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Programs

This Week's Program: Hervey Howell

Upcoming Programs:

Mar. 25 Senator David Boswell

Program Chair for March is **Tish Correa-Osborne**

** BOARD ELECTION **

The results are in...

Ruth Ann Hughes, Gavin Roberts and Kevin Schwartz have been elected to two-year terms on the club's Board of Directors. It was a very close race and thanks go to all who were willing to serve. Thanks also to **Bo Barron, Tish Correa-Osborne, Mike Filbin and Patrick McNulty** who rotate off the board at the end of the year.

GSE Team Shares Travels

The Rotary Group Study Exchange team from District 6710 (our district) is currently in Norway. The group is made up of four young professionals from central and western Kentucky and their team leader, Bill Rothwell, a member of the Louisville Rotary Club. They are chronicling their journey in a blog.

Check out their interesting experiences at <http://norwaygse2009.blogspot.com/>

Your President Speaks...

With the melt down in our economy, and especially the banking and securities industries, one has to wonder.... If all of these corporations were operating in good faith, why did they take such huge risks with borrowed money? Why were the regulators asleep at the wheel and how did US companies become so greedy for short-term profits? These and other questions may go unanswered for the rest of time.

But one thing is clear... the good ole US Tax Payer is there to pay for their mistakes! Just like a wayward child who keeps getting into trouble, the parents rush in to bail them out. But there is a limit, right? I mean after we spend \$800 billion or \$1 trillion then we should draw the line! Tough love, it's called, because a kid has to grow up some day. And corporate America has to wise up.

One place this kind of behavior should never happen is in Rotary. We try to live by the Four Way Test. And we are not interested in power or wealth, but rather, we want to invest in humanity and good works! Rotarians are admitted into their club based on being the kind of individuals who should never put money before their clients' well-being. There is a code of honor among us... and I truly think if more CEOs and government officials were in Rotary, our country could probably have avoided much of what we are seeing today.

Will you please invite a guest and recruit a new member? There are more of us out there... Think of it as your patriotic duty.

THINK BIGGER!!!

See you next week, *President Tom*

Happy Birthday to...

Jeff Carpenter – March 19

Steve Ford – March 20

Joe Hancock – March 19

Patrick Roos – March 20

Kathy Olson – March 22



Meeting Notes from March 11, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Dean Ehrenheim

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Hervey Howell reported 70 members and 3 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: This year's District Conference will be held May 28-31 in Frankfort, KY. All are welcome to attend. See **President Tom Smith** for more information.

PROGRAM: **Tish Correa-Osborne** introduced Bernie Hale, Director of Public Relations for Owensboro Community and Technical College. Bernie provided an overview of OCTC's Discover College program. The program helps transition high school students into post-secondary education by providing opportunities for students to earn college credit by *discovering* college while in high school. Four areas of Discover College are Campus-Based Technical Programs, School-Based Technical Programs, Campus-Based Transfer Programs, and School-Based Transfer Programs. Discover College currently serves six different counties with the greatest number of students from Daviess County. The program makes up 1/3 of the total OCTC enrollment. It is the goal of OCTC to provide every local high school student with at least one credit of college work by high school graduation. Some exciting Discover College programs include Project Lead the Way (hands on teaching), Nursetrack, Mechatronics, and Biotechnology.

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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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Past President: Patrick McNulty
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