



Service above self...

# OWENSBORO'S ROTARY IMPETUS

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## Programs

### This Week's Program:

Christmas Program – Julie White's  
"Encore Choir"

### Upcoming Programs:

Dec. 24 No Meeting

Program Chair for December is **Bo Barron**

## Meeting Notes...

### December 10

#### PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST:

**Mike Hobson**

#### ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Ankur

**Gopal** reported 61 members and 5  
guests present.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **President Tom Smith** announced that **Dave Silvert** has agreed to serve as club secretary next year, putting him in line for club president in 2011/12.
- The Bisons semi-pro basketball team is allowing Rotary (and other non-profits) to collect \$1 donations for parking at their games.
- Barbara Poynter explained some of the details of the club's Bourbon Heritage Celebration fund raiser (see *Your President Speaks...*)

**PROGRAM:** **Bo Barron** introduced fellow Rotarian Dr. **Paula Gastenveld**, President of OCTC, as guest speaker. A native of Henderson, KY, Paula came to OCTC from Orlando Community College in 2007. She holds degrees from Murray State University and the University of Kentucky. Paula provided statistics about OCTC, which included a current enrollment of 5,600 students and 3,600 associate degrees awarded over the past 10 years. New programs for OCTC include welding, mechatronics, biotechnology, and nursing. Paula ended her presentation with a video about the good work and collaborations OCTC has established in our community.

## Your President Speaks...

It seems there is more and more happening in Owensboro Rotary these days. Maybe it's the Holidays coming on, but busy is a word that comes to mind. The Annual Fund Raiser got a big shot in the arm with the excellent Bourbon Heritage Celebration presentation from our Coordinator in Chief and honorary Rotarian, Barbara Poynter. If you were at the meeting you saw and heard what to expect at our Valentine's Day Tasting, Dinner/Dance and Silent Auction. Remember that the whole reason for doing this is to raise money and bolster our Owensboro Rotary Foundation. With the extra money raised, we will be able to assist double or triple the number of worthy charities in town. And we will be giving more to educational causes, the free Dental Clinic, not to mention our Uganda Water Project and so much more... There have been a few dedicated souls who are part of the AFR Committee who have taken on the task of creating and executing this one-of-a-kind, and first of its kind, event. But we really need far more help to pull it off. So, if you have been waiting until closer to the date to offer to help, we are close enough! Barbara told us that every Rotarian will get an invitation in the mail soon, and that is where the rubber will hit the road! Either we support this thing or we don't. Either you buy tickets or a sponsorship or you don't. And either we volunteer to insure its success or we don't....

I realize that many in Rotary think of our weekly meetings and their membership as a form of entertainment in a totally passive organization. You have never been asked to do much, other than write a check, and therefore you are used to....well, not doing much! As a highly regarded prospective new member who attended this week told me, "Rotary around here has been known for its meetings and a lot of talk, but not much action." Ouch! Sad but true. I'll bet our Rookies won't think that way as they enjoy membership over the years to come. They are starting by getting involved, thinking as a Team and working together for a common goal. That's what Rotary is all about.

My whole message this year is for Owensboro Rotary to be, not a good club, but a great club! And to do that we need more participation. So if you want to engage yourself in our move toward greatness in the world of Rotary and you want to see our club live up to its potential, then it is time for you to SAY SO!! Activate your Rotary awareness and give a little. Not a lot, just a little. Service above self does not mean that you dedicate hours and hours every week or spend time away from home and family doing unpleasant things to raise a buck or two. It just means that you are a participant in the process, rather than a bystander. It means that you offer your help and give a small amount of time or money toward our worthy causes. And with lots of us doing a little (and an inevitable few doing a whole lot...by choice, of course), we will gradually become the club we can be really proud of! Time to be counted in. Get word to me or any officer or Board Member that you want to give...a little. And count yourself in as an active member of our Club. See you on a Committee or working on a project. Take ownership of your Club, be a part and **THINK BIGGER!!!**

See you next week, *President Tom*

*Happy Birthday to...*

**Joey Taylor** – December 17

**Ben Hendley** – December 17

**Philip Travis** – December 18



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*Don't miss our  
Christmas Program:  
Julie White's  
"Encore Choir"*



## 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**

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Vice President: Patty Ray  
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