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Programs

This Week's Program:

Jeff Ebelhar – Tax Update

Upcoming Programs:

Jan. 14 Steve Vest – Kentucky Monthly

Jan. 21 TBA

Program Chair for January is **Jeff Ebelhar**

** REMINDER **

There's still time...but not much.

Get your Bourbon Heritage Celebration tickets NOW!

Tickets: 684-3237
Sponsorships: 570-0554

Happy Birthday to...

Chris Poynter – January 1

Don Raines – January 8

Mike Wallace – January 8

Cheryl King – January 8

Michael Crowe – January 9

Paula Gastenveld – January 10



Your President Speaks...

Well this is it! End of another year, December 31, 2008, marking nine since the beginning of the new millennium. Remember Y2K? And Owensboro got T2K! And I'm just now getting used to NOT saying 19.. for the date of the year! Next we'll have to learn how to say 'twenty ten, or two thousand ten' or whatever! The guy who said that time flies when you're having fun must have known about getting older when time really seems to speed up. He must have also known about being President of a Rotary Club! Half my year gone already... and so much left to do!

At this writing, based on the commitments for Sponsorship and Comp tickets already spoken for, the Club has approximately 50 tickets left for the Bourbon Heritage Celebration and we haven't even advertised or reached out to the larger business community yet! There will be Rotary members who will want to go, but can't get a ticket (especially certain AFR Committee members!!).

With six weeks to go until our first Annual Fund Raiser in over 30 years, I am reflecting on the attitudes of our Club. I know most of us resist change by nature. My father-in-law used to say, "I don't do change!" So I understand that there is some trepidation and hesitancy in our minds, and a lot of us are procrastinators. But breaking new ground is what this year is about. We are going to do this thing and it will be great! I hope you are there to see history made for our Club.

This will be a dynamic and vibrant event, from which we will build. We are aligned with the KDA and the local distillery that is pouring resources into their bid to become the newest member of Kentucky's esteemed Bourbon Trail. We know this kind of event has gone over big everywhere it has been held in the Commonwealth, so our Bourbon Heritage Celebration is going to be a success and something for us to be proud of. Have faith and seize the moment. Impress your wife or husband and nail down your Valentine's Day date plans early! We are going to "Rock the 'Boro" on February 14th!!

Call **Tom Smith** at 570-0554 for a Sponsorship and **Bob Nation** at 684-3237 for individual tickets or mail in your response card NOW. **THINK BIGGER!!!**

See you next week, *President Tom*

Meeting Notes from December 31, 2008

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Mike Hobson

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Mike Hobson reported 38 members and 1 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rookies Team #3 is forming and will have their first meeting January 6.

President Tom Smith shared a number of successes from the Bainbridge Island Rotary Club where they have already dug 18 water wells with 24 more on the way. He urged our Club to work towards making that kind of impact.

PROGRAM: **Bo Barron** introduced Owen Covington, government reporter for the *Messenger-Inquirer*, who offered his year-end review. Top stories included the unsuccessful HWY 54 TIFF project which seemed to stimulate greater interest in downtown development. The biggest news included the closing of the Executive Inn. With downtown development on the public radar, Gateway Planning out of Fort Worth, Texas, was hired to develop a master plan. Riverfront development was also news. 2008 saw several local government personnel changes including a new city manager, Bill Parrish, retirement of Fire Chief Ronny Heep, and election of former City Manager Ron Payne as incoming Mayor. 2008 was a year fraught with economic challenges and Covington stated that state government will most likely see even more in the future.

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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