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Programs

This Week's Program: Senator David Boswell

Upcoming Programs:

- Apr. 1 Marianne Smith Edge – Healthy Horizons
- Apr. 8 Laswell Scholarship Awards / Senator Jim Bunning
- Apr. 15 Rotary Regional Speech Contest
- Apr. 22 Mayor Ron Payne
- Apr. 29 Club Assembly

Program Chair for March is **John Kazlauskas**

"Whether Rotary will thrive, or whether it will falter; whether our service will mean much to many, or little to few; whether Rotary is known with respect, or seen as a relic of days gone by: all this is up to you. The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."

John Kenny, RI President-elect, 2009-10

Your President Speaks...

We are gradually becoming a Rotary Club that we can be very proud of! I always saw us as a friendly group of educated and upper management people who came together and enjoyed our fellowship at lunch. We all paid dues so that some charitable giving went out to deserving entities, mostly in Owensboro and Daviess County, and we supported our meetings and programs. Outside of Steve Gardner and Drew Kirkland who deal with the scholarships and loans, and the club officers, about all we actually did outside of the meeting was ring the Salvation Army Bell. And this is all well and good.

But after 14 years of membership and being sent to President-Elect Training in Nashville last April, and then on to the incredible International Convention in LA in June, I came home with a different perspective. Rotary in many other places involves more urgency and more energy than I had ever seen in our club.

Throughout the world Rotarians are making sacrifices of their time and effort to benefit those less fortunate. Committees are full of busy executives and career people who have found a way to incorporate real honest effort and time for Rotary. Our club has a very few core people who do everything and the rest sit back and watch.

I feel that our general membership supports the initiatives we have introduced this year. But our club has not engaged yet. Not enough people are doing enough to make a difference. Think about it and let me know where you would like to help. What is of interest and arouses a bit of passion in your heart? We all talk a good game, but can we really step up and be excellent Rotarians? I think so.... **THINK BIGGER!!**

See you next week, *President Tom*

Meeting Notes from March 18, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: John Kazlauskas

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: John Medley reported 51 members and 1 guest present. Make-ups included **Keith Cain** at the Daviess County Club and **Jarred Barron** at Pompano Beach, FL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Dave Silvert** shared a humorous "little story" about a 15-year old boy pointing out to his father that there are worse things than a bad report card.
- Volunteers are needed for the Fellowship Table.
- **President Tom Smith** encouraged new member recruitment – we need to start our next Rookies Team!

PROGRAM: Tish Correa-Osborne introduced fellow Rotarian **Hervey Howell**, who showed slides from his "vacation" to Uganda in October/November 2008. His trip included a visit to our club's water project in Igulika and an orphanage sponsored by the Louisville Rotary Club. Hervey showed maps of the area and described some of the trials and tribulations associated with traveling the Ugandan countryside, including his observation that you can get just about anywhere for \$6 but it takes all day to travel 200 miles. He shared his experience of riding in a taxi (actually a 14-passenger van into which the conductor stuffed 20 or more people). The van stopped prior to a safety checkpoint, six people jumped off and then rejoined the van around the block after it had successfully passed the checkpoint. Hervey also showed a video clip of the pump installed by our club at Igulika. The pump is not functioning properly and he hopes to help us identify and locate a more serviceable model. Hervey's presentation included slides and video of the church and school children at nearby Butiti, and several HIV awareness presentations by the Rural Health Care Foundation.

Happy Birthday to...

Avery Smith – March 28
Kevin Carrico – March 28



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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
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