

<p>May 3rd, 2018</p>	<p>CHRONICLES OF THE ROTARY OF MURRAY</p>	<p>Issue NO. 164</p>
<p>Quote of the Day</p>	<p>One of the greatest attacks of the enemy is to make you busy, to make you hurried, to make you noisy, to make you distracted, to fill the people of God and the Church of God with so much noise and activity that there is no room for prayer. There is no room for being alone with God. There is no room for silence. There is no room for meditation. Paul Washer</p>	
<p>This Week</p>	<p>Continuing our first responders theme, Carmen Garland will introduce two speakers. First, the Murray Fire Chief, Eric Pologruto will give us an update. Then we'll meet James Herring, the new Chief of Police on the MSU campus.</p>	
<p>Last Week</p>	<p>Jayne Crisp introduced two members from the First Responders Program. Our speakers were community leaders who also happen to be members of our club. First up was Sheriff Sam Steger, who was surprised by his family being quietly snuck in to hear his presentation. Sam shared some statistics about his department, recent acquisitions donated by supporting citizens, improvements in effectiveness and efficiency, as well as the sources of revenue necessary to fund the Sherriff's Office. One of the revenue streams mentioned was narcotics asset forfeiture. The Sheriff was clear that if you were caught bringing drugs into our county, he'd take your stuff. Over \$72K was collected in 2017. Chief Jeffery Liles likewise shared the latest statistics about his department and the activity over the last year. The two men held in common a cooperative friendship, a deep appreciation for the unwavering support from the community, and a concern for increased drug activity. Jayne Crisp announced a sizable donation in Chief Liles honor to Polio Plus and a Paul Harris Fellowship to Sheriff Steger. Our assembly holds both men in high esteem.</p>	
<p>Next Week</p>	<p>Greg DeLancey will introduce Mark Hurt, who will speak on the addiction program he is associated with.</p>	
<p>Our Guests Last Week</p>	<p>Toni Bohannon, Terry Strieter, Dee Dee Whitaker, Pam Truitt, John Carrico, Bob Valentine, Sam Steger Sr., Susan Steger, Rose Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Tona Steger, Brooke Steger, Taylor Steger, Annmarie Spurlin, Tommy Steger, Karson Steger, Kyle Spurlin, Tonya Robinson, Nickey Knight, Nathan Baird, Todd Clere</p>	
<p>Club Member Birthdays This Week: Laurie Lorenz, Chris Wooldridge, & Coy Samons</p>		
<p>Club member anniversaries this month: Vernon Gantt ('75), Bill Allbritten ('77), Mike Davis ('14), Ron Churchill ('96), Eric Penniston ('90), Burton Young ('79), Pete Lancaster ('99), Carolyn Todd ('16), Brian Stedelin ('16), Tyler Salyers ('16), Alice Rouse ('01), Rick Dye ('11), Greg DeLancey ('98), Asia Burnett ('17), Gerald Washington ('15), Don Rowlett ('15), Ed Davis ('15), & Mignon Reed ('12)</p>		

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: LaCosta Hayes Songs: <i>The Band Played On & I've Been Workin' on the Railroad</i> Sergeant at Arms: Steven Hunter Introduction: Carmen Garland Speakers: Eric Pologruto & James Herring	<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

Even before the meeting began, Rotarians do what they do best; place service above self! Ten to twelve of our assembly rotated through a line of stations inserting books, pens, and other literacy materials into backpacks for our second graders. These backpacks will soon be distributed to elementary kids for summer use. Scott Adair called once again for nominations for lawns needing to be mowed. Briggs & Stratton is sponsoring an initiative, which locally is called Mowing Murray, to cut the grass for folks who could use a helping hand. If you know someone, contact Scott with the name and address a.s.a.p. Nancy Mieure reminded the congregation, one more time, about the regional conference in Paducah on June 1st & 2nd. She added a new detail: our contestant in the speech completion, Miss Phoebe Shown, won the sectional competition in Cadiz and is going on to the district conference as she advances to take it all! This is one more terrific reason not to miss this big event in Paducah. With announcements out of the way, Terry "Socks" Little took over the podium spilling news clippings. The Murray Bank's two-page spread packed with honored students sent our acolytes scurrying as Rotarians ponied up their dollars. In fact, given the time of year, much of the collection today was from proud parents. Angela & Mike Davis, along with Coy Samons, were fined for giving and receiving donations to Murray High. Gerald Washington was likewise penalized for accepting a check on behalf of United Way. Mignon Reed was called upon to give a dollar for participating in a KPLA professional conference. Of course, Ed Davis and Greg DeLancey had to fork over for the privilege of sharing their thoughts with us: one on fulfilling the law and the other on electing lawmakers. Burton Young's campaign to combat payroll taxes and build bypasses cost him a buck. The newspaper article announcing May 3rd as the National Day of Prayer offered to the Sergeant at Arms an opportunity to tax anyone who prays; however, the result were less than was hoped for. Harold Hurt was caught by the lens recognizing non-profit leadership and was penalized accordingly. There were other fines, most involving obscure references to thirty years ago or being held accountable for family members or employers. Happy Dollars enabled many to count their blessings one by one.

What's Coming Up?

The next *Bill Wells Make a Difference Day* will take place on Saturday morning, May 19th. The special feature this time will be tin cans, which will be collected by Calloway County Detention Center. Recently, the agency taking cans clarified their desire to only take aluminum. The jail conducts a fairly robust recycling program, and since they have been long-time supporters of *Make a Difference Day*, they have volunteered to take cans made of tin. Please round up all your tin cans and any that your neighbor may have and bring them down to the stadium on the 19th from 9 AM to Noon. **Please help us promote this event by sharing our Facebook post with your friends.**