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Programs

This Week's Program:

Dr. Bill Tyler – Western KY Botanical Garden

Upcoming Programs:

- Sep. 3 District Governor Terry Shockley
- Sep. 10 Nick Brake, Scott Polikov – Downtown Development
- Sep. 17 House Race – David Boswell
- Sep. 24 Mayoral Race – Ron Payne

*Welcome...
to our newest member!*



Cheryl King

is president of Kentucky Wesleyan College and a former Owensboro Rotarian.

Welcome back, Cheryl!

Your President Speaks...

I was very impressed with **Kim Johnson's** presentation for Junior League of Owensboro at today's meeting. They are 300 strong and the number of activities and ways they reach out to children and the less fortunate in our community is gratifying. Congratulations to that organization for their activism and practical initiatives in so many areas. They truly are a 'Gold Medal' service organization. Owensboro Rotary is beginning to think about more ways that we can do good both locally and across the globe. Some of you have come to me with great ideas... and we encourage more of your input. Rotary is the worldwide premier service club that can do things unlike few others because of the resources of The Rotary Foundation (\$265 million) and sheer numbers (over 33,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members). Our outreach is massive, and yet so much remains to be done. As long as one kid on this planet dies an unnecessary and premature death due to poverty and ignorance, Rotary International will never stop working or giving.

Our roving ambassador **Sister Suzanne Sims** has reported that our work on the first international water project for our club is underway in Uganda... stay tuned! And I expect a good turnout for our distinguished District Governor on September 3, because I want us to hear his message and be reminded of the magnitude of what we are all a part of. Be proud and invite a good Rookie candidate to the meeting. And congratulations to our newest Paul Harris Fellows – **Bill Barron, Patrick McNulty and Charles Medley!**

THINK BIGGER!

See you next week,
President Tom

Meeting Notes from August 20, 2008

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Gavin Roberts

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: There were 56 members and 6 guests present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Tom Smith reported that Sister Suzanne called to say she is in Uganda and our well in Father Titus' village should be completed in three days. Tom is looking for an expert volunteer to prepare a DVD presentation of Sister's trip to share with other clubs.

Bill Tyler announced that the Western Kentucky Botanical Garden is having weekly events in conjunction with the Bugs at the Garden and invited everyone to participate.

PROGRAM: **Kimberly Johnson**, a member of our club and President of the Junior League of Owensboro, presented a program of "Olympic" proportions on the Junior League. The organization, with roots in Owensboro dating back to 1937, currently has 110 members and 183 sustainers. The purpose of Junior League is to train its members in Voluntarism. Kim indicated that at the Bronze Level, Junior League conducts annual fundraisers, including the Rummage Sale (November 8 this year) and Charity Ball (usually in March). These events along with the sale of their cookbooks generate about \$50,000 annually to be contributed back to the community. At the Silver Level are the Junior League's "Done in a Day" ongoing projects including Baby Layette, Car Seat Check, CASA, Grandma's Corner, and Kids in the Kitchen. At the Gold Level is the Junior League's new signature project, the Reading Initiative. For this project, the League has partnered with other organizations including the Learning Community to sponsor Imagination Library, a program which sends free books to children.

Rotary Youth Fund

At Wednesday's meeting the club made its annual Rotary Youth Fund distribution to local schools. **Pat McFarling** and **Larry Hager** presented checks totaling \$20,000 to the three school systems. The program, which is jointly funded by the Owensboro Rotary Club and the Hager Foundation, helps meet students' basic needs by providing funding for school supplies, vision exams, glasses, immunizations, dental care and much more.



L to R: **Larry Hager; Gay Lynn Lile**, Owensboro Public Schools; **Renee DelPico**, Daviess County Public Schools; **Pres. Tom Smith** and **Pat McFarling**. Also present, **Jim Mattingly**, Owensboro Catholic Schools.

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Theme

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 Moonlight at 7 am on Tuesday.
- If you have an email address and are not receiving the *Impetus* online, or you have changed your email address, please send an email to **kim@mediaworksadvertising.com**. Kim will add you to the Rotary email list

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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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President: Tom Smith
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