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Programs

This Week's Program: Club Assembly

Upcoming Programs:

Apr. 22 Mayor Ron Payne

Apr. 29 Rotary Regional Speech Contest

Program Chair for April is **John Kazlauskas**

Tom Laswell Scholarships

Last Wednesday, our club awarded Tom Laswell Scholarships to five deserving high school seniors. This scholarship was established in 1992 in honor of Owensboro business and civic leader **Thomas C. Laswell, Jr.** An active Rotarian for 45 years, Laswell was President of Owensboro Rotary in 1955, District Governor in 1959, a Paul Harris Fellow in 1979, and "Mr. Rotary" in 1993. The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually to a recipient from each area high school.

The funds for these scholarships come from voluntary contributions many of us make as part of our dues. If you have not been contributing to this important program of our club and would like to begin doing so, contact Treasurer **Bob Nation** at 684-3237.



Thomas C. Laswell, Jr.

Your President Speaks...

The economic crisis in our country has had zero affect on our Rotary Club's ability to gather resources for expanding our water projects. In addition to the \$14,600 from all sources within Rotary (Rotary International, District 6710, and the Daviess Co. Rotary Club), there are forces at work for us outside Rotary as well! St. Pious Church is doing a Lent fund raiser to raise another \$2,500 or \$3,000 for Uganda water relief which will culminate on Easter (April 11th). Another church in town has offered \$500, and out of the \$12,000 that was raised by our Bourbon Heritage Celebration fund raiser, there will be some funds allocated for our water. In all, we may have close to \$20,000 to do crucial water projects in the locations of most need.



L to R: President Tom Smith, Bruce Kuegel, Kenneth Palmer, Mark Berry, Hervey Howell

Your Uganda Water Project Committee met this week and is beginning discussions on our next project. The new pump has been tested by Rookies Team #3 (left) and deemed fit for installation as a replacement for the malfunctioning pump at our first site. And we are improving that site with a protected water source, a shallow concrete basin fitted with a slotted pipe to filter out sediment before water goes through the pump. That work is being quoted and should get underway in the

next few weeks. It is so great that two of our members, **Sr. Suzanne Sims** and **Hervey Howell**, have actually been to the very locations in Africa we are endeavoring to help. They have seen conditions first hand and met the people who are in such need. Next up will likely be a large school, church complex and orphanage nearby who will be able to get clean water because of the efforts of the Owensboro Rotary Club. Be proud and **THINK BIGGER!!**

See you next week, *President Tom*

Meeting Notes from April 8, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: David Nelson

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: John Medley reported 71 members and 20 guests present.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: JP Fentress introduced new member **Tom Gaston**. Among Tom's many accomplishments include two degrees from WKU and a PhD in education from IU.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The club's Bourbon Heritage Celebration was pictured in this month's *Kentucky Monthly Magazine*.

PROGRAM: Club Scholarship Chair **Steve Gardner** presented this year's Laswell Scholarships to the following area students: Andrew Austin, Apollo High School; Ethan Brown, Trinity High School; Jessica Bashan, Daviess County High School; Jessica Cox, Owensboro High School; Ryan Knott, Owensboro Catholic High School. Senator Jim Bunning assisted with the award presentations which included a signed baseball. Special guests attending the ceremony were **Tom Laswell's** daughter, Janet Laswell Suwanski, and her husband Rich Suwanski.

Following the awards ceremony, **John Kazlauskas** introduced Senator Bunning, who shared with the club his concern about spending in Washington and the huge debt we are passing on to our children and their children. He finished by stating he will do all he can to "defend the USA as the great republic it is!"

Happy Birthday to...

Ed Allen – April 15 • Grey Hurt – April 15



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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
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