

<p>January 25, 2018</p>	<p>CHRONICLES OF THE ROTARY OF MURRAY</p>	<p>Issue NO. 150</p>
<p>Quote of the Day</p>	<p>“If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, ‘Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.’”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Martin Luther King Jr.</p>	
<p>This Week</p>	<p>Mark Welch will introduce five new members to our esteemed organization. Each will tell us a bit about herself or himself as we have an occasion to get to know them better and welcome them to our merry band.</p>	
<p>Last Week</p>	<p>More inches of snow than predicted covered the sleet that fell atop the ice, which rendered the roads unsafe, which in turn compelled our leadership to decide prudently that we should not come together in our customary fashion on Thursday for lunch.</p>	
<p>Next Week</p>	<p>Keith Travis will introduce Jerry Penner, who will undoubtedly relay the latest concerning the hospital’s success.</p>	
<p>Our Guests Last Week</p>	<p>We had no meeting; consequently, we had no guests.</p>	
<p>Club Member Birthdays This Week & Last: Ron Allbritton, Don Cherry, Jonathan Holder, Brian Stedelin, & Nancy Lovette</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>		
<p style="text-align: center;">TODAY’S AGENDA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Do, and Say</p>	
<p>Songsters: Pam Wurgler & Roger Reichmuth Rotary Four Way Test Invocation: John Mark Roberts Songs: <i>Sing Rotarians & Whiffenspoof Song</i> Sergeant at Arms: Mark Welch Introduction: Mark Welch Speakers: Five new members!</p>	<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

When we last met and broke bread together, we girded ourselves for the coming storm, which turned out to be more than was promised. Ice, sleet, snow, inexperience, closures, and in some cases, illness, made shut-ins of most among our community. Nonetheless, inclement weather created opportunity for service above self. Thursday evening the City Council came together officially for the first time in their chambers within the new City Hall. It was a big room, a lot to enclose within the photographer's frame, but Chief Liles in uniform was caught in the foreground. Among the closures reported in the paper, it fell to Diana Thomason to relay to the public that *Bill Wells Make a Difference Day* was cancelled. Good call, Bill Marcum! A far from satisfied Bryan Ernstberger filed the requisite paperwork for re-election to the County Attorney office. The camera lens caught Bob Hargrove handing over a check in support of the Main Street Youth Center while James Gallimore was spied doing likewise to build a new foot golf course in the park. The press corps finally caught up with a very busy Ron Allbritton who's crews were doing their best in the frigid circumstances. Don Rowlett was among those clad in Masonic aprons relinquishing a donation to Need Line. As the precarious driving conditions persisted during the week, Sheriff Steger reported well over a hundred vehicles stuck and numerous collisions. Chief Liles and company fell victim to a random act of appreciation by the Murray Woman's Club. Kenny Imes is recognized with another committee assignment. Please don't be surprised if our Sergeant at Arms revisits these moments caught by our local ever-vigilant press.

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. Clearly, arrangements continue to be in development and additional information is forthcoming; nonetheless, we need to here from you now if you can help with the dates noted above.

The recent tragedy in Marshall County is heartbreaking. Words fail. As you console, support, and assist those that you know and those you may not be personally acquainted with, please take care of yourself. *Service above self* does not mean disregard for your own heart and soul. When you take care of yourself, you're better equipped to serve others over the long term. Your service is lost if you become demoralized and exhausted. In these trying times, self-care is our responsibility as well.

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!