

<p><b>February 22, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>CHRONICLES OF THE ROTARY OF MURRAY</b></p>	<p><b>Issue NO. 154</b></p>
<p><b>Quote of the Day</b></p>	<p>If only it were all so simple! If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart? Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn</p>	
<p><b>This Week</b></p>	<p>Bob Hargrove will introduce the Senior Executive Regional Director, Daniel Roe, who in turn will bring us a presentation by the Boys Scouts.</p>	
<p><b>Last Week</b></p>	<p>After being introduced by Carmen Garland, Gerald Washington gave us the latest about the successes of our local United Way! He started by admitting that he was preaching to the choir; there were too many past chairs, board members, contributors, and volunteers to name, but he did anyway! The list of twelve agencies that our local United Way supports was well known to the assembly. What may have been less known were the programs coordinated under their auspices in full or in part, such as the Financial Literacy Program, the VITA tax assistance program, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and Born Learning Academy, and Venture Grants. Not to mention keeping the <i>Quick Reference Directory Resource Guide</i> in print. Gerald lamented that there are numerous competing causes that can distract from local donations. National disasters, international catastrophe, budget cuts, new taxes, and threatened tax reform all might have a chilling effect on discretionary contributions. Although the need seems to grow each year while the level of contributions remains relatively flat, Gerald is encouraged by the consistent spirit of our community and finds solace in the Rotary mantra of <i>service above self</i> and is guided by the Four Way Test.</p>	
<p><b>Next Week</b></p>	<p>Dakota Moore, a 2016 Murray State Outstanding Senior, from the Hutson School of Agriculture, will speak about the Arboretum and upcoming events at the Mabel G. &amp; J. Stanley Pullen Farm and Green House.</p>	
<p><b>Our Guests Last Week</b></p>	<p>Andrea Howe, Robert Vaught, Steve Bray, Janice Rose, Allison Alexander, Jason Freeman, Joey Roth, Ann Sivfa, Than Thawainin (our Murray High Student of the Month), and Teresa Speed</p>	
<p><b>Club Member Birthdays This Week:</b> <i>None this week!</i></p>		
<p><b>Club member anniversaries this month:</b> 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), &amp; Sarah Jones ('13)</p>		

<b>TODAY'S AGENDA</b>	The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Do, and Say
Songsters: Pam Wurgler & Mark Welch Rotary Four Way Test Invocation: Brenda Rowland Songs: <i>Home on the Range &amp; This Land Is Your Land</i> Sergeant at Arms: Gerald Washington Introduction: Bob Hargrove Speaker: Daniel Roe and the Boy Scouts	<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>

### **Rotary Rumors**

The Rotary Club of Murray 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Speech Contest was held last Sunday at the Murray Woman's Clubhouse. The theme was "Making a Difference." The Master of Ceremonies for the speech contest was Rotarian Steven Hunter. There were twelve contestants representing Calloway County High School, Homeschooling, and Murray High School.

Phoebe Shown, a Murray High School Senior who placed first, discussed the importance of education, and will be moving on to Sectionals, which is hosted by our club and will take place on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2 PM, at the Murray Woman's Clubhouse, 704 Vine Street, in Murray. Just a friendly reminder, volunteers are still needed! Embrey Flener, MHS Senior, placed second. Marina Smart, MHS sophomore, placed third. All contestants were articulate, intelligent, and shared ideas about how to make a difference locally and globally.

Initially, there were fifteen participants who signed up for the Speech Contest: six freshmen, four sophomores, two juniors, and three seniors. Beyond the venue for the event, the Murray Woman's Club provided cups, napkins, and plates, while the Hazel Woman's club supplied the cookies. The leftover cookies were donated to the hardworking firemen and women at the Murray City Fire Department. The water and lemonade was provided by GEC.

Thank you to our judges, who had the most difficult job of the day: Rotarian Erin Carrico, Rotarian Jayne Crisp, and Alisa Walls, Hazel Woman's Club. Our timers were, Rotarian James Gallimore and Rotarian Miranda Terry, Murray Woman's Club. Our tellers, Rotarian Mignon Pittman, Hazel Woman's Club, and Sandy Linn, Calloway County Public Library and Murray Woman's Club. The verifier of the results was Rotary President Nancy Mieure, Hazel Woman's Club. Thank you to our sponsors: Calloway County Public Library, Hazel Woman's Club, Murray Woman's Club, and Gallimore Electrical Contractors, LLC.

### **What's Coming Up?**

The Backpack Project Committee, lead by Ruth James-Daniel and Robin Esau, is on the move; there is much to be done. A headcount of all the second graders is in the works. Then there is the choosing of the summer reading chapter book! The shortlist contains three titles. Over the next few weeks, committee members will be ordering the books and backpacks. If you are on this committee, or want to be part of this exciting project, then join Ruth and Robin *immediately* after today's lunch, because the committee is holding a meeting!