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Programs

This Week's Program: Kentucky Law Enforcement Council

Upcoming Programs:

- 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**



Calling Committees!

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WILL MEET THIS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, AT 1:00 PM:

- Club Directory/Photographer
- Laswell Scholarships
- Programs
- Rookies

Committee volunteers will receive an email reminder, but anyone interested in serving on one of these committees is invited to stay and attend.

Your President Speaks...

Well, after eleven months as President of Owensboro Rotary, I am beginning to think about becoming a "civilian" Rotarian again. Our club is full of Past Presidents and all of them know the feeling once their terms neared the end. It is kind of bittersweet, and especially this year, I feel like a lot has been accomplished, but much more needs to be done. We have attempted (and succeeded) a lot and I need to thank the membership for indulging me on almost everything I wanted to try!

I will still be around and continue as Chair of the Uganda Water Project and I will stay closely involved in next year's Annual Fund Raiser, the "Bourbon Ball." I have committed to head up the high school Interact program, as Rotarian **Randy Spaw** creates our Rotaract program at the local colleges. And I am sure I will ring the bell at Christmas again for the 15th year in a row! Among other things...

The greatest part of this trip is that I have come to know dozens of you better this year after working together in various ways. I am really proud of the newfound activism and spirit of volunteerism that our club has adopted thanks to many of you. And I have found out a few things about myself this year, and feel better about myself after this experience. I count as part of my life's blessings belonging to an organization like Rotary. There are no agendas or political pressures here, other than doing good works for the children of the world and our fellow man. As my time serving as President draws short, I am filled with a sense of satisfaction and pride to be able to contribute and be a part of something this wonderful. Thanks to all of you for this past year! Now I ask that you throw your full support to Patty... she is going to knock it out of the park in 2009-2010!! Owensboro Rotary is becoming something special and a GREAT CLUB!!

THINK BIGGER!!

See you next week, *President Tom*

Meeting Notes from May 27, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Gary Noffsinger

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Tom Gaston

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Committees will begin meeting and selecting leadership June 3. Letters will go out to update members.

PROGRAM: Gordon Wilkerson introduced speaker Dr. Chris Havelda. Dr. Havelda has practiced as a cardiologist in Owensboro for the past 27 years with Green River Heart Institute. He shared that our ER is one of the busiest in the state, with over 65,000 annual visits. 40% of those visits go unpaid. Dr. Havelda focused on Owensboro Medical Health System's Quality Improvement Program. He and a committee oversee systems and analyze how improvements can be made. The OMHS pharmacy fills over 600,000 prescriptions annually and the tolerance level for mistakes is zero. He pointed out that the only way to create a medical community with zero mistakes is continual improvement. A Quality Measurements Committee reviews physicians and practice patterns. OMHS has recently achieved a 5 star rating from HealthGrades, a healthcare watch dog group. OMHS was the only hospital in the region to be recognized with the Distinguished Award for Clinical Excellence.

Happy Birthday to...

Jean Wells – June 6

• Greg Longtine – June 6



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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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