

<p>January 18, 2018</p>	<p>CHRONICLES OF THE ROTARY OF MURRAY</p>	<p>Issue NO. 149</p>
<p>Quote of the Day</p>	<p>“In winter we lead a more inward life. Our hearts are warm and cherry, like cottages under drifts, whose windows and doors are half concealed, but from whose chimneys the smoke cheerfully ascends.” Henry David Thoreau</p>	
<p>This Week</p>	<p>Kim Harpole, Job Coach, & Rachel Johnson from Calloway County Community Work Transition Program will speak with us. They will be introduced by Tawnya Hunter.</p>	
<p>Last Week</p>	<p>Morgan Carman & Michelle Hansen from Grandparents Raising Grandchildren spoke with us about their project and concerns. Mark Welch performed the introductions. They began their presentation with an announcement: they're changing their name! It's not just grandparents who take on this awesome responsibility, it's other family members as well; consequently, they are now called It's All Relative. This program, hosted by Murray & Calloway County Family Resource & Youth Service Centers, is for aunts, uncles, grandparents or any relative raising a child that is not their biological child. In 2016, there were 494 children (or approximately 7%) between the ages of 0-17 being raised by grandparents within the county. Although there is some support from the Kentucky Department of Education – and in these trying financial times such support becomes increasingly dubious – much of their support comes from the community. This is especially true around the Christmas season when these good folks coordinate a gift initiative of what these kids want and <u>need</u> under the tree. A few members supplemented the presentation with stories of their own about being raised by grandparents. Those gathered were so moved that a bucket was passed around on the spot for a few dollars. If you were absent, you missed a powerful moment. Morgan Carman at Murray Independent (270-759-9592) and Michelle Hansen at Calloway County Schools (270-762-7333) encouraged phone calls if anyone became aware of a need or wanted to help.</p>	
<p>Next Week</p>	<p>Gene Schanbacher will introduce four new members, who in turn will convey a little information about themselves as they undergo this rite of passage.</p>	
<p>Our Guests Last Week</p>	<p>Traci Lawrence, Michelle Bundren, Morgan Carman, Michelle Hansen, Bob Valentine, Marshall Thompson, & Conda Wilson</p>	
<p>Club Member Birthdays This Week: Ron Allbritton, Don Cherry, & Jonathan Holder</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: Jayne Crisp & Roger Reichmuth Rotary Four Way Test Invocation: Jennifer Revell Songs: <i>Zip-a-dee-doo-dah</i> & <i>Vive le Rotary</i> Sergeant at Arms: Wendy Swalls Introduction: Tawnya Hunter Speakers: Kim Harpole, Job Coach, & Rachel Johnson	<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

As the promised snow approached and illness thinned our ranks, Diana Thomason commenced the program. The team of eleven from Hardin Baptist Church, including some of our own, land in Managua, Nicaragua, on the 13th. From there they travel by 4-wheel drive into the mountains to the vicinity of Jinotega to work with the villagers and migrant workers there. They return on the 20th. Bill Marcum announced that predicted ice on the roads compelled us to cancel *Bill Wells Make a Difference Day* scheduled for Saturday morning. While all were disappointed, none were surprised. Keith Travis stood and delivered on the *Pancake Breakfast* set for Saturday, February 10th, at Culver's, sponsored by Rotary and the Lion's Club. Mignon Pittman rose to introduce Conda Wilson from Calloway County High School, who in turn, introduced Marshall Thompson, our Student of the Month. His long list of accolades is impressive to say the least. He emphasized his involvement in Academic Team competition and announced that he was majoring in math at Murray State in the fall. Roger Reichmuth – *aka: the Archduke of Alliteration* – approached the microphone to take on his duties as Sergeant at Arms. Birthdays and guests were recognized as is our custom. As for fines, illness robbed him of many of his intended targets, but he persisted. Happy Dollars unveiled numerous blessings: the success of Bob Norsworthy's intern program, baby sitters, retirement, being born, and something about a football game. A joke was offered, but alas, humor's force is blunted if it requires explanation. Better luck next time, Roger!

Our club will sponsor the 24th Annual District Speech Contest with the theme, "Making a Difference." This Rotary event is co-sponsored with the Calloway County Public Library, the Hazel Woman's Club, and the Murray Woman's Club. The initial stage of the contest will be held on Sunday, February 18th, at 2 PM, at the Murray Woman's Club, 701 Vine Street. The Sectional Contest will be on March 25th, at the same time and location. **Volunteers are needed for both events! Please contact Steven Hunter or Miranda Terry.** The Regional contest in late April and mid-May, and the Final will be in Paducah in early June.

What's Coming Up?

A Pancake Breakfast is set for Saturday, February 10th, at Culver's. Tickets are \$7 at the door; the proceeds go toward the Peel & Holland Western Kentucky Polar Plunge & Polar 5K on February 17th at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. The money raised from this event will support *Special Olympics*. More information about the Polar Plunge is available at soky.org ☞ special events ☞ polar plunge ☞ western Kentucky polar plunge. Support this worthy cause by jumping into the frigid water or a having hot breakfast; you pick!