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## Programs

### This Week's Program:

Tracy Marksberry - Learning Community

### Upcoming Programs:

Nov. 12 Dr. Crystal McMahan

Nov. 19 Barry Carden - Goodfellows Club

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Program

Program Chair for November is **Gordon Wilkerson**

*Happy Birthday to...*

**Larry Mercer** – November 5

**Jane Noble** – November 6



## Your President Speaks...

Did you ever notice that every organization seems to have certain people who do everything? Whether it is a school or club or church or Boy Scout troop or football team, certain people always volunteer or step up and take on responsibility. They just want to be on the field of play and participate... and our club is like that too. We all know who they are because "they" are on most every committee and they are program chairs, current or past officers, board members, and they are usually at the meetings every week... the backbone of a great club.

**Drew Kirkland** is one of those guys. Year after year, he does a good job bringing us quality programs. He has an inside track to Sen. Mitch McConnell other politicians (at least the Republicans), and knows how to nail down the coaches and sports figures. Plus he always invites other guests who will be interested in hearing the speaker, so the crowd is bigger and we meet new potential Rotarians. He recently invited the editors of all the high school newspapers in to ask the questions of Congressional candidate Brett Guthrie. What a great idea!

A past president, 31-year perfect attendee, and chair of our College Loan Committee, he is a big part of Owensboro Rotary. I played right next to him on the line when Drew was our starting center on the '67 OHS gridiron. You learn a lot about a guy in football and he somehow always got the ball to the QB and made his block and got out of Isaac Brown's way in time... a great teammate. Thanks, Drew, for showing us how to lead and for being one of those certain people that our club always counts on to make it better. There are many of us who could get some great speakers to come on Wednesday, and we all know that the quality of programs really matters, but Drew is one Rotarian who goes out and does it.

REMEMBER: Vote on November 4th and **THINK BIGGER!!**

See you next week,  
*President Tom*

## Every vote counts!



**Don't forget  
to cast  
yours on  
November 4**

## Meeting Notes from October 29, 2008

**PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST:** Sister Suzanne Sims

**ATTENDANCE & GUESTS:** Father Larry Hostetter reported 64 members and 6 guests present.

**NEW MEMBER INDUCTION:** President Tom Smith introduced new member **Mark Berry**. Mark is with Constellation Energy and began his gas/marketing career with Texas Gas. He was recruited to the club by Rotarian **Jeff Oldham**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The club wished **Jarred Barron** a very happy 90th birthday!

**PROGRAM:** **Drew Kirkland** introduced Western Kentucky University Head Basketball Coach, Ken McDonald. Ken played at Providence College and later professionally in Ireland. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Clemson University and most recently served as an assistant coach at the University of Texas. Coach McDonald said there were exciting prospects for this year, but anticipated that with graduating seniors and the coaching change, it will take some time to get going. He has selected a tough first year schedule, including games with Louisville, Florida State, Mississippi State, SIU, and others. According to McDonald, the fact that the university has 20 NCAA tournaments under its belt is a good recruiting tool and players coming to Western have better opportunities for court time than players at large schools like the University of Texas. He predicted, "After you see our product this year, you will be proud to say I'm a Hilltopper fan."

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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?*

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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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