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OWENSBORO'S ROTARY IMPETUS

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Programs

This Week's Program:

Club Assembly

Upcoming Programs:

- Oct. 7 Debra Nolan – Neblett Center
- Oct. 14 Joe Ford – Ghost Stories
- Oct. 21 TWO
- Oct. 28 OHS Encore Choir

Twistin' the Night Away...

Congratulations to our current Rookies Team (**Stan Conn, Evelyn McCarty** and team leader **Tom Gaston**) on the successful completion of their "Twisting" project at the Salvation Army.



Your President Speaks...

Jody Wassmer from the Chamber of Commerce was our speaker last week and brought us a presentation on the Chamber-sponsored trip to Greenville, South Carolina last year by a group of community representatives. Although Greenville has over 1 million in population, there are many similarities between the two communities. Greenville's people and city government committed to revitalizing their downtown area. Public fund investment was tripled by subsequent private investment downtown, and today it is a vibrant, exciting place to be.

Be ready to play 50/50 this week – we did not have a winner last week so the pot is getting up there! Fifty percent of the proceeds go in your pocket – the other fifty percent towards Polio Plus. The tickets and jar will be at the Fellowship Table.

This week will be our quarterly Club Assembly – I hope you will plan to attend. 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. There will also be prize drawings! There will also be prize drawings! You will have to be present to win, however. Your name will be entered for the drawings for being present that day, bringing guests during the quarter and proposing new members during the quarter. Come and share in this celebration of our Rotary Club and its future.

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 his or her 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...

George Collignon – October 1 • Roger Coomes – October 4



Meeting Notes from September 23, 2009

PRAYER, PLEDGE & 4-WAY TEST: John Kaslauskas

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS: Evelyn McCarty reported 60 members and 1 guest in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ed Allen announced a town meeting hosted by "We the People" will be held October 10, 8am - 12pm at the Sportscenter. The future of the Executive Inn property will be discussed.

PRESENTATION:

Past President Tom Smith presented Outstanding Rotarian awards to **Gordon Wilkerson, Kathy Olson** and **Hervey Howell** for their service to the Club in 2008/09.

PROGRAM:

Dean Ehrenheim introduced fellow Rotarian **Jody Wassmer**, president of the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, as the program speaker. Jody described the Chamber's recent trip to Greenville, SC and the similarities between what that community has accomplished and what we are trying to accomplish with our downtown. "Walkability" is one of the keys to the success of the Greenville's revitalization. He said that Greenville used TIF financing, as well as a restaurant/hotel tax and New Market Tax Credits.



Jody Wassmer

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A Page from Our History

Did you know...

that the Owensboro Rotary Club met for the first time 94 years ago this month?

The Rotary Club of Evansville and the Rotary Club of Louisville chartered the Owensboro Rotary Club on September 1, 1915. The new club inducted 33 charter members and elected the following officers: President - Edward W. Smith; Vice President - Charles E. Hugger; Secretary - E. R. Southard; Treasurer - A. B. McCarthy.



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
Past President: Tom Smith
Secretary: David Silvert
Treasurer: Kevin Schwartz