



Service above self...

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Programs

This Week's Program: Dr. Chris Havelda – OMHS Quality Updates

Upcoming Programs:

- June 3 KY Law Enforcement Council
- June 10 KY National Guard
- June 17 Hon. J Michael Brown, KY Secretary of Justice
- June 24 Bob Arnold, Exec. Director, KY Assoc of Counties

Program chair for June is **Keith Cain**

The Object of Rotary

Rotary's purpose is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. This "ideal of service" is fostered through the:

- Development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service
- Promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions
- Service in one's personal, business and community life
- Advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

Your President Speaks...

Owensboro Rotary Club is doing even more for the youth of our fair community. Over the Memorial Day weekend District 6710 will hold the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) camp at the Wendell Ford Training Center in Greenville. This is a revived program that had faltered until Past District Governor Kay Sharon of Elizabethtown took it on as her passion. We paid for two Owensboro Catholic High School sophomores, Megan Alvey and Will Bickett to attend this great weekend retreat. Thanks to **Steve Gardner** for his help in contacting the schools and finding our campers.

The group consists of 25 to 30 kids who will stay at dorms and learn all about Rotary, Interact and Rotaract. They'll play lots of games, take a field trip, engage in team activities and leadership training, and put on a talent contest the final night. I am very proud that our club has chosen to participate once again in this invaluable tool to help to instill Rotary values into deserving teenagers. Reservations are still available for District Conference May 29-30 in Frankfort.

New committees have kicked off with many of you becoming active participants. Thank you for your service (ahead of time). Also keep your fingers crossed that all goes well, as our RAM pump will be hand-carried to Uganda next week by Kevin Mayes, president-elect of the Bowling Green Rotary Club! And finally, congratulations to fellow Rotarian **Malcom Bryant**, recipient of the Shawnee Trails Boy Scout 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award! Past recipients include Ronald Reagan, Wendell Ford, George Patton, Jesse Owens, Jack Nicklaus, Bill Gates and Stephen Spielberg.... that's some world-class company, Malcom!

THINK BIGGER!!

See you next week, *President Tom*

Meeting Notes from May 20, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Glen Sowards

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Tom Gaston reported 53 members and 3 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Committee meetings start after today's meeting and continue for the next few weeks. Members will receive a letter indicating the committee they volunteered for and when they will be meeting. **Tish Correa-Osborne** has agreed to chair the New Member/Classification Committee and **Chris Poynter** will continue to chair the Public Relations Committee.
- The Board of Directors will meet Thursday, May 28. New board members (as well as any members) are invited to attend.
- Reservations are still available for District Conference May 29-30 in Frankfort.
- Malcolm Bryant will be honored by the Boy Scouts at a dinner on May 30.

PROGRAM: President-Elect **Patty Ray** introduced the speaker, long-time Owensboro Rotary Club member, **Tommy Thompson**, our state representative. Tommy regaled the club with a few humorous comments including the fact that the American Flag took 70 years to accumulate 28 stars and it only took the new UK coach only seven days. He then talked seriously to the club about the short session just concluded by the state legislature. Tommy commented that the legislature doesn't usually have to work on the budget every year but the revenue outlook for the state changed dramatically and they had to come up with \$470 million, either through revenue enhancement or cuts in expenditures. He said there was a great spirit of bi-partisanship and the members really worked "across the aisle" in getting things done. He ended his presentation with some optimistic comments on Kentucky's position in energy development and possible new industry coming to Hardin County.

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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

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President: Tom Smith
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