



Service above self...

OWENSBORO'S ROTARY IMPETUS

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Programs

This Week: Dr. Paula Gastenveld, OCTC

Upcoming Programs:

- Dec. 17 Christmas Program – Julie White's "Encore Choir"
- Dec. 24 No Meeting

** NEWS FLASH **

Owensboro Rotary will be collecting the \$1 parking donations for the first Bisons basketball game Thursday, Dec. 11, at the SportsCenter. All proceeds go toward our Annual Fund Raiser, so plan to attend!

Meeting Notes...

November 26

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST:
Keith Cain

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Kevin Schwartz reported 48 members and 6 guests present.

PROGRAM: Gordon Wilkerson introduced Pastor Jamus Edwards of Pleasant Valley Community Church who provided an inspirational Thanksgiving program.

December 3

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST:
Glen Sowards

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Kevin Schwartz reported 70 members and 1 guest present.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL: 7-day wait announced for Bruce Kuegel

CONGRATULATIONS! to Levi Reames, Kim Johnson and Brian Jones, our first Rookies Team who were awarded their "graduation" certificates.

PROGRAM: For the third Club Assembly of the year, **President Tom Smith** reviewed the goals he set before his term began on July 1. See this week's "Your President Speaks..."

Your President Speaks...

The end of the year is quickly approaching and it draws our minds back to the beginning of 2008 and all that has come to pass. Quite a year it is shaping up to be in our country and around the world. Our Rotary Club is experiencing a transition this year as well. As we reach the halfway point of our Rotary year, the direction and vision for positive change is in place. The old order is our core, and living by the Four-Way Test, "Service Above Self" and our other time-tested tenants are very much central to all Rotarians. But for us to become not just a good club but a great club, a new set of criteria has been put in motion. In order of importance, as I see them, these are our stated goals for new and positive change:

- 1) Become a Club that makes a greater impact, locally and around the world...BE ALL WE CAN BE!
- 2) Grow our capability and activities to attract the resources that can make the difference
- 3) Complete our first Clean Water Initiative in Uganda, and start future ones
- 4) Create a signature Annual Fund Raiser with a goal of raising \$100,000/year
- 5) Have greater participation and leadership from our membership
- 6) Jump start our new members into more activities and projects through the Rookies Teams
- 7) Build our Owensboro Rotary Foundation to an endowment of \$1 million
- 8) Learn from and honor our Legends, members for 30+ years
- 9) Reach out to young adults and future Rotarians in our region through Interact and Rotaract Clubs
- 10) Grow our membership by a net of 10%, or 17 new members (we still have 14 to go!)

We have set these goals in motion and it is apparent that they have been adopted by many of us. Thanks to all of you who have spoken privately to me and given me your words of encouragement. This week at our third Club Assembly, we discussed our progress and our future as one of the 33,000 Clubs in Rotary International. We are ready to take it to the next level!

I encourage you to catch the Rotary spirit of giving, and become a leader in our Club. It takes a majority of the members to insure that change really happens and that it is permanent. We are slowly growing and improving, and those men and women who want to lead are sticking their heads up. What about YOU?!!!! Bring a guest. Join a Committee. Take a chance... it might just be the best thing you've done in a long time! **THINK BIGGER!!!**

See you next week, *President Tom*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Annual Fund Raiser Committee** will meet after the club meeting on Wednesday, December 10.
- **Bell Ringers still needed!** Chair **Buddy Maddox** says we still need to fill a few slots. Sign up Wednesday at the Fellowship Table.

Happy Birthday to...

Patty Ray – December 10
Bill Barron – December 11

Brian Jones – December 11
Tom Shelton – December 13



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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 Moonlite 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

2008/09 Club Officers

President: Tom Smith
Vice President: Patty Ray
Past President: Patrick McNulty
Secretary: Dean Ehrenheim
Treasurer: Bob Nation