



Service above self...

# OWENSBORO'S ROTARY IMPETUS

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## Programs

### This Week's Program:

Karen Miller – World Equestrian Games

### Upcoming Programs:

July 22 PDG Kay Sharon – RYLA

July 29 TBA

## Your President Speaks...

I accept this office with honor and humility – and thank **Tom Smith** for a tremendous job as president of our Club this past year. Tom has instituted so many great new programs and he has challenged us to think bigger for our club. I want to build on his base.

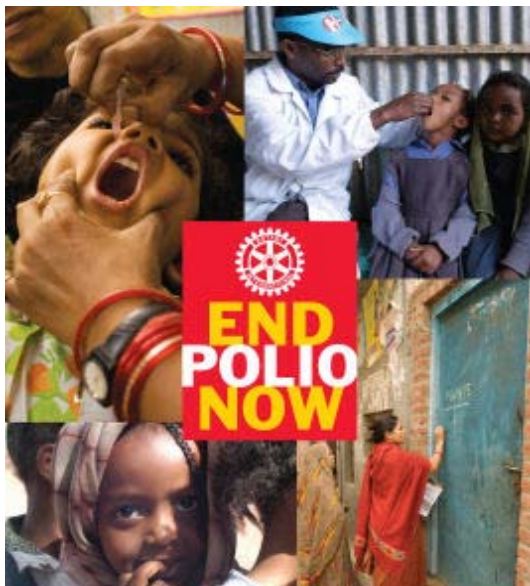
Thank you so much for appointing me to represent our club at the Rotary International Convention. I learned that RI has 30,000 clubs with over 1,200,000 members and they are facing the same challenges we are with dwindling, maturing membership. One of the main themes this year will be membership – not just increasing our numbers, but attracting Rotarians who put "Service above Self." **Tish Correa-Osborne** will do a tremendous job heading this initiative.

Also, we will be continuing our water projects. With funds currently in place we will look for new opportunities through the Rotary Clubs in Uganda and make sure the people we are helping have ownership of the projects in order to implement as well as sustain them. Tom will continue to be heavily involved in this initiative.

And, I would like to put a special emphasis this year on the End Polio Now campaign – with the \$200 million dollar challenge from the Bill Gates Foundation, and the fact that we are down to four countries in order to eradicate polio from the face of the earth, this needs to be of particular focus this year. Nigeria, Pakistan, India and Afghanistan – from this list, you can understand the challenges facing RI in order to accomplish this mission – this is a promise Rotarians made twenty years ago and I want our club to participate in getting it done.

Most of all, I want you to be involved in Rotary – come to the meetings, enjoy the fellowship, give **Dean Ehrenheim** and the Programs Committee ideas on programs you would like to hear about – volunteer to serve on a committee, man the fellowship table, present the invocation, pledge and 4-way test at a meeting, get involved in our local and international projects. Be an active part of this tremendous organization – Be a Rotarian! Remember, Rotary is in Your Hands!

See you Wednesday!  
*President Patty*



Learn more about Rotary's \$200 million challenge  
Visit [rotary.org/endpolio](http://rotary.org/endpolio)

## Happy Birthday to...

**Ray Smith II** – July 15

**John Kazlauskas** – July 15

**Mike Goad** – July 15

**Jon Skillman** – July 19

**Terry Woodward** – July 19



## Notes from the Annual Awards Gala, July 9, 2009

On Thursday, July 9, Owensboro Rotarians and their guests gathered for an evening of food, fellowship and special recognitions. Past-President **Tom Smith** provided a recap of the 2008/09 Rotary year, highlighting the club's accomplishments and thanking members for their support. He announced three new Paul Harris Fellows – **Dan Shepherd**, **Tommy Thompson** and **Barbara Poynter** – presenting certificates to Tommy and Barbara who were in attendance. Tom explained that the club seldom awards Paul Harris status to non-Rotarians, but wanted to recognize Barbara for her leadership and hard work on the Bourbon Heritage Celebration fundraiser. Awards were also presented to **Bob Nation** in recognition of his many years of faithful service as club treasurer and to **Chris Poynter** as this year's outstanding club member. Tom expressed appreciation to outgoing Board members **Bo Barron**, **Mike Filbin**, **Tish Correa-Osborne** and **Patrick McNulty**, and introduced incoming Board members **Ruth Ann Hughes**, **Gavin Roberts** and **Roy Woodward**. **Kevin Schwartz** was recognized as the club's new treasurer. Following these presentations, Tom officially passed the reins to 2009/10 President **Patty Ray**, who in turn presented him a plaque in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding contributions to the club.

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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.
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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

### 2009/10 Club Officers

President: Patty Ray  
Vice President: Dean Ehrenheim  
Past President: Tom Smith  
Secretary: David Silvert  
Treasurer: Kevin Schwartz