

<b>October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>	<b>CHRONICLES OF THE ROTARY OF MURRAY</b>	<b>Issue NO. 188</b>
<b>Quote of the Day</b>	<p>“We learn, grow and become compassionate and generous as much through exile as homecoming, as much through loss as gain, as much through giving things away as in receiving what we believe to be our due.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">David Whyte</p>	
<b>This 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>Last Week</b>	Michelle Hansen, from the Resource Center, introduced Julie Morris, who is the Director of the local chapter (Chapter 99, the KenLake Region) of the nation-wide endeavor called <i>Sleep in Heavenly Peace</i> . Our club is already involved by way of a grant that we received; nonetheless, the need is great. In the past month, over fifteen requests have been received. Beyond the frame of the bed and the mattress, new sheets, pillows, and a comforter are included in the package. A construction date and time has been established: Saturday, November 17 <sup>th</sup> , from 8 AM to noon. Sign-up sheets are forthcoming. There is a pretty cool web-site for those who seek more information about this general endeavor at <shpbeds.org>. Remember, no kid sleeps on the floor in our town.	
<b>Next Week</b>	Jeff Liles will introduce Allison Alexander, who will address the mission and needs of the Gentry House. We'll also meet the Student of the Month from Murray High that we didn't meet last week.	
<b>Our Guests Last Week</b>	Anne-Marie Tanner, Andrew Youngblood, Julie Morris, her brother Kevin, & Michelle Hanson,	
<b>Club Member Birthdays This Week:</b> Ryan Flota, Allison Alexander, Katherine Fister, & Vonnie Hays-Adams		
<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	
Songsters: Roger Reichmuth & Jayne Crisp Rotary Four Way Test Invocation: Bob Hargrove Songs: <i>Alma Mater &amp; Buckle Down, You Racers</i> Sergeant at Arms: Steven Hunter Introduction: Vernon Gantt Speaker: Mike Kull	<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>Once more we were called to order by James Gallimore, our President-Elect, who in turn called upon Roger Reichmuth to get us started, who deferred to Asia Burnett and Michelle Bundren, who lead us in song with Jayne Crisp at the ivory keys. It was joyous! Apparently James eschews the limelight because he wasted no time in calling Keith Travis to the podium with an important announcement. As is our custom, a coordinated conduit for our response to those in need due to the most recent hurricane is being proposed. Our District Governor is in touch with the District Governor of the area most impacted by the flooding and damage as a result of Hurricane Michael. Unsurprisingly, there aren't sufficient facilities to warehouse the goods that might be sent by the well intended; nor are the logistical centers up and running. Instead, what would work best is the flexibility of cash to support those in need and bolster their local economy. So, our District Governor has asked that over the next two weeks, which is to say by Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>, each Rotarian within the district contribute \$20. Some may not be in a position to do this, while others might be prepared to give more; but if we average said amount then our District would be able to send \$27,000. Keith is coordinating the effort for the entire District. It was immediately suggested that the "plate" be passed at our meeting and that a similar protocol occur during the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. It did not take long for \$612 to be gathered and handed over to Keith Travis, the Assistant Governor of the District. The goal is to send the collection by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Roger Reichmuth rose with gravitas and assumed the role of Sergeant-at-Arms. His effort was thwarted not by shoddy research but by absenteeism. Nonetheless, he persisted. Numerous blessings were delineated during Happy Dollars.</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, e-mail her at <a href="mailto:murraychristmasparade@gmail.com">murraychristmasparade@gmail.com</a>, or better yet, sign up on the sheet there on the table! There is also a Rotary float in the parade; if you are interested in helping with that then contact James Gallimore.</p>