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## Programs

### This Week's Program:

House Race – David Boswell

### Upcoming Programs:

Sep. 24 Mayoral Race – Ron Payne

Oct. 1 TBA

Oct. 8 TBA

Oct. 15 Sr. Suzanne Sims – Uganda Report

Oct. 22 Jody Wassmer – Chamber of Commerce

**Patty Ray** still needs program chairs for several months. Please see her if you're willing to serve!

The Owensboro Rotary Club extends deepest sympathy to the family of

### **Dr. Frank Yarbrough**

who passed away on September 7.

Frank was a member of the Owensboro Rotary Club for 53 years and a Paul Harris Fellow.

## Your President Speaks...

Or in this case, your President-Elect. President Tom went to New York to celebrate his 40th Wedding Anniversary – Congratulations and Well Done!

Good crowd Wednesday at the meeting. Scott Polikov from the Gateway Planning Group was our Guest Speaker – great job by our own **Nick Brake** in scheduling this program for the club during a very busy week involving the Downtown Development Project. Scott was only in town this week and had meetings scheduled back to back to cover this very important venture – we appreciate him making time to visit our club.

We lost a beloved member this week. Long-time friend and Rotarian, **Frank Yarbrough** passed away. We certainly missed him over the past year while he was living with his daughter in Virginia and now bid him farewell as he embarks his final journey. Thursday, September 11, 2008, is Patriot's Day, the seventh anniversary of the tragedy on 9/11. Please pause to remember the loss that we had on that day and the families that continue to struggle with the after-effects of this tragedy.

We also enthusiastically welcome **Ankur Gopal** as our latest Rookie. Ankur will be an important addition to our club and we look forward to his great contributions in the future. Tom will be back next week – invite someone to join us for lunch and hear our program next week from David Boswell.

### **THINK BIGGER!**

See you next week,  
*President-Elect Patty*

## Meeting Notes from September 10, 2008

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

**ATTENDANCE & GUESTS:** There were 69 members and 7 guests present.

### **NEW MEMBER INDUCTION:**

**Ankur Gopal** was introduced by **President-Elect Patty Ray**. Ankur is CEO of Revasyst, COO of Agent 511, and owner of Ankutreprenuer. Ankur is a University of Illinois graduate and successful tennis player.

**PROGRAM:** **Nick Brake** introduced guest speaker Scott Polikov of the Gateway Planning Group of Fort Worth, Texas. Gateway is a town planning consortium hired by the Owensboro Economic Development Corporation and other city development groups. Among its many other credentials, Mr. Polikov's company is a recipient of the Texas-American Planning Association Award. Mr. Polikov began his presentation by encouraging Owensboro to be the kind of place that attracts and keeps people like Ankur Gopal. He also observed that with the closing of the Executive Inn and much discussion about downtown development, having the services of a professional planning group will be of great assistance to the community in making informed and educated decisions. Mr. Polikov reported that during his recent visits, he and his staff have been able to participate in 500 significant interviews and capture ideas for future city development. Among the highlights are leveraging the water front development to marry with downtown street activity, thus creating transitions instead of buffers. He was also supportive of the plan to connect the Greenbelt with the downtown riverfront. He encouraged use of existing downtown buildings for non-traditional uses. On Friday, an initial master plan will be unveiled at an informal town meeting. On November 15, a final plan will be presented to the city and county officials and participants at the "We the People" meeting.

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***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**

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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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