



Service above self...

OWENSBORO'S ROTARY IMPETUS

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Programs

This Week's Program:

Darrell Higginbotham – Bank on Owensboro

Upcoming Programs:

- May 5 David Adkisson – Kentucky State Chamber of Commerce
- May 12 Hager Awards

News & Announcements

- The **Owensboro Rotary Foundation Board** will meet this Wednesday, April 28, after the club meeting.
- The club's **Board of Directors** will meet this Thursday, April 29, at 11:30am at the Campbell Club.
- 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 and bring the family!

Did you know...?

The **Object of Rotary** is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Happy Birthday to...

- Bob Nation – April 30
- Clay Ford – May 1
- Hervey Howell – May 3



Your President Speaks...

Many, many thanks to **Gordon Wilkerson** for arranging last week's program on robotic surgery presented by Dr. Doug Adams, surgeon with Owensboro Medical Health Systems. Dr. Adams introduced us to the new world of robotic surgery that the hospital has shown such innovation and forethought in bringing to our region. OMHS has invested nearly two million dollars in this technology. He indicated that currently about 10% of the cardiac surgeries are done robotically and almost 75% of pulmonary surgeries are done by this new and exciting method. He did not have statistics, but also indicated that prostate, gynecological and general surgeries are also utilizing the system. And he anticipates those numbers to grow. Dr. Adams narrated a power point presentation and had a couple of what he titled "WOW" slides – Boy, did they live up to their name! One was an actual heart surgery performed with the robot and the other was removal of cancer from the lung, again utilizing the robot. Not exactly your typical lunchtime film to watch, but too fascinating to look away.

Martel Wightman won the 50/50 drawing – thirty-one bucks! Be ready to play this week. It may be your lucky day.

This week's program entitled "Banking on Owensboro" will be presented by **Darrell Higginbotham**. Come have lunch, enjoy the fellowship and program. And, next time you see **Dean Ehrenheim**, give him a big thank you for the fine job he has done with the programs. We have really enjoyed some good ones during his tenure as Program Chair. **Dave Silvert**, you have some big shoes to fill.

Our Rotary Foundation board will meet Wednesday after the regular club meeting and our club board will meet on Thursday, April 29 at the Campbell Club for lunch.

REMEMBER – THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS!

See you Wednesday, **President Patty**

WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES

SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 10, 2010

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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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
Treasurer: Kevin Schwartz