

Don't Forget!!!!

March 8 2011 at
The Pasta House.

11:30 - Noon
open networking
12:00 Meeting

On the Program...

The Patriot Guard

Quote of the Month...

"If your actions
inspire others to
dream more,
learn more, do
more and become
more,
you are a leader."

~John Quincy
Adams



*Happy Birthday
Wishes to all our
March
Birthdays!*

Contact Us...

If you have any
information you would
like to add to the
monthly newsletter,
please email
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The Patriot Guard Riders

The Patriot Guard Riders (PGR) is a motorcycle club whose members attend the funerals of members of the United States armed forces at the invitation of the deceased's family. Patriot Guard Riders' representatives state that they are not a chartered motorcycle club, but a group of patriotic individuals.

The group was formed in 2005 to shelter and protect the funerals from protesters from the Westboro Baptist Church, who claim that the deaths of American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan are divine retribution for American tolerance of homosexuality. PGR members position themselves to physically shield the mourners from the presence of the Westboro protesters by blocking the protesters from view with their motorcade, or by having members hold American flags. The group also drowns out the protesters' chants by singing patriotic songs or by revving motorcycle engines.

Although initially founded by motorcyclists, the organization is open to anyone, regardless of political affiliation, veteran status, or whether they ride or not. The only prerequisite is "a deep respect for those who serve our country; military, firefighters, or law enforcement".

The group's mission quickly expanded to include the funerals of law enforcement officers, fire department personnel, all first responders, and any active duty member or veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces from all previous wars and conflicts and is now largely focused on recognizing and honoring the sacrifices of fallen service members as well as their families and loved ones. As of August 2010, PGR reported over 201,000 members. In addition to their attendance at funerals, the group also greets troops returning from overseas at welcome home celebrations, and deployment ceremonies. The group also assists families in financial difficulties with travel and housing arrangements, and also visits military hospitals to encourage and honor wounded service members of the United States Armed Forces. (Wikipedia)



Escort for Paducah Soldiers

To find out more about the Patriot Guard, visit their Web site: www.patriotguard.org

BPW Committee
Assignments

Aspiring Professional—
Chair Denise Brazzell

Bylaws—Chair Jessica
Koverdan

Correspondence Com-
mittee—Chair Jackie
Jones

KY Professional
Women's Week—Chair
Gale Hatton

Legislation—Chair Julie
Tennyson

Membership/Public Re-
lations—Chair Gina
Leeper

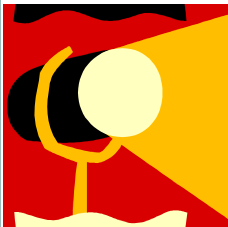
Professional Develop-
ment—Chair Tammy
Owen

**Current Paducah River
City BPW Members:**

Denise Brazzell, Rayla
Bridges, Terri Buri, Sarah
Bynum Roman, Deena
Crouch, Wendy Erwin,
Stephanie Fischer, Mary
Ann Freels, Amy Glas-
gow, Hope Hamilton,
Brandi Harless, Gale Hat-
ton, Andrea Higdon-Lane,
Julie Hunt, Kimberly
Hunt, Lisa Johnston-
Ramage, Jackie Jones,
Jessica Koverdan, Traci
Ledford, Gina Leeper,
Patsy Marine, Kim Mor-
gan, Gayle Olberding,
Tammy Owen, Stacy
Puckett, Cindy Ragland,
Holly Reynolds, Crystal
Ridenour, Kelly Rosa,
Laura Schaumburg, Jamie
Smith, Trish Steckenrider,
Melissa Sullivan, Jan
Swain, Julie Tennyson,
Nancy Thurman, Dianne
Toon, Carla Wiggins,
Terrie Wyles and May
Louise Zumwalt

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT...

Laura Schaumburg



Laura Schaumburg is now the Marketing Assistant at the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau following a two summer internship in the office. She enjoys being an advocate for Paducah and connecting with visitors, especially through social media. Lately, her work has been focused on Paducah's recognition as a 2011 Distinctive Destination and encouraging everyone to vote Paducah for Fan Favorite! (Make sure to register and vote daily at preservationnation.org/ddd).

Laura graduated from Murray State University with a Public Relations degree in December 2010 and Massac County High School in 2007. When not promoting Paducah, she loves to travel, read and dance as much as possible.

**Remember donations are accepted at
each meeting for the Merry House.**

Some items needed are:

Pillows
Pajamas
Slippers
Adult and Children's underwear (new-all sizes)
Hairbrush/Combs
Non-perishable food
Storage bags
Paper plates/utensils
White towels and cloths
White twin sheets
Disposable Razors

Tissue
Baby shampoo/Lotion
Diapers/Pull-ups
Laundry detergent
Dryer sheets
Dish soap
Deodorant
Children's toothpaste
Pre-paid phone cards
Used cell phones
Gift cards
Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen