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## Programs

### This Week's Program:

David Elson – Head Football Coach, WKU

### Upcoming Programs:

Aug. 12 Congressman Brett Guthrie

Aug. 19 Buddy Steen – Executive Director, WKU Center for Research and Dev.

Aug. 26 Gary Ransdell – President, WKU

Program chair for August is **Gene Tice**

## Your President Speaks...

Zhengyan Guo (better known to us as Barbara) is a visiting Chinese professor and brought a fascinating program to Rotary last week. She gave a very frank and straight forward comparison, from her personal view, of the differences in Chinese and American culture – an eye-opener for a lot of us! By the way, the opening act was **Pat McFarling** and me showing a slide show from the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham – you missed a treat if you missed this dog and pony show! Thanks, Pat, for putting the slides together. And, remember, **Tom Smith** is getting together a bus to go to the next convention in Montreal – sign up early.

Reminder on our fundraiser for the Owensboro Family Y and Boys & Girls Club: UK Coach John Calipari will be visiting Owensboro on August 18th for a benefit dinner. Meet and Greet at 4:30, dinner at 6:00. Corporate table sponsorships will be available for \$500 (table of eight), individual tickets will be \$75 each. **Tommy Thompson** had a news conference on Tuesday night and by Wednesday morning we had already sold five corporate tables. It won't take long to sell this one out. If you would like to go in on a Rotary table, just let me know.

This month's Program Chair is **Gene Tice** and he is starting us out with a great speaker for you sports fans: David Elson, head football coach from Western Kentucky University will be presenting our program. 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 – ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS!

See you Wednesday!  
*President Patty*

Don't miss your chance to meet

## John Calipari...



**AUGUST 18, 2009**

UK Basketball Coach John Calipari will be visiting Owensboro on August 18 for a Rotary-sponsored benefit dinner

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

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

Proceeds benefit the Owensboro Family Y and the Boys and Girls Club



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

## Happy Birthday to...

**Rodney Berry** – August 8 • **Mark Millsap** – August 10



## Meeting Notes from July 29, 2009

**PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST:** Brian Jones

**ATTENDANCE & GUESTS:** J.P. Fentress reported 57 members, 1 visiting Rotarian and 3 guests in attendance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President **Patty Ray** announced a 7-day waiting period for prospective members Dan Douglas and Mark Snell.

**CONVENTION REPORT:** **Patty Ray** and **Pat McFarling** presented a slide show featuring highlights from the recent Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England.

**PROGRAM:** **Hervey Howell** introduced the speaker, Zhengyan Guo, known to us as Barbara. She is a visiting professor at the local colleges and teaches economics at Shaoyang University. Barbara is married and has one child. With her brothers, she also owns an industrial cleaning products company employing 60 workers. Barbara spoke of life in China, focusing on the cultural differences she perceives between her country and the US. She also showed slides of locations in China that are of historical and cultural interest.



Dr. Jane Goodall, one of several keynote speakers at the recent RI Convention in Birmingham, England

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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

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