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Programs

This Week's Program: Thanksgiving Program - Jamus Edwards, Pleasant Valley Community Church

Upcoming Programs:

- Dec. 3 Club Assembly
- Dec. 10 Dr. Paula Gastenveld – OCTC
- Dec. 17 Christmas Program – Julie White's "Encore Choir"

"Rookies" Round-Up...

Our first team of Rookies recently completed their service project. **Brian Jones, Kim Johnson** and team captain **Levi Reames** are shown below painting the railings at the Boulware Center.



LEGEND OF THE MONTH

At Wednesday's meeting, **DREW KIRKLAND** shared some of his experiences as the one of the club's youngest presidents. A particularly memorable event was the last minute cancellation by program speaker Phyllis George Brown. The packed house that day was surprised to find that Gov. John Y. Brown had showed up to pinch hit!

Drew joined the Owensboro Rotary Club in 1975 and served as club president in 1983/84. He currently serves as chair of the club's College Loan Committee and has a perfect attendance record of 31 years.

Your President Speaks...

As we near the holidays, the needs of the less fortunate in our community become even clearer. Let's be generous this season, with our time, with our pocket books and with our outreach as a club. I encourage you to sign up for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 13th, an annual tradition for our club that goes back many years. We heard **Capt. Paul Gilliam** tell us that Rotary drives the coin bucket with up to four times stronger than normal donations because of Rotarians' presence and commitment. It will put you "on the ground" and show you what the giving spirit and the Season is all about.

We are moving ahead with our plans for the big Valentine's Bourbon Heritage event and are counting on great support and attendance. The Bourbon distilleries are showing keen interest in getting down to Owensboro and everyone I talk to has been very bullish about this being such a unique event. (At least something is bullish these days!)

Thanks again to **Bruce Brubaker** for pledging two UK Basketball game tickets for our Silent Auction on February 14th. What a winner this guy is! Please get an item or two together and contact Barbara Poynter at 240-4007. And get your wives or husbands to a meeting on Wednesday and involved in our Fundraiser. Their interest and help will be greatly appreciated and we will be happy to put them to work! And bring a guest to our Thanksgiving meeting next week. **THINK BIGGER!!!**

See you next week,
President Tom

Meeting Notes from November 19, 2008

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: David Nelson

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Gene Tice reported 59 members and 5 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara Poynter, coordinator of the AFR Silent Auction, asked members to begin rounding up auction items. Call her at 270-4007 if you have questions or items to turn in.

Bell ringers needed! Sign up at the Fellowship Table to ring the Salvation Army bell on Saturday, December 13.

PROGRAM: **Gordon Wilkerson** introduced Sally Wood, president of the Goodfellows Club Board of Directors, and Barry Carden, a longtime Goodfellows Board member. Ms. Wood related the history of the organization, founded in 1916 by her grandfather, newspaper editor Lawrence Hager. Hager held the first Christmas party that year because "no child should be forgotten at Christmas." The Goodfellows Club continues today to reach out to less fortunate children providing clothing, shoes, coats, dental care, and Christmas joy. Barry Carden described some of the club's activities and its year-round working relationship with the local schools. He emphasized the fact that 100% of all donations go directly to meet local children's needs. The club's daily donation "Roll Call" in the *Messenger-Inquirer* begins Thanksgiving Day and continues through Christmas. "Soup Days" are December 4 at Settle Memorial Methodist Church and December 11 at Third Baptist Church. This year's Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 20 at the Sportscenter.

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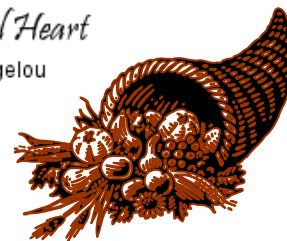


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Theme

A Joyful Spirit is evidence of a Grateful Heart

Maya Angelou

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



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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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President: Tom Smith
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