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Programs

No meeting this Wednesday – Make plans to attend the Gala Thursday, July 9!

Upcoming Programs:

- July 15 Karen Miller – World Equestrian Games
- July 22 PDG Kay Sharon – RYLA

Owensboro Rotary Club
Annual Awards Gala

Thursday, July 9, 2009
 Owensboro Country Club
 Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Awards and Dancing to follow
 RSVP 684-3237

Please RSVP by phone even if you signed up at the meeting several weeks ago. Thanks!

Uganda Notes...

During my Uganda visit in November 2008, one of the boreholes put back in service was at the Mparangasi Ante Natal Clinic on the road from Hoima to Masindi. In the last couple of weeks, a donation by a women's group at Zion United Church of Christ has moved this work forward. The money was used to rehabilitate the four birthing cottages, which had become infested by bats and concomitant filth. Local sentiment suggested that proper functioning of the clinic was even more important than water supply in the villages.

A research paper from 2001 details birthing practice in the area. About 40% of births are attended by a medically trained attendant. Efforts by clinics to reduce maternal mortality have had limited success because of cultural preferences and because clinics are under-staffed and short on supplies.

Keeping Mparangasi in presentable condition, with clean water and clean accommodation, will encourage women to use the facility to best advantage. It is hoped that in recent years, qualified assistance during the birth process has become better accepted.
 – Hervey Howell

Your President Speaks...

This is my last installment as your President for the 2008-2009 Rotary year. We have passed many milestones this year and I am proud of the accomplishments of this Club and many of you!

With introduction of the **Rookies Team** we now have a system for new members and a way for them to be more a part from the outset. They also are now being charged with responsibilities that will build our club's activism and outreach.

The Uganda Water Project is near and dear to me, as you know, and we are underway finishing up our first system at Igulika and have resources, thanks to an RI Grant and to the St. Pius gift of a few weeks ago, to go right into our next one.

The Valentine's Day fundraiser, nicknamed the "**Bourbon Ball**" now, was a great success and the buzz is still around town even after five months! It looks like the 2010 version will be bigger and better than the first. These are just a few of the things we rolled out this year and hope that they will grow and prosper under future administrations.

Thanks for making it a great year and thanks for your membership in Rotary. This year we need to focus on bringing in more top notch Rookies and supporting the initiatives of our new President, **Patty Ray**... see you on Wednesday! Cheers and... **THINK BIGGER!!!**

See you next week, *Past President Tom*

Meeting Notes from July 1, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Tom Smith

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: J.P. Fentress reported 52 members. Roger Coomes had a make-up at the Daviess County Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Gala is Thursday, July 9. Please RSVP even if you signed up at the meeting several weeks ago - we need an accurate count. Remember, no meeting this Wednesday!
- Volunteers are needed for the Fellowship Table Committee. See **Hervey Howell** or **J.P. Fentress**.

PROGRAM: In celebration of Independence Day, **Avery Smith** read selections from the Declaration of Independence. Following the reading, **Tom Smith** introduced the speaker, Penny Morgan, Corporate Development Representative for Mid-Continent University. Mid-Continent has approximately 300 students enrolled in traditional classes on their Mayfield, KY campus and many more enrolled in their Advantage Program, an accelerated program for working adults. The Advantage Program brings classes to students in 27 different communities including Owensboro. Classes meet one evening a week, one class at a time, for five weeks. Students can complete 12 hours a semester qualifying them for full-time status. Coming into the program with an associate's degree or equivalent hours, they can complete a bachelor's degree in 18-24 months. The university provides onsite services and maintains a 90% retention rate. An online option is available. Penny related her own rewarding experience as an adult learner.



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Theme

"It is our daily actions, and our daily decisions, that determine the course of Rotary for us all. The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."

John Kenny
2009-2010 RI President

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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
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