

<b>October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>	<b>CHRONICLES OF THE ROTARY OF MURRAY</b>	<b>Issue NO. 187</b>
<b>Quote of the Day</b>	<p>“Choose your leaders with wisdom and forethought. To be led by a coward is to be controlled by all that the coward fears. To be led by a fool is to be led by the opportunists who control the fool. To be led by a thief is to offer up your most precious treasures to be stolen. To be led by a liar is to ask to be told lies. To be led by a tyrant is to sell yourself and those you love into slavery.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Octavia E. Butler</p>	
<b>This Week</b>	Is there a kid sleeping on the floor in our town? Julie Morris will speak to us about the mission of <i>Sleep in Heavenly Peace</i> after being introduced by Michelle Hanson. We'll also meet our Student of the Month from Murray High School.	
<b>Last Week</b>	Bob Hargrove introduced Mark Manning, the President of the Murray Calloway Economic Development Corporation. This private, non-profit is dedicated to bringing manufacturing and distribution industries to Murray in order to create good jobs paying a living wage. The 134 acre industrial park is a jewel, not only in our county and region, but in the Commonwealth. The latest success, of course, is the DAE-IL factory currently under construction. This 300,000 square foot facility represents a \$50 million investment focused on automated manufacturing, which will open in May of 2019. There are also other accomplishments that are not yet ready for publication, but stay tuned. Future projects involve extending the access road, as well as other infrastructure, in order to open up the westernmost side of the park. Challenges include inadequate access to I-40, workforce development and training, maintaining our quality of life within the community, and the recent trade war with nations overseas; tariffs hurt! Tennessee continues to be a competitor when it comes to attracting industry. Our friends to the south apparently offer robust business friendly incentives.	
<b>Next Week</b>	Vernon Gantt will introduce Mike Kull who will update us on The Rotary Foundation. We will also meet our Student of the Month from Calloway County High School.	
<b>Our Guests Last Week</b>	Toni Bohannon, Riley Scott, Stephanie Hunter, Cole Hunter, Keith Inman, Brad Davis, & Mark Manning	
<b>Club Member Birthdays This Week:</b> Yvette Pyle		
<b>Club member anniversaries this month:</b> Bob Billington ('79), Harold Hurt ('11), Charles Allen ('07), Mark Lewis ('00), & Martin Tracy ('11)		

<b>TODAY'S AGENDA</b>	The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Do, and Say
<p>Songsters: Asia Burnett &amp; Jayne Crisp          Rotary Four Way Test          Invocation: Marcie Hobbs          Songs: <i>America the Beautiful</i> &amp; <i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i>          Sergeant at Arms: Roger Reichmuth          Introduction: Michelle Hansen          Speaker: Julie Morris</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is it the truth?</li> <li>2. Is it fair to all concerned?</li> <li>3. Will it build good will &amp; better friendships?</li> <li>4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?</li> </ol>
<b>Rotary Rumors</b>	
<p>James Gallimore, our President-elect, gets the meeting started. Kelly Forester steps to the fore in order to provide an update on the Christmas Parade. The website is up and running, postcards are on the way, volunteer sign-up sheets are on the tables, and participation on the planning committee is needed. Our Sergeant-at-Arms confesses that he was under the impression that he was to give today's invocation and was a bit surprised to learn that he was scheduled to fill the responsibilities of Sergeant-at-Arms. So rather than rest upon careful research, he relied on the individual honor of each member captured in the headlines this week to stand and deliver a dollar. It was actually a humorous respite from the weekly harassment of the usual suspects. Among the blessings noted during Happy Dollars was praise for the good work conducted by today's speaker as well as a shout out to all those who helped with the <i>Dictionary Project</i>. Of course, the good work done by the <i>Real Men Wear Pink</i> cadre was heralded. Reference was made to the Empty Bowls Project fundraiser for Murray Calloway County Need Line. The <i>Murray Half Marathon</i> was mentioned. The program moved at a record setting pace; by 12:18 PM our presenting speaker rose to speak.</p>	
<b>What's Coming Up?</b>	
<p>The annual <i>Tom Rushing Memorial Ham Breakfast</i> fundraiser will occur on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 10 AM. Breakfast includes: waffles, county ham, sausage, eggs, biscuits &amp; gravy, fruit, pastries, coffee &amp; juice! There is a shout out to the good folks at the Murray Bank for their sponsorship and to the Murray Middle School for the use of their cafeteria. Tickets are \$7. Each Rotarian will get six tickets to distribute as she or he thinks best. This is one of our major fund-raisers, so if your Saturday morning planner will allow, please contact Deana Wright, or better yet, take advantage of the sign-up sheet on the table.</p> <p>Light up <i>Murray Rotary Christmas Parade</i> will be held December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM. We are looking for volunteers for both preparation and day of operations for the event. We need a <b>minimum</b> of fifteen volunteers for our event to run smoothly. More are always welcome! Most volunteers will be assisting with crowd control and to keep the parade moving, while a few volunteers will have particular duties in relation to the operation of the event. Committee meetings will start being held November 1<sup>st</sup>, and running up until the event. One additional planning meeting will be held the Monday before the parade, November 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have interest in being on the committee, please reach out to Kelly Forester by calling (612) 275-5614 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:murraychristmasparade@gmail.com">murraychristmasparade@gmail.com</a>.</p>	