

<b>November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018</b>	<b>CHRONICLES OF THE ROTARY OF MURRAY</b>	<b>Issue NO. 189</b>
<b>Quote of the Day</b>	“To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain.” Louis L’Amour	
<b>This 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 two weeks ago.	
<b>Last Week</b>	Vernon Gantt introduced Michael J. Kull, who is currently serving in his third year as the Annual Fund Chair for District 6710. Mike reminded us that the Rotary Foundation has earned a perfect score from Charity Navigator and has a four star rating for the 11 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year. A \$25,000 gift to the endowment fund now will generate on average approximately \$1000 per year to the Annual Fund SHARE. Each year half of the contributions to this fund from the prior three years return to our district, while the other half is placed in the World Fund to support global projects. Half of the district funds are used for district grants. This year there were 60 district grants awarded totaling over \$113,000. Our club received two grants contributing to our partnership with <i>Sleep in Heavenly Peace</i> and the <i>Summer Backpack Literacy Program</i> .	
<b>Next Week</b>	Don Rowlett will introduce Chris Nelson, the Executive Vice President, who will let us in on what’s happening at AGC of Western Kentucky, an award winning chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America. We’ll also meet the Student of the Month from Calloway County High.	
<b>Our Guests Last Week</b>	Anne-Marie Tanner, Cheryl Dafrain, John Carrico, Martha Andrus, Tim Stark, Janel Tate, Bryan Overby, Mike Krull, Kristen Houston, Steve Smith, & Stacey Houston	
<b>Club Member Birthdays This Week:</b> Scott Adair & Jerry Penner		
<b>Club member anniversaries this month:</b> Nancy Lovett (‘97), Dan McNutt (‘85), David Roos (‘73), Stuart Poston (‘72), Bill Crass (‘97), Don Robertson (‘91), Miranda Terry (‘16), Brian Edwards (‘08), Chase Wallace (‘08), Lisa Shoemaker (‘08), Gary Brockway (‘98), & Hawkins Teague (‘17)		
<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: Yvette Pyle Songs: <i>Get Together Song</i> & <i>Sing Rotarians</i> Sergeant at Arms: Jason Freeman Introduction: Jeff Liles Speaker: Allison Alexander	<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>In celebration of the approaching Murray State Homecoming Weekend, Roger Reichmuth lead us in spirited song appropriate to the occasion. Mignon Reed then introduced Principal Steve Smith who introduced this month’s Student of the Month from Calloway County High School. With a 4.0 GPA and 33 on the ACT, Kristen Houston is on track to become the class of ’19 Valedictorian. Although she possesses a plethora of academic achievements, her activities are not limited to the classroom. As a tennis, soccer and track athlete she is the recipient of numerous awards. Moreover, her extracurricular leadership includes Leadership Tomorrow, Future Business Leaders of America, BETA, &amp; Unified Champion Schools. She also works and volunteers in the community. While she is clear about her major in college (Biology, Pre-Pharmacy, &amp; Business Administration), she oscillates between Murray State and the University of Kentucky. Those in attendance left little doubt as to their preference. Alice Rouse came to the bully pulpit to remind us that this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to praise the brave men who have been sporting pink in public to raise money for research to find a cure. The fact that many were fellow Rotarians was not the least bit surprising! Vernon Gantt stood to bestow a Paul Harris +1 pin on Rick Dye, who in turn awarded a Paul Harris pin to Bobby Workman. In support of marital accord and because she was just as deserving, Vernon called Doris Workman to the front to receive her own Paul Harris pin. Mike Kull stood in order to induct Keith Travis into the Paul Harris Society, which we all know means he commits to donating a grand annually for as long as he can. Keith is the fourth member of our club who has made such a generous pledge. Keith maintained possession of the podium in order to draw attention to the ramp construction project. Under Don Rowlett’s coordination, two have been built and two more are coming. He also made good on his proposal to have a second collection for the victims of Hurricane Michael. Another \$152 was raised today. Deana Wright called for volunteers to help with the Tom Rushing Memorial Ham Breakfast on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets were on the tables. Then Diana Thomason drew our attention to sign-up sheets on the table related to the Veterans Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. We traditionally help the Lions to carry the giant flag. She also pointed out another sign-up sheet for the <i>Sleep in Heavenly Peace</i> Build-a-Bed Construction Day on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Rotary Amphitheater in the Park. If the weather is inclement then we’ll meet at 150 Outland School Road. Then Kelly Forester stood up to mention the sign-up sheet on the tables for the Christmas Parade on December 1<sup>st</sup>. By the time the Steven Hunter occupied the pulpit there was little time for fines. Penalties were handed out a break-neck speed. Some lamented that he didn’t conduct his sermons at a similar pace. Without delay we rushed to Happy Dollars when we counted out blessings, albeit quickly. To the shock of some and delight of others, the Reverend changed hats as he left the pulpit, arrested the Mayor and escorted out in cuffs.</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. 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>