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## Programs

### This Week's Program:

Steve Vest – *Kentucky Monthly*

### Upcoming Programs:

Jan. 21 TBA

Jan. 28 TBA

Program Chair for January is **Jeff Ebelhar**

## Your President Speaks...

Our first week of the New Year and already a lot is happening! Our third Rookies Team officially kicked off their tenure on January 6. And on the same day a small group of us toured the Visitors Center at Charles Medley Distillery of Kentucky. What a job they are doing on the place! It is just grand... with so much tradition and history. It's nice with new paint and bathrooms, etc., but still has the character of a century old building. What a great place!

Kind of like Rotary in Owensboro. We are 93 years old and still have 165 members. We are giving away tens of thousands of dollars to education and charitable organizations, and are planning for an even bigger future! Bring a guest and help us grow!

We are still going to need much help to pull off our first Annual Fund Raiser in over 30 years. By all accounts, this will be one of the coolest events in Owensboro ever, and we need to make sure everything is done right. Please lend a hand and become a part of "A Night to Remember" – February 14, Rotary's **Bourbon Heritage Celebration**. **THINK BIGGER!!!**

See you next week, *President Tom*

## Happy Birthday to...

**Alma Randolph Patton** – January 13

**Howard Sanders** – January 18



## \*\*\* Mark your calendar... Buy your tickets... Talk it up!! \*\*\*

**WHAT:** Owensboro Rotary's "Bourbon Heritage Celebration" Fundraiser

**WHEN:** February 14, 2009, 6:00 p.m. to Midnight

**WHERE:** The Visitors Center at the Charles Medley Distillers of Kentucky, 10 Distillers Road

This is something Owensboro has never seen and an event that embodies a Kentucky tradition as old as the Commonwealth itself – the world-renowned Bourbon Industry. As an event sanctioned by the KY Distillers Association in Frankfort, member distillers from all over the state will be present for a private Bourbon Tasting. Tickets include optional reserved door to door limo service (within Daviess County only), hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, complimentary wine with dinner, dancing with The Velvet Bombers, and a Silent Auction. Call **684-3237** to purchase tickets (\$100 each) or **570-0554** for Sponsor information.

*All proceeds benefit our club's Foundation, so please help us make this a success!*

## Meeting Notes from January 7, 2009

**PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST:** Keith Cain

**ATTENDANCE & GUESTS:** Ankur Gopal reported 61 members and 2 guests present.

**NEW MEMBER INDUCTION:** John Kazlauskas introduced new member, **Hervey Howell**. Hervey's resume is very global, eclectic and impressive!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mike Filbin is in the hospital. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers!

**PROGRAM:** President-Elect **Patty Ray** introduced fellow Rotarian **Jeff Ebelhar**, a partner at BKD LLP CPA's & Advisors. Jeff has 30 years experience in tax work and received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Kentucky. He shared with the club information about the copious number of tax laws passed by Congress. Recent bills have tried to shore up our economy through stimulus packages and increased business deductions. An example is the Housing Assistance Tax Act which helps first time home buyers. Jeff also shared a few little-known tax facts, such as the fact that a taxpayer can choose to deduct sales tax expense over state income tax, whichever is higher. This is particularly useful in states where there is no state income tax. Jeff ended his presentation with the "Dirty Dozen" tips to prevent financial fraud. For more information contact Jeff at BKD.

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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?*

### 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

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