

<p>February 1, 2018</p>	<p>CHRONICLES OF THE ROTARY OF MURRAY</p>	<p>Issue NO. 151</p>
<p>Quote of the Day</p>	<p>“Hope locates itself in the premises that we don’t know what will happen and that in the spaciousness of uncertainty is room to act. When you recognize uncertainty, you recognize that you may be able to influence the outcomes – you alone or you in concert with a few dozen or several million others. Rebecca Solnit</p>	
<p>This Week</p>	<p>Keith Travis will introduce Jerry Penner, who will relay stories from his recent deployment in Iraq.</p>	
<p>Last Week</p>	<p>For over two decades, Gene Schanbacher has been in charge of new member orientation! The announcement of this service was met with a hearty round of applause. He will be hard to replace; nonetheless, Mark Welch will take up the reins of this responsibility. In Mark Welch’s absence at our meeting, Diana Thomason introduced what we hoped would be three, but turned out to be two, new members to our esteemed organization: Doris Workman and Hawkins Teague.</p>	
<p>Next Week</p>	<p>Erin Carrico will tell us about awesome smartphone apps and cool ways to exploit our smartphones, which oftentimes out smart us.</p>	
<p>Our Guests Last Week</p>	<p>Lisa Barrett, Colin Fitzgerald, Angie Hatton, Robert Vaught, Kevin Koelsh, Peggy Koelsh, David Koelsh, & Anne, a counselor from MHS</p>	
<p>Club Member Birthdays This Week: Diana Thomason</p>		
<p>Club member anniversaries this month: David King (’80), Roger Reichmuth (’91), Jason Anderson (’12), Jamie Jameson (’16), Jeff Liles (’08), Diana Thomason (’07), Rick Spann (’16), Kenny Ernstberger (’14), David Perlow (’14), & Sarah Jones (’13)</p>		
<p>TODAY’S AGENDA</p>	<p>The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Do, and Say</p>	
<p>Songsters: Jayne Crisp & Mark Welch Rotary Four Way Test Invocation: Don Robertson Songs: <i>America the Beautiful & Battle Hymn of the Republic</i> Sergeant at Arms: Steven Hunter Introduction: Keith Travis Speakers: Jerry Penner</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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

We began our meeting last week with a moment of silence to recall the suffering in our neighboring county. John Mark Roberts gave a heartfelt prayer. Clearly, we had recent events on our mind. Undaunted, Roger Reichmuth attempted to lift us from our somber mood with song. Ruth James-Daniel circulated sign-up sheets at each table in search of volunteers for the Summer Literacy Backpack Program, which is firing up. Please reach out to her if you would like to help. Kay Zweedyk reminded us that volunteers were still needed to help with the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 10th. Vernon Gantt presented two Paul Harris Fellow pins: one to Angie Hatton who is soon leaving for Omaha and another (a +4 pin!) to Gene Schanbacher. Steven Hunter performed the Sergeant at Arms duties. He closed with a consoling reminder of the ancient Japanese art of *Kintsugi*, the craft of repairing shattered pottery with gold; thus reminding us of beauty arising from the broken places in our hearts. Much more occurred but there are important announcements to relay.

Given the recent events at Marshall County High School, the public school's regional speech tournament is being relocated to Murray Middle School. The faculty members are requesting volunteers to serve as judges for the contest on February 3rd starting at 2 PM until about 7 PM. If any Rotarians are interested in serving in this capacity on Saturday, please contact Miranda Terry at mterry4@murraystate.edu or (217) 530-1928 or Michael Robinson at Michael.robinson@murray.kyschools.us. Any Rotarian serving as a volunteer should submit their volunteer hours to Miranda for the Rotary Report as we are a service club.

The Rotary Club of Marshall County has set up a Youth Services Fund to assist the families of victims of the shooting at the high school last week. The Youth Services fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations can be mailed to First Kentucky Bank, c/o Youth Services Fund of Marshall County Rotary Club, P.O. Box 910, Benton, KY 42025. For pick-up arrangements, please call (270) 559-2404. Thank you, Jayne Crisp, for alerting us to this opportunity to donate.

Our club will sponsor the 24th Annual District Speech Contest with the theme, "Making a Difference." This Rotary event is co-sponsored with the Calloway County Public Library, the Hazel Woman's Club, and the Murray Woman's Club. The initial stage of the contest will be held on Sunday, February 18th, at 2 PM, at the Murray Woman's Club, 701 Vine Street. The Sectional Contest will be on March 25th, at the same time and location. Volunteers are needed for both events! Please contact Steven Hunter or Miranda Terry. The Regional contest is in late April or mid-May, and the Final will be in Paducah in early June. Clearly, arrangements continue to develop and additional information is forthcoming; nonetheless, we need to hear from you now.

What's Coming Up?

A Pancake Breakfast is set for Saturday, February 10th, at Culver's. Tickets are \$7 at the door; the proceeds go toward the Peel & Holland Western Kentucky Polar Plunge & Polar 5K on February 17th at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. The money raised from this event will support *Special Olympics*. Support this worthy cause by jumping into the frigid water or a having hot breakfast; you pick!