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Programs

This Week's Program: TBA

Upcoming Programs:

Mar. 18 TBA

Mar. 25 Senator David Boswell

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

LEGEND OF THE MONTH

At Wednesday's meeting, **DAVID SILVERT** shared some of his memories of past club meetings. He noted a few interesting programs including those featuring Bobby Knight, Adolph Rupp, and a group of belly dancers. David joined the Owensboro Rotary Club in 1970. He has served on the Club's board of directors and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Happy Birthday to...

Nancy Fuqua – March 14



Your President Speaks...

Rotarians are a lucky bunch of people! WE have a club that gives us a chance to fellowship with like-minded folks and to actually do good things in the world. Rotary is one of the world's foremost conveyors of health, education and humanitarian aid to the Third World. It is, in short, a great organization!

I had a very interesting conversation at the meeting with Zheng Yan Guo (Barbara is her western name), a guest of Hervey Howell's from China. Barbara will spend a year in Owensboro teaching Chinese language and culture at KWC, Brescia and OCTC. She had looked up Rotary online and found that there is only one Rotary Club in all of China, in Beijing! We had a spirited discussion as to why that might be and she voiced a strong opinion that her country might now be ready to embrace our organization!

Just think of the impact of RI if it were allowed to flourish there. Over 1 billion people, many whom are part of the burgeoning middle class, and many who still live in poverty are now being denied the many benefits of local Rotary Club support there. Not to mention the outreach and affect that RI would have if allowed in to offer all our programs.

And the most exciting thing is she wants to learn more and possibly carry the message of Rotary when she goes home in a year! She mentioned coming back to our meetings and even joining our Club if she could... member classification would be Educator slash Liaison for Owensboro Rotary in China!

THINK BIGGER!!

See you next week, *President Tom*

Meeting Notes from March 4, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Mike Hobson

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Hervey Howell reported 60 members and 7 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Steve Gardner** is recruiting youth to participate in Rotary's Youth Leadership Program to be held in Greenville over Memorial Day Weekend. The program also needs adult volunteers. Contact Steve if interested.
- The Club sent a letter and check for \$200.00 (collected last week from Rotarians) to the RI Foundation in memory of Timothy Shockley, District Governor Terry Shockley's son.

PROGRAM: **Tish Correa-Osborne** introduced Sonya Dixon, Public Relations and Marketing Director at OMU. Sonya helped guide our community through the recent ice storm and restoration efforts. The storm struck on the afternoon of January 27 and by 3:00 p.m. that day, 20,000 of OMU's 26,000 customers were without power. Sonya related the utility company's round the clock efforts to restore power. OMU's policy for restoration begins with public safety, moves to assessments, then getting substations and transfer stations back online. After that, work begins on main and high voltage lines and making permanent repairs from a list of priority needs that includes city services, pharmacies and schools. Rotarians applauded the great work of OMU during this stressful and historic event.

March is Literacy Month on the Rotary Calendar



Traditionally, literacy is defined as the ability to read and write. It can also include functional abilities like using a computer, understanding how to prevent disease, or interpreting road signs.

Literacy is the foundation for virtually all forms of education and a crucial component of effective social and economic participation, human development, and poverty reduction. According to the UNESCO, nearly 800 million people worldwide over the age of 15 lack even basic reading and writing skills. Sadly, over 64% of all illiterate people in the world today are women

RI encourages Rotarians everywhere to participate in services or activities that specifically address literacy.



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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

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President: Tom Smith
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