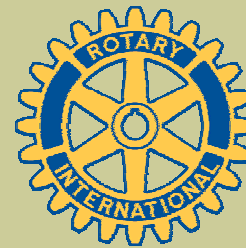


Owensboro's Rotary IMPETUS



Reminders & Announcements:

- You can attend a make-up meeting online at www.rotaryclub7890.org

- Kevin Carrico is program Chair for February.

- Mike Filbin will be at the Fellowship table in January.

- If you have an email address And you are not receiving the Impetus, contact Kim Carmen At MediaWorks via email at kim@mediaworksadvertising.com.

- Our club is co-hosting the GSE team from Germany May 20 through May 23, 2007 with the Daviess County Rotary Club. If you have an interest in hosting or have hospitality ideas, please contact Larry Yates 683-2222

Coming Programs:

- Jan. 3rd: Glen Sowards—
"Our Club"
- Jan. 10th: Mike Goad—Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University
- Jan. 17th: Helen Mountjoy—Greater Owensboro-Daviess Co. Alliance/P-16 Council
- Jan. 24th: President Gary Randsdell—WKU/Owensboro Plans
- Jan. 31st: Dan Katz—WFIE NBC Newscasting

"Lead The Way"

John Kurtz—President

Mike Wallace—Rotary Impetus Editor

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Your President Speaks:

Sorry I couldn't be with you last Wednesday – but I did catch up my Rotary reading. In doing so I found what continues to amaze me about Rotary. I'm convinced that if Rotary had the budget of the United Nations, Rotary would be ten times as effective as the UN is at doing what it's noble charter says it should be doing for peace, social development and humanitarian affairs.

My dissertation isn't to dog the UN but to applaud your club at home and around the globe for being the fast moving, flat structured human safety net for so many. I know many of our churches, synagogues, mosques and other faith bodies do so much to help in the same way – but what's beautiful about our own club is that we have the opportunity to bring that diversity together rather than apart in same-faith groups.

This brings me to two issues. One is that, while studying the array of projects and impacts Rotary clubs are creating around the world I realize that this club shall never be short on worthwhile projects – several come to mind for us to consider: shelter boxes for disaster victims, dictionaries for students, solutions for the battle against drug abuse, awards for "teachers of the year" and then the less serious: Texas Hold 'Em tournament, a regatta, a hot air balloon race, a presidential debate, a rally race or hill climb or whatever this club decides to support. I'm excited about the future of this club.

The last element of this club that needs to be celebrated and developed is its diversity. Some of you may laugh because you still see the club of 20 years ago – and that's a great foundation. But what I'm talking about is diversity of race, gender, age, occupation, faith and so on. This club will do well if it broadens that base even more. I joined this club and love this club because of members like you and whoever our newest member will be.

Have fun! - John

Project Update:

The Owensboro Rotary PlayZeum at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History will soon have the long-awaited "inside/outside" crawl-tube installed. Thanks to your generous contributions and the leadership of the Owensboro Rotary Foundation, Interactive Play Co. will also install an Infant Maze. Inclusion of the maze will broaden the service of the Owensboro Rotary PlayZeum to include crawling-set. The balance of the funds in the project account will likely go to either a cave structure, a deferred maintenance fund or revert back to the Foundation's general fund. Way to go Rotarians!