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Programs

This Week's Program: Mayor Ron Payne

Upcoming Programs:

- Apr. 29 Rotary Regional Speech Contest
- May 6 Hager Awards
- May 13 Gary Cockriel - Corvette Museum
- May 20 Rep. Tommy Thompson
- May 27 Dr. Chris Havelda - Quality Updates

LEGEND OF THE MONTH

At Wednesday's meeting, long-time Rotarian **GEORGE THACKER** shared memories of years past. During his tenure as president, not only did the club induct its first female member, but also its first African-American female member, **Alma Randolph**. George joined Owensboro Rotary in 1971 and served as club president in 1987/88. He is a Paul Harris Fellow.



Your President Speaks...

You will find enclosed with this issue of your *Impetus* a questionnaire that we filled out at last week's meeting. If you missed and did not get one turned in, please take this opportunity to give us feedback on your Club. After you fill it out, just drop in the mail to me:

Tom Smith
3110 Fairview Drive
Owensboro KY 42303

This type of communication has become invaluable to the Board of Directors and Officers in planning the direction of Rotary for the coming months and into the new Rotary year. Regardless of your activity level, we welcome your input.

At our last meeting, we also recognized some of the "Do Everything" people in our group. Someone who deserves extra credit is **J.P. Fentress**. This outgoing 70-something has brought more guests this year than anyone! He is always offering to help and currently has about half the club photographed for our new Club Directory. Despite some illness over winter, J.P. has just inducted our newest Rotarian, **Tom Gaston**, into the Club. Kudos to you, J.P.! More of us should follow his lead and bring more guests to meetings.

We appreciate every single member of Rotary and, even if you cannot get to meetings and we rarely see you, your membership means more than you know, for our charitable giving and the strength of Owensboro Rotary.

THINK BIGGER!!!

See you next week, *President Tom*

Meeting Notes from April 15

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Keith Cain

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Roger Coomes reported 51 members and no guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Steve Cabell** and **Mike Filbin** continue to recover from their health emergencies. We hope to see them back soon!
- The Board of Directors will meet April 30.
- The Owensboro Rotary Club Foundation Board will meet April 29 at 1 p.m.
- **Steve Gardner** is stepping down as club Scholarship Chairman after many years of great service. Be sure to thank him for his hard work!
- Next year's Rotary Group Study Exchange will be September 20-October 18, 2009. Our district is looking for a group leader for this 4-week exchange with England. See **President Tom Smith** for more information.

PROGRAM: Club Assembly: **President Tom Smith** explained the purpose for the Club Interest Questionnaire. Most were already filled out. **President-Elect Patty Drury** discussed the committee breakdown and the system behind the organizational flow chart. Tom returned to the podium to call-out some active, committed Rotarians, including, but not limited to, **Chris Poynter, Gordon Wilkerson, Kathy Olson, Patrick McNulty, Mike Filbin, Tish Correa-Osborne, Sister Susanne Sims, Patty Drury, Keith Cain, Bo Barron, Bob Nation, Pat McFarling and John Kazlauskas**. Tom appealed to club members to become more active, taking a stake in creating a Great Rotary Club. He said we don't need any RINO's (Rotarians in Name Only). Tom has committed to serving as the cheerleader for the club and will continue to do so even after his term as president is up.

Happy Birthday to...

Sr. Suzanne Sims – April 25
Rev. Larry Hostetter – April 26



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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
Treasurer: Bob Nation

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TOM LASWELL SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to the recipients of the Owensboro Rotary Club's 2009 Tom Laswell Scholarships. From left to right: Ryan Knott, Owensboro Catholic High School; Jessica Cox, Owensboro High School; Jessica Basham, Daviess County High School; Andrew Austin, Apollo High School; and Ethan Brown, Trinity High School.