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Programs

This Week's Program:

Fred Reeves - Downtown Development

BOARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Owensboro Rotary Board of Directors is accepting nominations/volunteers for 2009-2010. We need a total of three new directors. Members continuing on the board include **Patty Ray, Dean Erhenheim, Dave Silvert, Tom Smith, Keith Cain** and **Chris Poynter**. Those fulfilling their terms are **Bo Barron, Tish Correa-Osborne, Mike Filbin** and **Patrick McNulty**. Please thank these individuals for their years of faithful service!

If you wish to nominate someone or are willing to serve yourself, **contact Patty Ray** at 689-9861, 302-4256 or by email at indetrustpdr@aol.com. If you are nominating someone, please consult that person first to see if he/she is willing to serve. Nominations will be accepted through March 4, nominees will be announced in the *Impetus*, and the election will be held on March 11.

Patty wants to hear from YOU!

Happy Birthday to...

Bill Tyler – February 23

Drew Kirkland – February 26



Your President Speaks...

Well, that's a WRAP!! We pulled it off and while the official numbers are not in yet, it appears that we made around \$12,000 from our first fund raiser in over thirty years. This is not an enormous number, and it falls way short of the \$100,000 goal for our club that I have been touting. But it is a good start and it was supported by our membership, very well received by the community, with nice exposure. And so the buzz is out there and I am proud of us. Let's do it again!

I cannot begin to express my gratitude to our AFR Committee, who helped form and shape this event, and worked like dogs at times to make it happen: **Tish Correa-Osborne, Mike Filbin, Patty Ray, Pat McFarling, Richard Stallings, Chris Poynter, Marijane Salmon, Jeff Ebelhar** and **Barbara Poynter**. **Sister Suzanne Sims** and her team came through on many fronts that night and **Kathy Olson** was indispensable at the 11th hour as our Silent Auction banker. Barbara deserves a special word of thanks, which I expressed publicly at the event and at our meeting today. As the wife of a Rotarian, she has done an unbelievable amount of work and deserves all due credit for her vision and her commitment to the enormous number of details involved in a function of this size. We cannot ask one person to do that much again, so we invite more of you to join the committee for next year's event.

We have now officially changed in the public eye, folks... from a sleepy old club to a dynamic organization with vision. We are becoming what we CAN be, which is bigger, better and more far-reaching in our scope of giving. I hope you see the change as good.

NOW, we need recruits. I encourage each of you to ASK a guest to the meeting and let's get our numbers UP. So far this year we have recruited 10 members and lost 10! We are at a net zero!! This is not acceptable. I will do my part...will YOU do yours? **THINK BIGGER!!**

See you next week, *President Tom*

Meeting Notes from February 18, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Glen Sowards

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Paul Gilliam reported 57 members, 3 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian present.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL: President Tom Smith announced a 7-day wait for Roy Woodward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Bourbon Heritage Celebration was a great success! President Tom Smith thanked coordinator Barbara Poynter and the AFR committee for their hard work. He asked for feedback on how to improve next year's event which will be held February 13, 2010.
- Father Titus will update the Uganda Water Project Committee immediately following today's meeting.

PROGRAM: John Kazlauskas introduced JAT Mountjoy, health education director for the Green River District Health Department. JAT announced that the Owensboro-Daviess County Dental Clinic plans to open in a few months with services targeted for people who are uninsured or on Medicaid. Only about one-fourth of local dentists accept Medicaid cards because reimbursement rates don't cover the costs of the procedures. The clinic should also help reduce the high number of dental-related OMHS emergency room visits. JAT said he was pleased to report that Owensboro Rotary's contribution of \$6,000 has been completely spent. The funds were used to help renovate the new clinic located in Mayfair Square near the HealthPark. The clinic is working with the Kentucky Dental Association and the UK and U of L dental schools to recruit dental staff.

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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.
- If you have an email address and are not receiving the *Impetus* online, or you have changed your email address, please send that information to **kim@mediaworksadvertising.com**.

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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