



Service above self...

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Programs

This Week's Program: Hager Awards

Upcoming Programs:

May 13 Gary Cockriel - Corvette Museum

May 20 Rep. Tommy Thompson

May 27 Dr. Chris Havelda - Updates



Photos from this year's
Bourbon Heritage Celebration

Hope to see YOU in the picture next year!



Your President Speaks...

Hosting the Regional Rotary Speech Contest this week was a special event. The two contestants did very well and the judges were really toiling to figure the rightful winner. Thanks to **Chris Poynter**, **Levi Reames** and **Cherilyn Kizer** for their fine work as our judges and to **Patty Ray** for serving as our Time Keeper. The winner and runner-up both got cash awards and furthered their development in public speaking and strengthened their self esteem. Sirena Wurth from Mayfield qualified to compete for the top prize at the District Conference on May 29.



President Tom Smith with Regional Speech Contest winner Sirena Wurth from Mayfield, KY.

Next week you will hear from Chair **Pat McFarling** about the Owensboro Rotary Club Foundation Board meeting and how we allocated over \$9,000 for local charitable causes. There was a spirited discussion as to how to use our newfound assets from the very successful Annual Fund Raiser, which were not included in this round of giving. Ideas for a new tradition of saving and giving were floated and will be discussed further with the Board of Directors and the general membership. Our club is going to be able to give away a lot more money in the years to come, and we hope to develop new fundraising efforts to generate even more. It is what Rotary is all about... "Service Above Self" and giving to those in need!

THINK BIGGER!!!

See you next week, *President Tom*

Meeting Notes from April 29, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Darrell Higginbotham

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Woody Woodward reported 60 members and 6 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Uganda Water Project Committee will meet next Wednesday, May 6. After the regular meeting.
- President Tom Smith recognized Rookies Team #3, **Mark Berry**, **Hervey Howell**, **Bruce Kuegel** and **Kenneth Palmer**, for completing their tasks. **Paul Gilliam** will be participating in Rookies Team #4.

PROGRAM: President Tom Smith introduced District Speech Contest Chair Stan Klausing, a member of the LaGrange Rotary Club. Tom then introduced the two speech contestants, Sirena Wurth from Graves County High School in Mayfield, KY and Andrea Schepers from Owensboro Catholic High School. Judges **Levi Reames**, **Chris Poynter** and **Cherilyn Kizer** had the unenviable task of choosing a winner. Second Place finisher Andrea Schepers received a \$200 check, and Winner Sirena Wurth received a \$400 check and a chance to compete at the District Conference next month in Frankfort.

Happy Birthday to...

- Scott Holder & Jody Wassmer – May 4
- Alan Braden – May 5
- Hugh Gilbert – May 9
- Ed Wathen – May 10



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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
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