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Programs

This Week's Program:

Buddy Steen – Executive Director, WKU Center for Research and Development

Upcoming Programs:

Aug. 26 Gary Ransdell – President, WKU

Sept. 2 Chuck Cicchella – District Governor

Sept. 9 Barbara Poynter – CMDK and "The Bourbon Ball"

Your President Speaks...

First, let me apologize to **Larry and Frankie Hager**, Pat McFarling and the school representatives who attended our meeting last Wednesday. I should have known better than to think a politician could end a speech on time! Brett Guthrie, our US Representative, gave a very interesting presentation and there was some lively discussion, but unfortunately it went overtime and we had to cut short the presentations of the Rotary Youth Fund checks to the local school systems. This is a very important partnership that Rotary shares with the Hager Foundation and I do not want to diminish its importance to our Club. Thanks again to the Hagers for their wonderful community support.

Thanks to **Gene Tice** as well for lining up Congressman Guthrie to be our program – I think we could have him back for a couple of programs and question/answer sessions and still not have time for everything.

We now have 80 tables filled for the Meet John Calipari fundraiser – and we have our eight Rotary volunteers to work the front entrance. We also have several school teams that will be attending, as well as individual \$20 ticket sales of over 100 so far. This is turning out to be a terrific event and look for further announcements for future plans.

The Annual Fundraiser Committee will be meeting at 1:00 pm after the regular meeting on August 19. If you are interested in helping with the second annual Bourbon Heritage Celebration in February 2010, plan to be at this initial meeting.

As announced at last week's meeting, we have tickets that invite folks to Rotary. If you or your guest presents this ticket, you will not be charged for the guest's meal. This is a limited time offer - don't forget to invite a good prospective Rotarian to lunch!

REMEMBER – THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS!

See you Wednesday!
President Patty

Meet John Calipari

**AUGUST 18, 2009
OWENSBORO SPORTSCENTER**

**"Meet and Greet" at 4:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

**Corporate table sponsorships \$500
Individual tickets \$75 each**

Proceeds benefit the Owensboro Family Y and the Boys & Girls Club. Coach Calipari is coming for free as a fundraiser for our community!

Contact **Dean Ehrenheim** or **Tom Smith** for more information

Happy Birthday to...

Bill Kurtz – August 19
Steve Cabell – August 20
Gavin Roberts – August 22
Tom Ed Booth – August 23



Meeting Notes from August 12, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Roger Coomes

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Hervey Howell reported 67 members and 15 guests in attendance.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL: President Patty Ray announced a 7-day waiting period for proposed new member J. Larry Durrence, interim president of Owensboro Community and Technical College.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Annual Fundraiser Committee will meet at 1 p.m. after the regular meeting on August 19.

PROGRAM: Representative Brett Guthrie, Congressman from the 2nd Congressional District provided insight into several areas of interest, Health Care Reform, Stimulus, and Guantanamo Prison.

Rotary Youth Fund

At Wednesday's meeting **Larry Hager** and **Pat McFarling** presented Rotary Youth Fund checks totaling \$20,000 to the three school systems. The purpose of the program, which is jointly funded by the Owensboro Rotary Club and the Hager Foundation, is to help prepare students for a successful learning experience. The Family Resource/Youth Services Centers in the local schools put this money to work providing doctor and dental visits, vision screenings and glasses, medical supplies, clothing and school supplies. These basic needs often go unmet and can present barriers to learning.

Representing the local schools at Wednesday's meeting were Gay Lynn Lile, District Nurse, Owensboro Public Schools; Renee Del Pico, District Health Coordinator, Daviess County Public Schools; and Ken Rasp, Director, Owensboro Catholic Schools.

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Solar cooking experiments continue...

Sporadic experiments with solar cookers continue on Wesleyan Place. Here is a picture of a spherical reflector made of cardboard and aluminum foil. It is 48 inches in diameter, part of a 60 inch diameter sphere. The depth of the reflector is 12 inches, and in theory the focal point is 15 inches above the bottom (half the radius). When light hits the black surface of the pot it is converted to heat. Surrounding the pot with a clear oven bag reduces heat loss. In this experiment the pot temperature rose to 275F on a sunny afternoon.



President Patty returned from the Rotary International Convention with a CD showing how a club in England advocates for cooking in Africa a combination of hay box, rocket stove, and solar cooker. There is little doubt this is a viable and green solution. Persuading African women to abandon their traditional methods is, as always, the part of the problem not yet solved.

-- **Hervey Howell**

Rotary Reminders

- Don't forget to make up your missed meetings at Daviess County Rotary at Moonlite at 7am on Tuesday.
- If you have an email address and are not receiving the *Impetus* online, or you have changed your email address, please send that information to kim@mediaworksadvertising.com.

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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
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