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Programs

This Week's Program:

Chuck Cicchella – District Governor

Upcoming Programs:

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

Sept. 16 Ed Riney – Owensboro Riverport

Sept. 23 Gordy Wilcher, Music Industry

The Owensboro Rotary Club extends deepest sympathy to

- **George Thacker** in the death of his mother, Rachel Thacker, on August 18
- **Rodney Berry** in the death of his father and former Rotarian, Patrick Berry, on August 27

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition ...comes to Owensboro!

The Owensboro Rotary Club Foundation Board met briefly after last week's meeting and discussed making a donation to the Extreme Makeover that our own **Tommy Thompson**/Thompson Homes is spear-heading. This is an exciting event, not only for the deserving family getting a new home, but for the community as a whole. The show receives thousands of requests a day and an Owensboro family has been chosen – this is phenomenal! We would like to see Rotarians step up and help with this project. The event will be taking place the week of September 6 through September 14. For more information, go to

www.extremethompsonhomes.com

Your President Speaks...

Gary Ransdell, President of Western Kentucky University (do you sense a theme here?) presented an interesting program on the university and its role in economic development for the region, including Bowling Green and all of the outer campuses located in Owensboro, Elizabethtown and Glasgow. He emphasized the goal of increasing the number of college graduates in our area, as well as attracting international "brain power" to settle here in the region. He also complimented Judge Reid Haire on the County's partnership with the University and the vision they share. **Gene Tice** did a fantastic job with programs this month – of course, the truth came out at the meeting that the public relations director who came with President Ransdell, may have been the behind the scenes coordinator for Gene. That works too!

Next month's Program Chair is **Tom Smith** and he has lined up the month with the exception of the first and final meetings. This week, our District Governor, Chuck Cicchella, will be visiting with our Board prior to the meeting and then presenting the program. You won't want to miss this guy – he is very enthusiastic and will share his vision for our District with us – including his plans to have the District Conference next year at Holiday World! Let's have a good showing for our Governor.

The final week in September will be our quarterly Club Assembly – I hope you will plan to attend and let me know ahead of time if there is anything you would like to discuss that day. We will be hearing from various committees and the Board on initiatives and club activities, but would welcome your input on any other topic of interest.

As previously announced, we have tickets that invite folks to Rotary. If you or your guest presents this ticket, you will not be charged for the 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*



Happy Birthday to...

Charles Medley – Sept. 1 • **George Thacker** – Sept. 2
Dean Ehreheim – Sept. 4



Meeting Notes from August 26, 2009



Dr. Gary Ransdell, President of Western Kentucky University

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST:
Roger Coomes

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS:
Roger Coomes reported 56 members and 6 guests in attendance.

PROGRAM:
Gene Tice introduced Dr. Gary Ransdell, President of Western Kentucky University, who gave an update on the college and its impact on Owensboro.

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Reach One, Keep One!*

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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 Moonlite at 7 am on Tuesday.
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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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