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Programs

This Week's Program:

Darrell Higginbotham – The Bailout from a Community Banker's Perspective

Upcoming Programs:

Jan. 28 Club Assembly

Program Chair for January is **Jeff Ebelhar**

January is Rotary Awareness Month on the Rotary Calendar. How "Rotary Aware" are you?



Did you know...

- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is the world's largest, privately funded scholarship program.
- The Rotary Foundation has contributed more than \$1.8 billion in program awards and operations since 1947.
- Rotarians have raised funds that amount to more than \$650 million in support of polio eradication.

Your President Speaks...

Our speaker today reminded me of something that we should remember in Rotary – stories. His magazine tells stories and he read a story of people he ran into from KY on a recent trip. And while that is fairly unremarkable, the way he wrote it and read it was entertaining and funny. It sticks in your mind hearing it as a story. Stories were the first human myth and history, and gave birth to the first language and literature. Stories hold a fascination for young and old alike and for centuries were the prime time entertainment around the campfire or at the dinner table. "A picture tells a thousand words," but a story conjures up pictures in our minds and creates an impression in our memories that lasts.

When you invite that next guest to Rotary, why not tell them a quick story. Like how Rotary single handedly has virtually erased polio from the globe, or how we respond with thousands of survival kits when catastrophe hits anywhere in the world. Or how RI now has a Masters level curriculum at several Universities around the world for a degree in Peace and Resolution Diplomacy.

Or tell them about our local PlayZeum, or our charitable giving, or the Annual Fund Raiser, or Uganda water.... something to make an impression about who we are. Paint an impression in their minds with a story. Create a memory for that person that lasts and find a new member. Be Loud and Be Proud to be a Rotarian.

THINK BIGGER!!!

See you next week, *President Tom*

Happy Birthday to...

David Young – January 20 • **Dave Silvert** – January 21



Meeting Notes from January 14, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Bill Barron

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Ankur Gopal reported 64 members and 5 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fellow Rotarian **Mike Filbin** is still in Nashville and will be having surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- District Governor Terry Shockley tragically lost his 16-year old son on January 11. The club is sending a condolence card.
- Bourbon Heritage Celebration Coordinator Barbara Poynter, shared that we only had 12 pairs of tickets left to sell. We also have only 2 more sponsorships to obtain.
- Robert Samuelson, national syndicated writer and author will speak at OCTC January 26 at 7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM: Program Chair **Jeff Ebelhar**, threatened to continue his presentation from last week – TAXES! Fortunately, it was just a joke as he introduced Steve Vest, editor of *Kentucky Monthly Magazine*. Steve has visited our club on three other occasions. He remarked that when he's a little down, he only needs to think of the Owensboro Rotary Club to feel encouragement. But, when he feels a little full of himself, he also only needs to think of the Owensboro Rotary Club. On his last visit, he was flattered by the turnout and thought to himself "they really do love me here." Later, during lunch, it was announced that UK Basketball Coach Tubby Smith, would not be the day's Rotary speaker, instead it was Steve Vest. Steve read a story from his recently published book entitled *Kentucky Coast to Coast*. From the reading, it was encouraging and heart-warming to see that a number of people outside our state have such warm and fond memories of the Commonwealth.

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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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