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Programs

This Week's Program:

Jody Wassmer – Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Programs:

Oct. 29 Ken McDonald – WKU
Basketball

Nov. 5 Tracy Marksberry – Learning
Community

Welcome... to our newest members!



Ankur Gopal
is CEO of Revasyst,
COO of Agent 511,
and owner of
Ankentrepreneur



Gene Tice

is Director of the WKU
Owensboro Campus

Your President Speaks...

I don't know about you, but the feeling I got hearing **Sister Suzanne Sims'** presentation of her Uganda trip and our water project just fills me with pride. The pictures of the children in the small village of Igulika, the workers who installed the water lines and pump, and those who represent our Water Project Committee over there brought it all to life. Sister did a wonderful job telling her story and thanks to **Bob Hudson** for his help in preparing the PowerPoint program.

As we all know, our lives are so easy and so comfortable here at home compared to a great deal of the rest of the world. It is because there are people in real need all around the globe that Rotary International is such a major player in relief efforts and health initiatives such as this. As Sister said, "...it is not only because RI wants us to work in Clean Water and International Projects that we do this, but also because it is the right thing to do!"

Fr. Titus, who was Sister's guide and interpreter, told me that it meant so much that we sent those gifts and Rotary Shirts to his people. "Hats off" to **Bruce Brubaker** for sending the Champion Ford hats which were such a big hit! Our first International Volunteer Service Grant trip was a great success by any measure!

And this is just the beginning! Our Uganda Water Project Committee is starting to plan for the next water project in the region. Let me know if you would like to join! Thanks to the Club for your support, and kudos to the elementary kids at Owensboro Catholic K - 3 for their fund-raising efforts, to the Daviess County Rotary Club for their generous contribution, and to all members who gave supplies and cash for Sister's historic trip!

NOW we are becoming a GREAT CLUB!! **THINK BIGGER!**

See you next week, *President Tom*

Meeting Notes from October 15, 2008

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Pat McFarling

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Levi Reames reported 63 members and 5 guests present. Roger Coomes had a make-up at the Daviess County Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **President Tom Smith** announced a 7-day wait for potential Rotarian Paul Gilliam of the Salvation Army.

Dean Ehrenheim announced that Rotary District 6710 is participating in "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" and asked Rotarians to put the UNICEF boxes out at their places of business and elsewhere. The funds collected will be designated for PolioPlus. Boxes must be returned by November 16.

The Ohio River Visions Conference is set for November 15, 9 – 5 pm at the RiverPark Center. For information contact the Owensboro Area Museum.

PROGRAM: President Tom introduced Father Titus, **Sister Suzanne Sims'** travel companion to Uganda. Father Titus thanked the club for helping his home village of Igulika. He said the people of his village are very thankful for the "Good Hearts" of our club. Sister Suzanne thanked the club for its support and shared photos of her trip. Her presentation included pictures of Father Titus' family, well workers, and other villagers. Sister met many new friends, young and old. Her core mission was multifaceted and included meeting the local people, working with water project leaders, learning of additional local needs, creating a local water committee, and serving as an envoy on behalf of our club. Sister acknowledged what a valuable asset Father Titus was to her and how he personally sacrificed to make this visit successful.



Happy Birthday to... Jack Darnell – Oct. 20 • Glenn Skeens – Oct. 20 • Glenn Taylor – Oct. 21 • Thom Furgason – Oct. 25

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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

2008/09 Club Officers

President: Tom Smith
Vice President: Patty Ray
Past President: Patrick McNulty
Secretary: Dean Ehrenheim
Treasurer: Bob Nation