



Service above self...

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Programs

This Week's Program: Representative Tommy Thompson

Upcoming Programs:

- May 27 Dr. Chris Havelda – Updates
- June 3 KY Law Enforcement Council
- June 10 KY National Guard

UGANDA... facts & figures

Our club's water project is in the Kyenjojo District of western Uganda.



How much do you know about Uganda?

- **Location:** Eastern Africa, west of Kenya
- **Total Area:** 236,040 sq km, slightly smaller than Oregon
- **Population:** 32,369,558
- **Capital:** Kampala
- **Life Expectancy:** 52.72 years
- **Literacy Rate:** 66.8% over age 15
- **Per Capital GDP:** \$1,100

Source: World Fact Book, CIA, 2009

Your President Speaks...

Congratulations to all the graduates in your life! It is the time of year for new beginnings for many young people around the country.

I am excited about the upcoming kick-off of some new and some old committees. We announced Wednesday that if you volunteered to serve on one of those through our Questionnaire of April 15th we are planning multiple meetings coming up in the next few weeks. You will be contacted by letter and given a meeting date for the committee(s) that you chose to be on. All meetings will be held directly following Rotary on Wednesday at 1PM and should not run for more than 10 to 20 minutes for the first one. If you are considering a leadership position in Rotary, there is no better place to start than serving as a chair of one of our great committees! Please think about it and if there is no one in charge, step up and take the reins. It is a wonderful experience and a chance to further develop leadership skills by managing a team and being the coordinator for activities that you care about.

Rotary is about "Service above Self" and serving on a committee is the most direct and meaningful way you can adhere to that motto. Each of our committees will serve a segment of the community or be of great benefit to the world at large through Rotary International. I look forward to working together with many of you in the coming months and years, and in making our Rotary Club better than ever.

THINK BIGGER!!

See you next week,
President Tom

PLEASE NOTE! There will be no print *Impetus* next week (the editor is on vacation). The email version, however, will go out as usual.

Meeting Notes from May 13, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Jeff Ebelhar

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: President Tom Smith reported 64 members and 4 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Board of Directors will meet Thursday, May 28. New board members **David Silvert, Gavin Roberts, Ruth Ann Hughes,** and **Woody Woodward,** and new **Treasurer Kevin Schwartz,** are invited to attend.
- **Hervey Howell** met Bowling Green Rotarian Kevin Mayes to deliver a care package for his upcoming trip to Uganda. The package included our new Ram pump and other clothing/recreation gifts.
- **President Tom Smith** displayed a plaque from the Red Cross thanking us for our recent club contribution.

PROGRAM: **Mike Goad** introduced Gary Cockrell from the Corvette Museum. In his introduction Mike gave testimony to the unique emotional attachment Corvette owners have with their cars. Gary complimented the Club for beginning the meeting with a prayer and pledge. Gary's Corvette experience spans 30 years as Corvette Club President and employee of the Corvette Museum. This 501(c)3 museum was formed in 1989 and placed in Bowling Green, largely due to the fact the plant was also there. He felt that the Corvette would be always be a strong leader in the General Motors line and did not expect cancellation of that model. However, this year only 25,000 Corvettes were produced, compared to the annual average of 33,000. He reminded us that Corvettes can be purchased through the museum and the museum is also a great place for VIP tours.

Happy Birthday to...

Bob Bahnick – May 18

Jeff Oldham – May 20



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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.
- If you have an email address and are not receiving the *Impetus* online, or you have changed your email address, please send that information to **kim@mediaworksadvertising.com**.

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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