

<p>February 8, 2018</p>	<p>CHRONICLES OF THE ROTARY OF MURRAY</p>	<p>Issue NO. 152</p>
<p>Quote of the Day</p>	<p>“Almost anything carried to its logical extreme becomes depressing, if not carcinogenic.” Ursula K. Le Guin</p>	
<p>This Week</p>	<p>After being introduced by Deana Wright, Erin Carrico will tell us about awesome smartphone apps and cool ways to exploit our smartphones, which oftentimes out smart us.</p>	
<p>Last Week</p>	<p>As Keith Travis introduced our speaker, Jerry Penner, who is well known to the assembly. Keith focused on a treble of threads that weave through Jerry’s life narrative: his connection to Murray State, his career in health care leadership, and his experience in the U.S. Army. It was the latter that Colonel Penner addressed with us, at our request; more specifically, his tour of duty in Iraq from December 10th of 2004 to November 11th of 2005. Jerry served as the Brigade Commander of what had at one time been Saddam Hussein’s royal family hospital. During his introduction, Keith presented Colonel Penner with a flag that had just that morning arrived, which had flown over the national Capital. A timely and fitting honor for one who had received such visiting dignitaries as Hillary Clinton, a Navajo code talker, and numerous entertainment celebrities. Of course, it was the hospital staff and the patients who supplied the most poignant stories of courage, perseverance, and heartbreak that Colonel Penner relayed. One might expect from someone of such high rank a lot of “me” stories. However, in the spirit of servant leadership, Jerry provided stories about others, those he saw as the “real” heroes. The brave men and women of the not so mobile M.A.S.H. hospital that seemed to be within earshot of the rotor blades of helicopters transporting the wounded. The 330 days of his tour were those that witnessed more casualties than all the other years combined. His 120-bed hospital was called the “Mayo of the Mid-East” as a testament to the quality of care provided. Among the lessons that the Colonel mentioned during his presentation were evil doesn’t discriminate, crying is acceptable (and necessary), and learn to make a purse out of a sow’s ear.</p>	
<p>Next Week</p>	<p>Gerald Washington will give us the latest about the successes of our local United Way!</p>	
<p>Our Guests Last Week</p>	<p>Steve Bray, Traci Lawrence, & Robert Vaught</p>	
<p>Club Member Birthdays This Week: Hamp Erwin, Bill Minihan, Robert Baker, Sarah Jones, Brian Edwards, & Bob Davies</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>		

TODAY'S AGENDA	The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Do, and Say
Songsters: Pam Wurgler & Asia Burnett Rotary Four Way Test Invocation: David Roos Songs: <i>God Bless America & Let There Be Peace on Earth</i> Sergeant at Arms: Keith Travis Introduction: Deana Wright Speaker: Erin Carrico	<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 had a full house on a cloudy day. Nancy Mieuse presents Michelle Bundren with a red badge and then reminds all committee chairs or co-chairs to check and update their committee lists in DAC db. If you aren't on a committee or two then please join up; there is a list on the shell of this newsletter of all committees and their leadership. Our Rotary Club is sponsoring a team in the Murray Bank Trivia Night tomorrow night; Scott Seiber admitted to have a few open spots left. Nancy also mentioned that 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. As the Sergeant at Arms, Steven Hunter recognized birthdays and visitors; he also welcomed back Bob Rogers. With a pile of researched material from the past week, the Reverend proceeded with fines. Sheriff Sam Steger had stern, yet encouraging things to say about safety in our schools. The city received a good report on its finances, which merited good-natured penalties for Luck Crawford and Mayor Jack Rose. Similarly, MCCH got good reviews after its recent audit, which compelled Jerry Penner to go for his wallet. Greg Delancey and Ed Davis had to pay for their weekly columns in the paper. Both Alice Rouse and Bill Marcum were haunted by something a decade past while one had to go back twenty years to get the goods on Roger Reichmuth. The official list of candidates running for leadership office, which was published the day before, yielded a plethora of names, too many to do justice to here. Let's just say that placing *service above self* will cost you a dollar, as well as a large share of respect. Murray Main Street earned a number of awards, which caused Deana Wright to be noticed; is that Kenny Imes in the picture? Chief Liles is placing another officer into the field. Mark Welch is closing streets in town. Robin Esau was called out for her work with the recent Nonprofit Connection event. Happy Dollars revealed once more the many ways that we are graced.

What's Coming Up?

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.