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Quote of the Day	"When you think everything is someone's fault, you will suffer a lot. When you realize that everything springs only from yourself, you will learn both peace and joy." The Dali Lama	
This Week	Vernon Gantt will introduce Ruth James-Daniel. She will talk about her recent trip to Central America.	
Last Week	Some of our newest members introduced themselves. In Mark Welch's absence, Nancy Mieure led the program. Matt Sullivan, who owns and runs Southern Grace, the assisted living facility in the house that Dr. Hudson built on Robertson Road, sees his venture as an extension of his ministry and celebration of life. Robert Vaught, the entrepreneur extraordinaire behind Movie World, is creating a new business with James Gallimore named One Call Restoration. Jason Freeman does yeoman's work in two unheralded residential facilities for young men, which fill an important gap "between detention and foster care." Allison Alexander, Director of the Way of Wellness, puts her degree in social work from MSU to work for the community.	
Next Week	Mike Mansfield and other members of the Honor Flight Bluegrass Board will speak about their work honoring combat veterans from WWII, Korea, & Vietnam. Nancy Mieure will perform the introductions.	
Our Guests Last Week	Kimberly Vaught, Stephanie Hunter, & Calla Freeman	

Club Member Birthdays This Week: Amanda Daughaday, David Howe, Jeff Kinsley, & Aaron Dail

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 Test of the Things We Think, Do, and Say
Songsters: Pam Wurgler & Roger Reichmuth Rotary Four Way Test Invocation: Warren Edminster Songs: Sing Rotarians & Whiffenpoof Song Sergeant at Arms: Steven Hunter Introduction: Vernon Gantt Speakers: Ruth James-Daniel	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

Pete Lancaster was pleasantly surprised by how well we sang the "We'll Recycle Stuff this Weekend" version of *She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain*. He said, and I quote, "That went better than I thought it would." Bill Marcum stood to remind the congregation about *Bill Wells Make a Difference Day* on Saturday morning. (In the next issue of the newsletter there will be numbers related to how much was collected!)

Nancy Mieure let us know that thus far we are ahead of our fellow Rotary clubs in the District in number of registrants for the District Conference in Paducah, June 1-2. Recognized motivational speaker and author Andy Andrews will share his inspirational wisdom; you don't want to miss that! The early bird registration deadline is April 17th. She also reminded the assembly that volunteers were still needed for the Sectional stage of the Rotary Club Speech Contest on Sunday afternoon. The District level contest has been scheduled for June 2nd.

Diana Thomason recently returned from Chattanooga, where she trained with other President-Elects in preparation for taking the key leadership role in July. She is excited. She also introduced a new project called *Build-a-Bed*; James Gallimore is taking the helm and building a committee. Look for more information to be forthcoming! Vernon Gantt presented a Paul Harris Fellow pin to Don Rowlett and Ron Churchill, who received his +8 pin!

Kay Zweedyk stood to ask for help distributing flyers promoting the upcoming Murray Rotary Bass Tournament, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th. The bass fishing season is upon us and the primary promotion tactic is to place flyers on parked cars at ongoing fishing tournaments. We need your help! *Please* reach out to Kay Zweedyk as soon as you can to sign up for a particular fishing tournament and help get the word out.

Although Alice Rouse did not bring a cheerleading squad to the podium in order to rally the troops in our recruitment effort, she wants you to remember that the *Growing Service Through Membership* drive is underway and ends May 21st. Our club needs the vitality that is generated by new members.

James Gallimore stood and delivered as Sergeant at Arm, but fines and happy dollars were not in abundance. Due to the plethora of activities underway, there is insufficient space to go into the details. Suffice it to say that MSU's spring break caused many of the membership to be AWOL. Let's not name names but it *is* a good idea to turn off your phone's ringer if you want to avoid a \$5 fine.

The Jackson Purchase Sectional Speech contest, which is part of the 24th Annual District Rotary Speech Contest, was held last Sunday. The theme was "Making a Difference" and the MC was Steven Hunter. Phoebe Shown, who was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Murray, placed first. She discussed the importance of education and will be moving on to the regional competition hosted by Cadiz Rotary Club, which will take place on Tuesday, April 24th at 11:30 AM, at the Johnson-Tyler Community Center, 102 Lincoln Avenue in Cadiz. Addison Roger, sponsored by the Paducah Rotary Club, placed second; while Jenna Elliott, sponsored by the Hickman Rotary Club, placed third. Besides the awesome contestants, shout outs go to Robert Vaught, Allison Alexander, Hilda Bennett, Janice Rose, Lynne Caulkins, James Gallimore, Miranda Terry, Gale Vinson, and Diane Zea.

What's Coming Up?

The *Max Hurt Memorial Golf Tournament* is Friday, June 29th. The rain date is July 6th. The event will be at the Murray Country Club Golf Course. Lunch and registration is at noon; shotgun begins at 1 PM. LaCosta Hays, Golf Tournament Chair, is seeking volunteers. Please contact her at (270) 978-0137 or lacosta@mcconnellinsurance.com if you can assist.