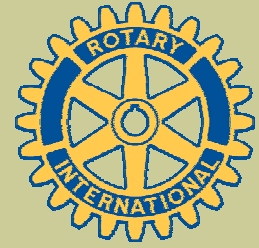


# Owensboro's Rotary IMPETUS



## Reminders & Announcements:

- Tish Correa-Osborne is program Chair for June.
- Gavin Roberts returns to the Fellowship Table for his second month in a row.
- The Rotary International Convention will be June 17-20 in Salt Lake City, Utah
- If you have an email address and you are not receiving the Impetus, contact Kim Carman at MediaWorks via email at kim@mediaworksadvertising.com
- Save The Date—September 22 is Rotary Family Fun Day at Moreland Park...See Tim Bradshaw for details.

*“Lead The Way”*

*John Kurtz—President*

*Mike Wallace & Kim Carman — Rotary Impetus Editors*

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## New Member(s) Spotlight:

Last month we inducted two new members into Owensboro Rotary Club. Kenny



**Gastenveld**

McCarty with B&J Sanitation and Paula Gastenveld from Owensboro Community and Technical college. Before being named President at OCTC, Gastenveld had been the provost at Valencia Community College West Campus in Orlando Florida since 2003 and has worked in other leadership roles at community colleges in Ohio and Massachusetts.

McCarty is credited with making his clients' "nasty stuff" go away.



**McCarty... (not really—we just don't have his photo yet.)**

Please make these and all our new members

## Coming Programs:

- June 6: Election of Directors
- June 13: Boulware Center
- June 20: Eric Miller—Raptor Center
- June 27: \*\* No Meeting \*\*
- June 28: Owensboro Rotary Club

**See Tish if you'd like to schedule a month of programs.**

## Your President Speaks:

Two things came to mind after witnessing August Neal's generous gift to the club's International Water Project in honor of Scott Holder and the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program. First is how important this water issue is on a global scale. The current issue of Newsweek has a 4 or 5-page story about water—how important it is to each of us and therefore how its protection is vital to, not only our health as individuals but to the health of nations and the world from a political and socio-economic standpoint. It has been said by water experts and political scientists that the next global war will be waged over water rights. Thanks to all of you who have helped us drill six, and possibly seven wells in Uganda.

The second issue that has been gnawing at me and is becoming more important to the club's health is the changing face of Rotary in Owensboro and around the world. Our club is facing a small decline in membership and we need to address strategies to effect a change in that trend. Or we could let the situation seek equilibrium on its own. I submit to this club and the board that we must be proactive and develop membership with a plan. I am committed to serve this club after my presidency in that role. We invited the Chamber Young Professionals to "check-out" Rotary. We need to invite more people to see what we do and who we are. This club satisfies the cravings of today's "20 and 30 somethings" to find the sense of "neighborhood" again or to give back to the community.

We're here to serve and we must keep the engine running for the Rotary machine to work. Have fun! - John