

Upcoming Speakers

10/4 - Chad Lampe, Station Manager, WKMS Radio

10/11 - Ed Musselman, Owner, Historic Coca-Cola Bottling Plant

10/18 - Annual McCracken County 4-H Awards

10/25 - District Governor Missy's Visit & Club Assembly

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UNESCO Delegates Visit Paducah

September 27, 2017

Speaker: Ted Sykes, President and COO of the American Queen Steamboat Company. Sykes was the keynote speaker for this special meeting of the Rotary Club of Paducah, the Paducah Lions Club, and the Paducah Downtown Kiwanis Club. The special meeting was held in honor of the UNESCO Creative Cities delegation meeting in Paducah this week. The meeting was arranged by the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau. The group was also greeted by Rotary District Governor Missy Eckenberg.



Topic: Sustaining Economic Development through Tourism and Travel

Top Ten Takeaways for Rotarians



-The American Queen Steamboat Company, headquartered in Memphis, operates three cruise ships in the US. The American Queen and the American

Duchess sail the Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee Rivers. The American Empress sails the Columbia and Snake Rivers in the northwestern US. Both the American Queen and the American Duchess are among the paddle wheelers that stop regularly at the Port of Paducah and offer visitors tours of the city.

-Sykes said his company targets the Baby Boomer generation. He cited statistics that since 1957 is considered the height of the Baby Boom, approximately 491 people are turning the age of 60 each hour this year. Approximately 4.2 million people were born in 1957.

-That generation "overwhelms the economy", he said, saying Baby Boomers typically retire earlier, are healthy, and are living longer. "Leisure is considered a necessity by this generation" Sykes said, "they constantly seek cultural enhancement through travel." He called them "Lifelong Learners" who are typically satisfied by their material goods, but crave experiences and memories made through travel.

-Sykes said his company sees the same trend with international guests, saying international demand is strong among the same demographic. He further described the age group as "sophisticated, and interested in music, the arts, and distinct food and spirits."

-Riverside communities like Paducah have the opportunity to capitalize from river cruise travel. He applauded Paducah's downtown and Lowertown revitalization efforts, calling

Scott Taylor
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Birthdays

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

Roger Truitt

October 15

Shawn Turner

October 16

Brenda Allcock

October 19

Deborah Simon

October 19

David Black

October 19

J. William Howerton

October 22

Laura A. Duff

October 23

Arthur P. Feather

October 26

Milton M. Livingston Jr.

October 28

Paducah a “uniquely American city that saw new life with the incorporation of the arts.”

-Sykes announced that in 2018, the American Duchess will offer a themed cruise called “The Art of Quilting”. The Memphis to Louisville cruise begins April 22, 2018 and features a series of quilting lectures and classes onboard the Duchess, plus a stop in Paducah...Quilt City USA!

-When river cruise guests stop in Paducah, they are typically offered tours of the National Quilt Museum, the Lowertown Arts District, the Lloyd Tilghman House and Civil War Museum, the Paducah Railroad Museum and the River Discovery Center. A guided tour of Paducah’s Hotel Metropolitan is also included among the tour options.

- “Our history is the world’s history,” Sykes said, “the river offers a tapestry of different cultures and frontier exploration.” This is the type of travel that makes river cruising unique in the US, he added.

-Holding up a recent feature story on Paducah from the Chicago Tribune, Sykes applauded Paducah for public relations efforts. “This is what can be done through creativity and effort,” Sykes said.

-For more information on the UNESCO Creative Cities conference, and other Paducah area events, visit the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau website at www.paducah.travel.

New Member Proposals

September 27, 2017

Upon recommendation of the Membership Approval Committee and the Board of Directors, the following people have been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Paducah:

Betsy Burkeen
Troy Courtney
Mary Katz
Daniel Roe
Lee Emmons

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 these recommendations.

Guests

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Mary Katz - guest of Debbie Wattier
Renie Barger – guest of Don Barger
Kathryn Byers – guest of Tonya Goodale
Barbara McGinty – guest of L.V. McGinty
Nick Kosewski – guest of Megan Thomason
Whitney Denson – guest of Sandra Wilson
Rev. Lora Jean Gowan – guest of Bob Johnston
Brian Katz – guest of Scott Taylor
Lee Emmons – guest of Dr. Anton Reece
Daniel Roe – guest of Basil Drossos
Amy Bontrager and Ryne McMullen – guests of Mike Muscarella
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