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Quote of the Day	"They say that there are moments that open up your life like a walnut cracked, that change your point of view so that you never look at things the same way again." Jodi Picoult	
This Week	Bob Hargrove will introduce Dr. Tony Brannon, Dean of the Hutson School of Agriculture, who will tell us about Rural Urban Day.	
Last Week	Before Don Rowlett introduced Chris Nelson, the Executive Vice President at AGC of Western Kentucky, he had a few words of gratitude to the assembly for their support of the Murray Calloway County Ramp Ministry. He gave a shout out to the Murray Calloway County Hospital Foundation and Keith Travis, Dan Hicks, the Principal of the Murray Calloway County Area Technology Center, Brian Provine, the carpentry teacher as well as the carpentry students of both Murray and Calloway County High Schools. This start-up is up and running and beginning to address a long-standing need in our community. Chris Nelson spoke about his thoughts and concerns related to workforce development. AGE stands for Associated General Contractors of America, which is a non- profit trade association with over 400 business members. The Calloway County chapter is the second largest in the Jackson Purchase. It acts as a business resource and incubator for start-up companies, and as we learned, a provider of internships and scholarships. Their interest in providing this most recent service stems from the growing concern with the growing dearth of trained professionals in the technological & industrial trades. Echoing what we heard a few weeks ago from Mark Manning, workforce development is essential to economic development. While education is a pillar in our community, more could be done to provide encouragement, guidance, training, and opportunity into the trades. One of the goals of the AGC is to keep the talent here in the region if not in Calloway County!	
Next Week	Next Thursday is Thanksgiving, so we will not meet. But on the 29 th , after she is introduced by Cathy Morris, we will hear from Avivia Yasgur from the Friends of Land Between the Lakes, who are dedicated to the improvement of LBL by applying for grants, recruiting donors, and conducting capital funds campaigns.	
Our Guests Last Week	Chris Nelson, Stephanie Hunter, Eddie Clyde, Joey Roth, Dan Hicks, & Joel Critter.	
Club Member B	irthdays This Week: None to celebrate or serenade	this week.

Club member anniversaries this month: 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)

TODAY'S AGENDA

Songsters: Asia Burnett & Jayne Crisp **Rotary Four Way Test** Invocation: Sarah Jones Songs: Tony Brannon Had a Farm & Home on the Range Sergeant at Arms: Nancy Mieure Introduction: Bob Hargrove Speaker: Tony Brannon

Rotary Rumors

In Gene Schanbacher's well-timed invocation following Election Day, we were reminded of our many blessings even in the face of disappointment and the weight of responsibility inherent within achievement. Deana Wright encouraged the assembly to sign-up to help in the kitchen on Saturday morning. Keith Travis pointed out the sign-up sheet for the Veterans Day Parade on Sunday afternoon. Diana Thomason directed our attention to one of the sign-up sheets on the table; this one related to the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build-a-Bed Construction Day on November 17th at 8 AM at the Rotary Amphitheater in the Park. Don't be concerned if you're not an experienced carpenter; training and supervision will be provided on site! Roger Reichmuth took the podium to explain the envelopes he had personally distributed concerning Phase III of the Rotary Amphitheater & Performing Arts Pavilion construction. The committee seeks \$22,500 to add to the funds already secured through grants and matching fund commitments. Construction is already underway and the objective is to cut the ribbon in the spring. Can you help underwrite this showcase in our community? Diana Thomason returned to the pulpit to call for a wise, if uncustomary Happy Dollars moment. Within the congregation, we had numerous candidates who had won and lost in the election held two days ago. In the spirit of edification of the membership body, she asked for a dollar from all that won, lost, or were simply glad that the campaign was over. In this gesture of giving, all were reminded of what we hold in unison and the spirit that binds us in common cause. Jayne Crisp stood to assume the duties of Sergeant-at-Arms. She distributed financial penalties for daring to lead. Many were guilty. Happy Dollars brought attention to many blessings including our veterans and the requirement to retrieve campaign signs.

What's Coming Up?

The Light Up Murray Rotary Christmas Parade is December 1st at 5:00 pm. Please continue to spread the word to get participants signed up and attendants to mark their calendars! Information can be found at www.murraychristmasparade.com. If you would like any additional postcards to put up at your place of business or to hand out, Kelly has extras! We are having committee meetings following the noon club meetings November 15th & 22nd. Logistics meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on November 27th at location TBD. If you have any interest in volunteering at the parade, please plan to attend a committee meeting or reach out to Kelly Forster at 612-275-5614 or murraychristmasparade@gmail.com.

The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Do, and Say

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?