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Programs

This Week's Program:

Dr. Doug Adams – Robotic Operations

Upcoming Programs:

April 28 Darrell Higginbotham – Bank on Owensboro

May 5 David Adkisson – Kentucky State Chamber of Commerce

News & Announcements

- The **Uganda Water Project Committee** will meet this Wednesday, April 21, after the club meeting.
- The **Rotary Leadership Institute** at Henderson Community College is Saturday, April 24. It's not too late to sign up! See **Patty Ray** or **Pat McFarling**.
- Our **District Conference** will be held May 21-23, 2010, at nearby Santa Claus, IN. See **President Patty Ray** for registration information.
Plan to attend, bring the family and experience the excitement of Rotary!

Happy Birthday to...

Sr. Suzanne Sims – April 25



Your President Speaks...

Last week James Robinson, Executive Director of the Western Kentucky International Center in Bowling Green, gave us some enlightening information on the Refugee Program in the United States. The national program was started in 1981 and the Western Kentucky Center opened in 2006. Refugees are legally documented people who wait anywhere from three to thirty-five years to come to the US. Their backgrounds have been checked by the FBI and Homeland Security in the application process. Each October, the US president declares how many refugees will be allowed to come into the country the following year. President Obama set that number at 80,000 last fall. In order to travel here from the refugee camps, refugees borrow the money for the trip. They have to start paying it back within six months of their arrival. Within 90 days, the goal is to have the refugees settled, employed and self-sufficient. Over the last ten years, refugees in the Bowling Green area have purchased 1,100 homes and added businesses of their own as well as being employed. In the last twelve months, they have generated 95 new apartment rentals and filled 195 jobs. Two satellite offices were approved last year, one of them in Owensboro due to our community involvement, cost of living and being a great place to raise a family. In the first year of our program we can expect 100-125 refugees, building up and leveling off at about 200 in the next few years. Very interesting and informative program.

You should have received an invitation to our District Conference to be held at Holiday World May 21-23. Make this a fun family day - bring your kids and grandkids so they can enjoy it as well. If you need registration information, please let me know. Also, the Rotary International Convention will be held in Montreal, Canada June 20-23. If you would like to attend please contact **Tom Smith**.

Rotary Leadership Institute will be held in Henderson April 24. We are partnering with the Henderson Rotary Club to sponsor this session. If you are interested in attending please let me know as soon as possible.

Proceeds from the 50/50 drawing were rolled over. This week's program will be presented by Dr. Doug Adams from the Owensboro Medical Health System educating us about the robotic surgery capabilities at the hospital. Come, have lunch, enjoy the fellowship and program.

REMEMBER – THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS!

See you Wednesday, **President Patty**

WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES

ROTARY NEEDS YOU!

Kentucky Rotarians have forged a unique relationship with the primary concessionaire for the World Equestrian Games (WEG). We will provide the primary volunteer base for public concessions. It's a great opportunity for Rotarians, their family and friends. By volunteering, Rotarians can potentially earn between \$300,000-\$400,000 for the Rotary Foundation, including Polio Plus. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Rotarians to be part of a world-class sporting event, **and make a huge personal impact to help eradicate polio!**

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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

2009/10 Club Officers

President: Patty Ray
Vice President: Dean Ehrenheim
Past President: Tom Smith
Secretary: David Silvert
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