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Rotary Program: February 10, 2016
Program Chair: Dan Stratton
Speaker: Burton Webb—21st President of UPIKE



Dr. Burton Webb is UPIKE's 21st President. He was a guest of the Pikeville Rotary Club on Wednesday, February 10,



Dan Stratton and Dr. Burton Webb. Dr. Webb is the 21st President of UPIKE

February 10, 2016. Daniel Stratton, program chair, introduced Dr. Webb to our group.

Dr. Webb holds a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from Indiana University. He has taught at both the undergraduate school at Indiana Wesleyan University and at Indiana University School of Medicine. As he noted in his letter of introduction, he is bilingual, in that he can speak both the language of medicine, but with the tone and craft of the humanities.

His prior position was as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty for Northwest Nazarene University in Napa, Idaho. His credentials and experience are excellent.

President Webb was raised on a small farm outside of Jackson, Michigan. Both his parents were educators, who also did Christian missionary in Taiwan for a few years. His career has largely been in central Indiana, where he has taught at schools larger than UPIKE, but which also had a rural outreach such as UPIKE. He has fully embraced our

Guests

Andrea Robinette—Shirley Blackburn
 Helen Brown—James Brown
 Muriel Stratton—Dan Stratton
 Krystal Riffe—Mike Pacheco
 Marcos Fondelius & Mindy Fleming—Howard Roberts
 Burton Webb, Kay Webb, and Dale Sammons, were guests of the club

Absent

Brigitte Anderson, Jared Arnett, Roya Attar, Julie Boyd, Jacob Colley, Laura Damron, Jennifer Day, Tim Deskins, Debbie Freeman, James Glass, Jerry Green, Traci Hancock, Dick Jarvis, Jerry Kanney, David Lester, Jay Narola, Brian Nierman, A O Onkst, Joshua Owen, Dustin Potter, Ghomer Prater, Sherry Riddle, Dennis Rohrer, Lance Rose, Robert Shurtleff, David Snow, Anna Pinson, Dwain Stevens, and Heath Wiley.

Make Up—Rotaryclubone

Date	Rotarians Present	Guests & Speaker	Total
02/03/16	44	10	54
02/10/16	44	9	53

Leave of Absence

Morgan Chapman	01/01/16	03/31/16
Eddy Coleman	01/31/16	03/31/16
Brad Hall	01/01/16	03/31/16

Program Continued

mission as an opportunity school, and our Christian values. His management style is very collegiate and transparent.

Dr. Webb has a strong track record of success and achievement wherever he has been. We believe that he has the vision, creativity, and work ethic to make good things happen for the University of Pikeville.

Dr. Webb’s presentation was just as interesting as his introduction. He stated that Rotary was a lot like UPike when comparing Rotary’s Areas of Focus -Supporting Education, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers and Children, Growing Local Economies, Fighting Disease, and Promoting Peace.

He talked to us about growing up in a small town in Michigan. Just ten minutes from Flint, Michigan. He told us how Flint was once a booming town until GM left. And because Flint had not diversified its economy it could not bounce back from the GM closing. The town still suffers to this day. He sees similarities in our town of Pikeville. Coal has had its impact.

However, Pikeville and Eastern Kentucky is working smarter than Flint. Its citizens know that diversification is the key to success and they are working toward a different future for Eastern Kentucky. The University of Pikeville is poised to be a partner in that success.

Thank you Dr. Webb for sharing a few moments with us.



Dr. Webb and His wife, Kay

District Conference

Ray’s Rib—

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man’s hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather’s shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. “We must do something about father,” said the son. “I’ve had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.” So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl! When the family glanced in Grandfather’s direction, sometime he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, “What are you making?” Just as sweetly, the boy responded, “Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.” The four-year-old smiled and went back to work .

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather’s hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

Moral: You reap what you sow. Regardless of your relationship with your parents, you’ll miss them when they’re gone from your life. Always Respect, Care for and Love them.