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Quote of the Day	“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.” Albert Schweitzer	
This Week	After she is introduced by Cathy Morris, we will hear from Aviva Yasgur. She is with the Friends of Land Between the Lakes. They are dedicated to the improvement of LBL by applying for grants, recruiting donors, and conducting capital funds campaigns. We’ll also meet the Student of the Month from Calloway County High School.	
Last Week	Last week was Thanksgiving and the week before that the meeting was cancelled due to the threat of inclement weather.	
Next Week	We’ll hear from Kim Paschall, Director of Nursing at the Calloway County Health Department. She will discuss their efforts to prevent illness and disease, promote healthy lifestyles, and protect the community of Calloway County by ensuring a safe environment. The following week, December 13 th , we’ll meet Kyle Poat, the new Chief District Engineer, for District 1 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. He oversees 2800 miles of highway in the twelve westernmost counties. The holiday program will dominate our meeting on the 20 th and, of course, we will not meet on Thursday, the 27 th . After that it will be a new year!	
Our Guests Last Week	Alas, we didn’t meet, so we had no guests. It’s been a while since we’ve seen each other, hasn’t it?	
Club Member Birthdays This Week & Last: Burton Young, Don Robertson, Loretta Jobs, Andy Graham, Erin Carrico, Keith Travis, & David Perlow		
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	The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Do, and Say	
Songsters: Roger Reichmuth & Jayne Crisp Rotary Four Way Test Invocation: Bobby Martin Songs: <i>Down in the Valley</i> & <i>Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry</i> Sergeant at Arms: Nancy Mieure Introduction: Cathy Morris Speaker: Aviva Yasgur from LBL	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

As we approach the mid-point of the 2018-19 Rotary Year, the Rotary Club of Murray has contributed \$2,920.00 to the Annual Fund. Our goal is \$14,600. We have contributed \$1,820.00 to the Polio Plus fund. Our goal is \$2,000. We should exceed our goal for Polio Plus by the end of December. Our club has added four new Paul Harris Fellows since the 1st of July, 2018. The club now has 282 Paul Harris members since January 1st, 1974 (PDG Nat Ryan Hughes). We have added one new Paul Harris Society Member since 1st July. The club now has four Paul Harris Society members. (A Paul Harris Society member pledges to give \$1000 per year to The Rotary Foundation as long as they are able.)

Thus far nearly thirty Rotarians have pledged or given to the campaign to raise funds for Phase III of the Rotary Amphitheatre Project. At this point, we need \$10,000 to achieve our objective. A bit more will enable the Project Committee to purchase some additional equipment. This structure, which is becoming a landmark within the park, advances so many of our goals as a club. The wholesome activities produced on this outdoor stage support caring conversation, commerce, and community development. With the matching grants in place, an investment in this close to completed endeavor will be money well spent! See Roger Reichmuth to learn more about how you can help.

Over twenty Rotarians, spouses, and members of MSU’s Rotaract joined another twenty plus volunteers at the *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* Build-a-Bed Construction Day on November 17th. We wrote a successful grant for over \$5,100. As you know, our personal gifts to the Rotary Foundation make such grants possible. This grant supplied sufficient material to construct seventeen complete bunks, fifteen of which were built on Saturday. From the grant we were also able to purchase bedding for an additional eight beds, thus extending our service to 42 children. Anyone who desires to help with the delivery of a bed should contact Diana Thomason. Two Rotarians may be needed for a delivery scheduled for December 8th.

Fifty Rotary and Rotaract volunteers fed approximately 400 people on November 10th. With your dues as a member, we cleared around \$3000. A big shout out to Coy Samons for allowing us to use the Murray Middle School Cafeteria, Wanda & Leah for helping us maneuver around the kitchen, Mike Harland & Shaffer Coffee Company for supplying the coffee, and The Murray Bank for sponsoring the *Tom Rushing Memorial Ham Breakfast*.

What’s Coming Up?

The *Light Up Murray Rotary Christmas Parade* is Saturday at 5:00 pm. At least 75 entries are participating. The latest information can be found at www.murraychristmasparade.com. Volunteers are still needed! The Rotary float and Santa’s sleigh, which are currently located at GEC on 4th Street, will be assembled today, beginning at 4:30 PM. We need volunteers! Alice Rouse & Carmen Garland have all the reindeer lights checked and ready to go! James Gallimore will be live streaming the parade on Facebook from the Higgins House, which will be *Rotary Central*. If you are able to help, then reach out to **Kelly Forster** at 612-275-5614 or murraychristmasparade@gmail.com.