



Service above self...

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Programs

This Week's Program:

Sr. Suzanne Sims – Uganda Report

Upcoming Programs:

Oct. 22 Jody Wassmer – Chamber of Commerce

Oct. 29 Ken McDonald – WKU Basketball



Rotary tee shirts and Champion Ford caps (courtesy of Rotarian Bruce Brubaker) went to men in the village who helped with the Butiiti water project

Don't miss Sr. Suzanne's report this Wednesday!

Happy Birthday to...

Mike Hobson – October 14

Dan Shepherd – October 14

Paul Brooks – October 18

Jim White – October 19

Flem Gordon – October 19



Your President Speaks...

I have heard our speakers often invoke the Rotary 4-way Test within their talks to us, and always with an attitude of great respect and praise for it. Brain Crall did it again last week. There are many jewels of wisdom inside the Rotary message that we don't think of that often. Just getting past the first one is a big challenge for a lot of people! (Is it the Truth?)

The Rotary motto, "Service above Self," has always struck me as an especially powerful phrase. It reminds us that we mostly think about ourselves - our lives, our responsibilities, our jobs, our leisure. It's a rare thing, in my experience, to meet someone who actually lives by that code. If you're like most of us and need to be reminded to think of others first, then Rotary is just the ticket to help you focus on the plight of others less fortunate. It's also a perfect avenue for giving with a collection of like-minded folks. Our Club gives to education in Owensboro and to health care for kids. We have a water system being installed in Uganda to make life better for villagers there. We built a wonderful indoor playground, the Playzeum, for families to enjoy and to draw more people into our Museum. And now we are preparing to do more... far more with a big fund raiser and greater ideas for giving. As a group, we are serving, without expectation of anything in return, and therefore collectively we are exercising a service above our own selves.



What a powerful thing to think that there are over 1.3 million Rotarians all over the world actively seeking ways to serve others without reward to themselves. Think of all the good being done. And what if we were 50 million strong? Think it would make a difference in this old world? Just makes you feel good to be a part of Rotary, doesn't it? Share that feeling with somebody today and invite them to come Wednesday to hear Sister Suzanne's report on the Uganda Water Project!

THINK BIGGER!

See you next week,
President Tom

Meeting Notes from October 8, 2008

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Rodney Berry

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Kim Johnson reported 66 members and 2 guests present

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Tom Smith thanked **Ruth Ann Hughes** for the great job she's done scheduling 20 weeks of radio interviews about Rotary.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: Welcome to **Gene Tice**, Director of the WKU Owensboro Campus. Gene is originally from Zanesville, OH and most recently served as Vice President of Student Affairs for Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

PROGRAM: Bo Barron introduced Brian Crall, a Murray State Graduate, former CEO of the Owensboro Family YMCA and Progress Printing, past State Representative, and recent cabinet member of the Fletcher Administration. Brian is now a consultant with the YMCA of USA. Brian recounted memories from his early campaigns and recalled that the Four-Way Test figured prominently in his campaign against fellow Rotarian Fred Reeves when they ran for the same legislative seat. Brian commented as a former government servant that it is very difficult to be bipartisan, even though most legislators would embrace that concept. Brian suggested three things that voters could do to improve the current system. First, free candidates to be candid; next, recalibrate our own expectations; and finally, be willing to hear and receive the truth.



Brian Crall (left) and Bo Barron

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The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- *Is it the Truth?*
- *Is it fair to all concerned?*
- *Will it build good will and better friendships?*
- *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

Rotary Reminders

- Don't forget to make up your missed meetings at Daviess County Rotary at Moonlight at 7 am on Tuesday.
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Meeting Information

Meeting Time:

Every Wednesday at 12:00 noon

Meeting Location:

Owensboro Country Club
400 E. Byers Avenue
Owensboro, Kentucky 42303

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