests of Dr. Anton Reece

Ricardo dos Remedios and Sarah Katz – student guests from Paducah Tilghman

Emma Clinard and Alyssa Slusmeyer – student guests from Community Christian Academy

Zach Jenkins – student guest from St. Mary

Sophie Grogan, Bailyn Peeler and Peyton Cadwell – student guests from McCracken County