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## Programs

**This Week's Program:** Gary Cockriel -  
Corvette Museum

**Upcoming Programs:**

May 20 Rep. Tommy Thompson

May 27 Dr. Chris Havelda - Updates

## Hager Awards Day 2009



## Your President Speaks...

Last Wednesday there were over 115 people eating lunch at our meeting. Membership was in the 70 range, but guests filled out the rest... and it was a blast! Great job, soon-to-be President-Elect **Dean Ehrenheim!** Thank you for organizing and acting as Master of Ceremonies for Hager Awards Day. As was said by many, it is just a great feeling to witness the coming of age of so many excellent high achievers from our local high schools and colleges, and to give them this well-deserved recognition. And God bless Larry Hager again for all that he does for this community and for our Club. And it was really timely for Club Foundation President **Pat McFarling** to give a report on all the money we just gave away to charities and non-profit groups in the area... I think some of our guests were favorably impressed by that! If one of those guests is a friend or acquaintance, now would be a great time to talk to them about joining Rotary!

Secretary-Elect **Dave Silvert** called me this week with a great idea for getting 100 Rotarians to a meeting sometime in the near future... details to follow. And **Sister Suzanne Sims** reported to the Uganda Water Project committee that a Lenten fund raiser held at St. Pious church has amassed nearly \$12,000 and still counting! Church leaders will be invited to Rotary soon for a formal presentation and we will invite the media, too. We are going to have a regular guest for the next few months when Zhengyan Guo (Barbara), visiting Professor at KWC and Brescia, comes to our meetings to learn more about Rotary. We are in discussions with her about trying to start a Rotary Club in China upon her return next December. More and more, we are becoming an organization of doers instead of watchers! Things are happening in your Rotary Club! Pick up the phone and invite someone to our meetings and recruit a new member. We are on the grow! **THINK BIGGER!!**

See you next week,  
*President Tom*

## Meeting Notes from May 6, 2009

**PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST:** David Nelson

**ATTENDANCE & GUESTS:** Tom Gaston reported 69 members and 43 guests present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- After over 24 years of continuous service to the club, **Bob Nation** is stepping down as club treasurer. **Kevin Schwartz** and his firm will take over the handling of this task. **Woody Woodward** will fill the vacancy on the club's board of directors created by Kevin's move to treasurer.
- Members of the Owensboro High School Interact Club and their sponsor were introduced.
- The Owensboro Rotary Club Foundation granted \$9250 in requests last week. The Foundation also agreed to make a gift of \$6,000 to the Big River Area Red Cross from the proceeds of the Bourbon Heritage fund raiser.

**PROGRAM:** **Dean Ehrenheim** introduced **Larry** and **Frankie Hager** prior to emceeding the Hager Award presentations. Students from area high schools and colleges were recognized and challenged to carry on the torch set by Larry Hager in his community leadership. Recipients included Mason Head from Apollo High School, Rosemary Meloney from Daviess County High School, Haley Marie Martin from Owensboro High School, Bryan McGraw from Owensboro Catholic High School, Jordan Merritt from Trinity High School, Christina Best from Brescia University, Jaime Whitely from Western Kentucky University-Owensboro, Beth Taylor from Kentucky Wesleyan College, and Ashley Halbrook from Owensboro Community & Technical College. School officials took 2 or 3 minutes to espouse the virtues and character of each recipient.

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*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

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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