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Programs

This Week's Program: Brian Crall

Upcoming Programs:

- Oct. 15 Sr. Suzanne Sims – Uganda Report
- Oct. 22 Jody Wassmer – Chamber of Commerce
- Oct. 29 Ken McDonald – WKU Basketball

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST - The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND - High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD - The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH - The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Your President Speaks...

It is really exciting to see our newest Rotarians carrying out their **Rookies Team** duties and wrapping up their tenure this month as our inaugural Team #1. They will report to the Club when all is completed. Never before have we brought new members into small groupings that allowed for the degree of special bonding and interaction like this program has. We are very excited to be ushering in our Rookies Team #2 next week and seeing them kick off their activities together. Please give each of them a little of your time and attention, as we are asking them to get not only your signatures, but also a little info on each of the Rotarians whom they talk to. It is a way for them to get to know you and a way for you to get to know them. We are asking for volunteers to put on our traditional **Rotary Orientation** semi-annually, as we need to provide one again this fall.

Past President Jeff Ebelhar shared some interesting stats from the past eight years' regarding Club membership with me recently. Among them was the fact that half of our losses in members come in the first two years of membership. We hope to correct that fact through the Rookies program, whose grads go on to become life-long Rotarians who love their Club and participate to the fullest! Support your Rookies!!

Our next **Club Assembly** will be on December 3rd. It has been delayed to accommodate some special speakers coming in the next few weeks. But we have much to discuss and decide on for later in the year. We announced today that the Board is looking for ways to tweak the **Gala** next spring into a more dynamic and possibly a money-making event. And our **Annual Fund Raiser** Idea for the UK Basketball Exhibition Game needs to be refined to meet the realities of new NCAA regulations that have recently gone on the books. Lots to talk about and I hope you make plans to be there. Gotta love what is happening in Owensboro Rotary!!

THINK BIGGER!

See you next week,
President Tom

Meeting Notes from October 1, 2008

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Kirk Kirkpatrick

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Kim Johnson reported 71 members and 5 guests present

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Tom Smith announced the following meetings:

- Rookies Team meeting at 1 p.m. today (10/1)
- Uganda Water Project meeting next week (10/8) at 1 p.m.
- Rookies Team #2 planning meeting, Tuesday, October 7, at The Campbell Club

Congratulations to **Roger Coomes** on 22 years of perfect attendance!

PROGRAM: President Tom introduced mayoral candidate, Al Mattingly. Al is a graduate of Brescia University, a former U. S. Army serviceman, and has been involved with his family's local business for years. He is active with many local organizations including the Owensboro Catholic schools. As a member of the Owensboro City Commission, Al has been actively involved in working with storm water drainage projects, joint projects with the county (i.e. the ice arena and 911 dispatch consolidation plan), downtown development and the Big E project. He noted that we need to place an emphasis not only on business retention and expansion, but also on blue collar industry jobs. His only promise was to work hard day and night, give 110% as he has always done, listen and keep an open mind, respect other's opinions and apply the Rotary 4-Way Test daily.

Happy Birthday to...

Buddy Maddox - October 9

Tommy Thompson - October 10



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Theme

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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