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| Quote of the Day | There are two big forces at work, external and internal. We have very little control over external forces such as tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, disasters, illness and pain. What really matters is the internal force. How do I respond to those disasters? Over that I have complete control.  Leo Buscaglia |
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| ThisWeek | After being introduced by Carmen Garland, 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. & J. Stanley Pullen Farm and Green House.  |
| LastWeek | Bob Hargrove introduced the Senior Executive Regional Director, Daniel Roe, who in turn brought us a presentation about the Boys Scouts. The Four Rivers District, which is part of the Lincoln Heritage Council, includes the nine westernmost counties of Kentucky, Massac, Hardin, and Pope counties in Southern Illinois, as well as Obion County in Tennessee. There are 239 registered scouts in Calloway County; evidence that scouting is strong here in our area. Moreover, scouting is not just about being outside. For instance, there are programs in STEM and Exploring: Discover Your Future, which is a career pathways initiative. Admittedly, there is still an emphasis on outdoor skills. Keep in mind the First Year Camper Program started here! The well-known Pfeffer Scout Reservation, which is located on the shores of Kentucky Lake near Benton, recently received over $3 million in renovations; it may not be the rustic camp you remember. It hosts the Aqua Base Adventure Camp and leadership program. Oh yeah, and Boy Scouts is no longer just for boys. The full family approach includes girls. Times are changing and so are the Boy Scouts! The Scouts can always use your help. Remember, their fundraising base is in the hands of kindergarteners selling popcorn! |
| Next Week | Tawnya Hunter, Director of Professional Development & Public Relations for the Calloway County Schools, will introduce members from the Calloway County workforce Group.  |
| Our Guests Last Week | John Rufli, Kelly Forster, & Daniel Roe |
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| Club Member Birthdays This Week: Steve Owens, Steven Hunter, Joshua Vernon, Bob Rogers, & Nancy Mieure |
| Club member anniversaries this month: Jayne Crisp (‘93), Ruth James-Daniel (‘17), Teresa Thompson (‘17), Luke Crawford (‘16), Michael Ramage (‘16), Mark Welch (‘11), Sam Steger (‘15), Kenny Imes (‘02), Tim Thurmond (‘15), Terry Little (‘16), James Gallimore (‘14), Jeff Kinsley (’17), Angelia Boyd (’17), Jeff Miller (’17), & Pam Wurgler (’05) |
| TODAY’S AGENDA | The Four Way Testof the Things We Think, Do, and Say |
| Songsters: Pam Wurgler & Asia BurnettRotary Four Way TestInvocation: Gene SchanbacherSongs: *Oh, What a Beautiful Morning* & *Buckle Down (Winsocki), You Racers*Sergeant at Arms: Jayne CrispIntroduction: Carmen GarlandSpeaker: Dakota Moore | 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? |
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| Rotary RumorsOur meeting commenced last week with an old Woody Guthrie tune; you can’t beat ole’ Woody for folk singing. Nancy Mieure praised the success of the first stage of the Rotary Club of Murray Annual Speech Contest. Don’t forget that the Sectional stage of the Rotary Club of Murray 24th Annual Speech Contest is scheduled for Sunday, March 25th, at 2 PM, at the Murray Woman’s Clubhouse, 704 Vine Street. Just a friendly reminder, volunteers are still needed. Please contact Steven Hunter or Miranda Terry. Even if you aren’t able to help out, please take advantage of this opportunity to support the exceptional young people competing in this contest. It will definitely be something to see, so mark your calendar now! Carmen Garland successfully solicited volunteers to read to the second graders; hopefully we’ll hear more about how that went today. Keith Travis conducted a little fundraising business on behalf of the district conference but as he attempted to get away, Jayne Crisp brought him back to the podium to announce that he had been selected as the District Governor Nominee Designee. This means he is destined to be the District Governor in 2020. Keith asked for the club’s support, which he undoubtedly will receive from his fellows who are proud of how he represents the Rotary Club of Murray. Vernon Gantt gave a Paul Harris +1 pin to Kay Zweedyk; way to go Kay! Robert Vaught got a red badge. Alice Rouse announced that we are in another membership drive until May 21st. So come on folks, let’s recruit some more leaders into our merry band. Nancy Mieure returned to the podium to remind us about the annual banquet on Tuesday (not Thursday), June 26th, in the Yates Event Center. Probably should mark your calendar now. Sergeant at Arms, Gerald Washington called out the usual suspects and received Happy Dollar announcements, but it looks like there is insufficient room to relay the details. |
| What’s Coming Up? The Backpack Project Committee, lead by Ruth James-Daniel and Robin Esau, continues to move forward. At last week’s meeting, tasks were delegated and chapter books were chosen. Over the next few weeks, committee members will be ordering the books and backpacks. More information is forthcoming as the committee prepares to assemble and distribute these backpacks to our second graders!  |