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Programs

This Week's Program: Rotary Regional Speech Contest

Upcoming Programs:

- May 6 Hager Awards
- May 13 Gary Cockriel - Corvette Museum
- May 20 Rep. Tommy Thompson
- May 27 Dr. Chris Havelda - Quality Updates



FIGHT HUNGER.
TEACH LITERACY.
STOP DISEASE.
CHANGE THE WORLD.

ROTARY.
HUMANITY IN MOTION.

Spread the word about Rotary.
Know someone who would be a good candidate for membership?
We're looking for those missing pieces.

Your President Speaks...

Mayor Ron Payne was enthusiastic and very bullish about the city's future this week. It is great to see our local leadership have the vision and energy to tackle big problems and projects. Like him and his agenda or not, you have to agree that he is proactive and passionate about it and is anything but attached to the status quo!

The "same old, same old" is fine if things are improving and growing. But if a city or group is stagnating and declining then it is time to make changes. A week ago, I made the statement that true change is usually born of frustration. It is often uncomfortable at first, but in hindsight it becomes clear that it was the right move.

I have been in Rotary for 15 years and as your president, I was frustrated with our club when I took office. Like the City Commission, our Board of Directors has moved boldly this year to make some changes we felt were necessary. Like them or not, I hope you know that they were made with a sincere passion and love for Owensboro Rotary. The direction and trajectory of our club is now in sync with Rotary International and the goals set by our organization's district, national and international leaders. And like the town we live in, we are setting a course to win and be something we can all be proud of.

THINK BIGGER!!

See you next week,
President Tom

Meeting Notes from April 22, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Mike Hobson

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Patrick McNulty reported 60 members, 1 visiting Rotarian, and 3 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Survey responses indicate club members want to continue the tradition of an Evening Gala. This year's Gala will be held Thursday, July 9.
- The Owensboro Rotary Club Foundation board will meet next Wednesday, April 29, after the regular meeting.

PROGRAM: John Kazlauskas introduced Mayor Ron Payne. Mayor Payne has held other positions with the City of Owensboro including Director of Finance and City Manager. In his introduction, John commented that he has never seen greater cooperation between city and county governments than he sees at this time. Mayor Payne began his remarks by reminding the club that on his last visit, he was interviewing for a job. He got that job and is now coming to give his first report. The Mayor observed that our national bird is the eagle, our state bird is the cardinal and our new city bird will be the "crane." He also said that 2009 will be the year of the "plow." He expects the waterfront project to be completed by the end of 2010 and the Executive Inn to be fully demolished during 2009. Mayor Payne concluded by reminding those present that procrastination is never the solution to a problem.

Happy Birthday to...

Bob Nation – April 30
Clay Ford – May 1



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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
Treasurer: Bob Nation