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Programs

This Week's Program:

Ken McDonald – WKU Basketball

Upcoming Programs:

Nov. 5 Tracy Marksberry - Learning Community

Nov. 12 Combest Awards

Nov. 19 Barry Carden - Goodfellows Club

Program Chair for November is **Gordon Wilkerson**

Happy Birthday to...



Jeanne Kirk – October 28

Jarred Barron – October 30

Gordon Wilkerson – October 30

Brenda Clayton – October 31

Your President Speaks...

As we move forward through this Rotary year, things are beginning to shape up! We are keeping our attendance up and guests are more prominent every week! We have inducted some fine new members and they are approaching Rotary with fresh enthusiasm and commitment. We all know that many of our members never come to the Wednesday meetings and that is a shame because they miss so much. But for those of us who congregate and have lunch, we get a very real sense of satisfaction when we greet Bill West and our Japanese friends from a sister city, or get to meet a top notch guest business or community leader and talk to them about Rotary. And when we learn about our Chamber of Commerce from **Jody Wassmer** and his team, and the efforts they work on every day for this community, it is so positive. Just about all of the programs this year have enriched our membership. Kudos to those Program Chairs who made it possible. To me, Rotary on Wednesdays is where it's happenin'!!

So what are you doing on Wednesday that you can't come and see us? Grab a friend or co-worker next Wednesday and come on down and eat... the meeting's fine! **THINK BIGGER!**

See you next week,
President Tom

Meeting Notes from October 22, 2008

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Mike Hobson

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: **Kimberly Johnson** reported 64 members and 5 guests present. Guests included Bill West and a principal and his assistant from a Japanese high school, Mr. Fujiboto and Mr. Okijima; Dan Douglas, a guest of Kevin Schwartz; and Evelyn "Rooster" McCarty, a guest of Nancy Fuqua.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: **George Collignon** introduced **Captain Paul Gilliam**, an officer of the Salvation Army. Paul is a ten-year veteran of the Salvation Army and a former Rotarian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Tom Smith announced a 7-day wait for potential Rotarians Kenneth Palmer and Mark Berry.

PROGRAM: **Patty Ray** introduced **Jody Wassmer**, acting president of our Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce since 2005. Jody traced the history of the Chamber back to its origin in 1907 as a Men's Business Club which became the Chamber in 1913. Jody reviewed the Chamber's member services, including healthcare options, online labor compliance information, text messaging with Agent 511, Web site design, and social networking. He mentioned the Chamber's advocacy on behalf of the community, including annual legislative policy agendas, a contract lobbyist, and transportation advocacy for projects such as Highway 231, the US 60 Bypass extension, and very importantly, Interstates 66 and 69. The Chamber has been instrumental in forming C-LINK, an organization composed of two members from each Chamber of Commerce in the surrounding twelve counties. This combined organization is working hard to insure our voice is heard in Frankfort and on a federal level to push forward on the I69 project.

Legend of the Month

At Wednesday's meeting, **MARTEL WIGHTMAN** regaled us with stories of our club's history. He shared humorous anecdotes from his 50+ years of attending Owensboro Rotary Club meetings. These include biscuit throwing, belly dancers, watching the Owensboro High School basketball team practice for a program, as well as members of the Club trying to round up 25 chicks!

Martel joined the Owensboro Rotary Club in 1956 and served as club president in 1980/81.



At the 2006 Gala, **Martel Wightman** received recognition for 50 years of membership in Owensboro Rotary.

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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

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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