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## Programs

### This Week's Program:

Kimberly Johnson – Junior League

### Upcoming Programs:

Aug. 27: Dr. Bill Tyler – Western KY Botanical Garden

Sep. 3 Mayoral Race – Ron Payne

Sep. 10 Nick Brake, Scott Polikov – Downtown Development

Sep. 17 House Race - David Boswell

## Your President Speaks...

This week we are sending off one of our own on an historic journey to deepest darkest Africa on her mission of mercy and we wish her well! **Sister Suzanne Sims** will leave August 14th for two weeks to work on our clean water initiatives in Uganda. In our 93 years, this Club has never done such an audacious and far-reaching thing - our first District Rotarian of the Year on our first International project with our first Volunteer Service Travel grant from RI. 2008 will go down in the archives as a banner year. And we should all be very proud!

Owensboro Rotary is on the verge of something dramatic and with many new members, new ideas and projects galore this club will be reenergized like never before. Be a part of it!! Bring a guest and sign them up, volunteer for a committee, and spread the word as a card-carrying Rotarian!

Reminder: Please bring your *Rotarian* magazines to the meeting so we can hand them out to guests and potential recruits. **THINK BIGGER!**

See you next week,  
*President Tom*

## The 4-Way Test

- 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?

## Meeting Notes from August 13, 2008

**PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST:** Gary Noffsinger

**ATTENDANCE & GUESTS:** There were 63 members and 5 guests present.

**NEW MEMBER INDUCTION:** Welcome to **Cheryl King**, President of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**President Tom Smith** presented **Sister Suzanne Sims** with a Rotary plaque that she will be taking to Uganda to place on our well. In addition, Tom shared a letter to Father Titus' parents on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary. Tom, along with all present, commissioned Sister Suzanne for the Uganda trip.

**The Fundraising Committee** has narrowed the potential fundraisers to six. The club's Board of Directors will now narrow those six to the three that will be presented to club for a vote.

**PROGRAM:** Mary Bryan Hood, Director of the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, and Hugh Moore, Vice Chair of the Owensboro Public Arts Commission, presented information on a new major arts program for Owensboro. A past Owensboro Public Arts Commission project brought to Owensboro six new major works of art valued collectively at over \$500,000. All were acquired through private contributions. The next Owensboro Public Arts Commission project is a tribute to Owensboro's Buffalo Trace. The historic trace began at Panther Creek and meandered down Frederica Street towards the Ohio River. Bob and Mary Ruth Steele have gifted Owensboro with the project's first sculpture, a bronze buffalo by artist T. D. Kelsey. The goal is to create a trace of buffalo-related sculptures throughout Owensboro, specifically along Frederica Street. Hugh Moore commented that similar projects have been successfully implemented in cities like Portland, Seattle and Chicago.

## Legend of the Month

At Wednesday's meeting, **JACK DARNELL** shared some of his life experiences with the club. Jack was born in Missouri in 1921 and moved with his family to Owensboro in 1926. During World War II, he served in the 63rd Infantry Division before transferring to the Air Force as a bombardier with the 15th Air Force. At the conclusion of the war, he returned to Owensboro and took a summer job at Owensboro National Bank. In 1946, Jack married Marybelle Kennedy. Among his many achievements, Jack has served as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis. His son-in-law, Steve Gardner, is also a Rotarian and father of his only grandchild. Jack joined the Owensboro Rotary Club in 1954 and served as club president in 1965/66.



**Jack Darnell** (right) with Steve Gardner at the 2004 Gala. At the Gala, Jack received recognition for 50 years of membership in Owensboro Rotary.

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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

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