

<p>January 11, 2018</p>	<p>CHRONICLES OF THE ROTARY OF MURRAY</p>	<p>Issue NO. 148</p>
<p>Quote of the Day</p>	<p>“Character – the willingness to accept responsibility for one’s own life – is the source from which self-respect springs.” Joan Didion</p>	
<p>This Week</p>	<p>Morgan Carman & Michelle Hanson from Grandparents Raising Grandchildren will speak with us about their project and concerns. Carmen Garland will do the introductions.</p>	
<p>Last Week</p>	<p>Kenny Roth introduced Mike Crook, the Manager of Angel’s Attic, as one who is a “doer” and who has developed Angel’s Attic into a significant business for Murray and Calloway County. Of course, this is a not for-profit venture, one that directly benefits numerous community services. Angel’s Attic sells gently used furniture, household items, clothing, shoes, books, toys, and as we learned much, much more. The proceeds from these sales go to Angels Community Clinic, the Gentry House for homeless families, and to support other community charities. Founded in 2002, the thrift shop has benefited the community with over \$2 million of support. It also provides affordable quality items to those needing a bargain. Caring for the environment means not only recycling, which Mr. Crook takes seriously, but also reusing. So it is no stretch to say that Angels Attic is a <i>green</i> company. But Mike is more than a manager; he possesses the heart of an entrepreneur! His motto is: “Sell it now, sell it later, or recycle”! Finding bulk items as well as collectibles to flip in order to enhance the funds his team can turn over to those in need. Angels Attic employs 18 souls and utilizes over 35 volunteers. In fiscal year 2017, there were over 75,418 transactions per the three cash registers and over 568,146 items sold. Angels Attic is clearly a going concern and a dynamic business operation, which is the envy of the region. Mike encourages anyone interested to stop by Tuesday – Saturday from 11 AM to 5 PM. He also will accept donations at the loading dock Monday – Saturday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Some of the items he finds are genuine museum pieces. Like the 19 balsam wood model airplanes on display at Discovery Park in Union City. How can you help? Donate, shop, & tell others.</p>	
<p>Next Week</p>	<p>Kim Harpole & Job Coach Rachel Johnson from Calloway County Community Work Transition Program will speak with us.</p>	
<p>Our Guests Last Week</p>	<p>Mike Crook (There were probably others but they didn’t seem to get their names on the list at the registration table.)</p>	
<p>Club Member Birthdays This Week: LaCosta Hays, George Oakley, Robert Norsworthy, Carolyn Todd, & Bill Davis</p>		
<p>Club member anniversaries this month: Jerry Penner (‘12), Robert Norsworthy (‘16), Marti Erwin (‘15), Libby Slaton (‘14), Byron Peacher (‘13), Gene Schanbacher (‘62), David Howe (‘17), Tawnya Hunter (‘17), John McConnell (‘04), Andy Graham (‘04), John Gore (‘16), & Steve Owens (‘16)</p>		

TODAY'S AGENDA	The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Do, and Say
Songsters: Pam Wurgler & Asia Burnett Rotary Four Way Test Invocation: Yvette Pyle Songs: <i>Sing Out a Song of Ro-t'ry & You're a Grand Old Flag</i> Sergeant at Arms: Roger Reichmuth Introduction: Carmen Garland Speakers: Morgan Carman & Michelle Hanson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build good will & better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary Rumors

Roger Reichmuth wrestled the songster responsibilities from Mark Welch in order to lead us toward redemption for songs sung blue when last we met. With our customary enthusiasm restored, we returned to the program. Mark – under no pressure – did a fine job leading us in song to open our first meeting of the year 2018. Bill Marcum stood and spoke about Bill Wells Make a Difference Day, which is Saturday, the 13th. Martin Tracy mentioned that Needline needed about \$250 for shelving (after putting in \$500 himself), which was raised by the time we got to Happy Dollars! Someone mentioned the upcoming Pancake Breakfast for Special Olympics at Culver's we sponsor in concert with the Lions on February 10th; see Keith Travis for more information. Nancy Mieure invited interested club members to the approaching Board Meeting on Monday. Terry Little stepped into the breach as Sergeant at Arms. In spite of significant absenteeism, he managed to call out and fine many within the congregation for being caught in the press for placing service above self. Admittedly, the newspaper's special section on the year in review aided his endeavor. Happy Dollars revealed many of the blessings that have been showered on us. Apparently, the Sergeant at Arms was so moved that he forgot to recognize our guests and had to be browbeaten back to the podium.

A new project, or rather, an old project reborn, has been initiated. With Steven Hunter at the helm and Tawnya Hunter, Nancy Mieure, Miranda Terry, Michael Robinson, Molly Ross, and Sandy Linn, as hearty crew, tried and true, our club will sponsor the 24th Annual District Speech Contest with the theme, "Making a Difference." Planning is still in the early stages and the date has yet to be set; however, the support of both the Murray and Calloway County High Schools has been gained and the committee is reaching out to the Eastwood Christian Academy and the home school network. This Rotary event is co-sponsored with the Calloway County Public Library, the Hazel Woman's Club, and the Murray Woman's Club. The Club contest will be held on February 18th; the Sectional Contest will be on March 25th in the CVB; the Regional contest in late April and mid-May, and the Final will be in Paducah in early June. Details are still being developed and more information will soon be forthcoming!

What's Coming Up?

The next *Bill Wells Make a Difference Day* is Saturday. Our special feature will be batteries taken by *Interstate Batteries!* If you're on the committee or want to help out (and you'd be most welcomed) then huddle up for a few minutes with Bill Marcum immediately after the meeting today.