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Programs

This Week's Program:

Mary Bryan Hood and Hugh Moore – Arts Council

Upcoming Programs:

Aug. 20: Kimberly Johnson – Junior League

Aug. 27 TBA

Your President Speaks...

It is so powerful to get a room full of visitors and interested guests to the meeting like we did this week! Good job **Levi Reames** on the Fellowship Table for the first time with a great crowd and some excellent prospects! Kudos to **Drew Kirkland** for getting the editors of three local high school newspapers there and for getting them to ask questions of our speaker. We plan to start **Interact Clubs** in the high schools this fall in a joint effort with the Daviess County Club. We will need a Chair for that.

Let's keep our momentum going... have you asked your prospects to our meeting? Be sure and bring them to the podium and introduce them around the room before and after Rotary. Give them your copy of the **Rotary Magazine** and *follow up!* We need to get back to 200+ members and be bigger and better than ever!

We will have the vote for our Rotary Signature Annual Fund Raiser the first week of September if all goes as planned. If you have an interest in being on the committee to implement the Fund Raiser please contact me. Also, anyone interested in going on a trip to Uganda, possibly by way of Birmingham England for the RI Convention next summer, let me know. We may get a whole posse go see our water projects and meet our friends in Africa!

THINK BIGGER!

See you next week,
President Tom

Did you know...

- In 1988, polio infected nearly 1,000 children every day. In 2007, fewer than 2,000 cases were reported for the entire year.
- In 2006, the number of polio-endemic countries dropped to four (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, Pakistan), the lowest in human history.
- In 2007, Rotary's contribution to the eradication effort exceeded US\$630 million.

PolioPlus: leading the fight against polio

Meeting Notes from August 6, 2008

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Glen Sowards

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: There were 72 members and 22 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Tom Smith thanked **Pat McFarling** for her great work on the *Impetus*.

J. P. Fentress is taking member photos for a new directory, so be sure and smile!

John Kurtz will have a Rookie Committee meeting after today.

PROGRAM: **Drew Kirkland** introduced guest speaker, State Senator Brett Guthrie. Brett is a member of the Education Committee, Economic Committee and Transportation Committee. He is also a 1983 graduate of West Point and is running for the U.S. Congressional seat vacated by Ron Lewis. In deciding whether to run or not, he asked his wife what would this do to their children, but then realized the question should be what would it do to their children if he did not run. He is deeply concerned about the national debt that we will be passing on to our children. Guthrie talked about China's growth and future challenge to the United States. In a recent trip to China, he was struck by the contrast between China's focus on being the best in the world and the United States' focus on the petty (referring to the big news story upon his return involving Lindsey Lohan). Senator Guthrie took questions from local high school students and answered them very well. He asked that we consider him as a candidate to fill Congressman Lewis' position.



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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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