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Programs

This Week's Program:

District Governor Terry Shockley

**Be present to cast your vote for our
Signature Fund Raiser!**

Upcoming Programs:

Sep. 10 Nick Brake, Scott Polikov –
Downtown Development

Sep. 17 House Race – David Boswell

Sep. 24 Mayoral Race – Ron Payne

Program Chairs needed!

Patty Ray still needs several people to step forward as monthly program chairs. She's collected lots of program ideas, so if you agree to take a month, lining up the programs may be a lot easier than you think!

Membership matters!

Know someone who would be a great addition to our club?
The future of Owensboro Rotary depends on YOU!

Your President Speaks...

We are quickly approaching the date when we will vote, as a club, on our Signature Annual Fund Raiser idea. We are one of the only Rotary Clubs around that doesn't have a Fund Raiser and it is time for us to step up and raise some serious dough!! Past President Patrick and his Screening Committee narrowed the field for us considerably from close to thirty ideas submitted by the club to SIX that were brought to the board meeting. And our illustrious board has now gotten it down to the final THREE. They are (in no particular order):

- UK Basketball Exhibition Game - Sell tickets, concessions, held at the Sports Center, probably with UK Seniors, KWC after the season
- Men Who Cook Competition - One day event, Rotary teams or individuals compete, sell tickets to public to sample, sell a cookbook
- Halloween Ball - Costume party & dance, at a large facility, sell tickets to public, concessions, drinks

We will fill you in a little more on the details of these at the meeting next week, but be thinking which ONE you think would a) be feasible for our club to pull off, b) be well received by the public, and c) make us the most NET money after expenses. Any of these ideas can be combined with silent auctions, live auctions and other money-making ideas at the same venue. We will take a vote from those present at the meeting on September 3rd to determine our best choice to raise a bunch of cash and get this baby rolling for this Rotary year! Remember, your vote counts and we need your participation. NOW it is going to get interesting!

Welcome HOME Sister Suzanne from Uganda on August 30th.

THINK BIGGER!

See you next week,
President Tom

Meeting Notes from August 27, 2008

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: Brian Jones

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: There were 58 members present and one guest, Ed Smith (guest of Avery Smith and brother of President Tom).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Tom Smith reported that **Bob Hudson** has agreed to assist with the preparation of a DVD presentation of the Uganda water project and Sister Suzanne's trip to share with other clubs. Thank you, Bob!

PROGRAM: **Dr. Bill Tyler**, an Owensboro Rotarian and past president of the Western Kentucky Botanical Garden Board of Directors, spoke to the club about the "Big Bugs" currently on display at the garden. The giant wooden sculptures, which are the work of Long Island, NY artist David Rogers, measure 10 to 15 feet tall and weigh up to 1,200 pounds. The bugs include ants, a dragonfly, a praying mantis and a spider. The exhibit runs through late October. A number of educational and entertainment activities are being held in conjunction with the exhibit. These include concerts, dance and theatrical performances, and a VW Beetle "Cruise-In." The Botanical Garden welcomes volunteers and Bill invited Owensboro Rotarians to help out with these upcoming activities. Bill also reminded the club of the importance of arts and cultural programs to the vitality of our community and encouraged all present to continue to support such activities.



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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.
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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

President: Tom Smith
Vice President: Patty Ray
Past President: Patrick McNulty
Secretary: Dean Ehrenheim
Treasurer: Bob Nation