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Quote of the Day

"In order to swim one takes off all one's clothes – in order to aspire to the truth one must undress in a far more inward sense, divest oneself of all one's inward clothes, of thoughts, conceptions, selfishness, etc., before one is sufficiently naked."

Søren Kierkegaard

This Week

Carmen Garland will introduce our 2018 endowed Rotary Scholarship recipients, just weeks before they begin classes as Murray State Racers.

Last Week

Ed Marlowe, Paducah Sun's Murray State beat reporter, introduced the Murray State Women's Volleyball Coach, Dave Schwepker, as well as the Murray State Women's Soccer Coach, Matt Lodge. Coach Schwepker went first by saying how much he appreciated the Four Way Test and wondered if he could use it. Last year was a building year, as coaches often say, and he is excited about the abundance of age and experience inherent in this season's volleyball team. He explained in detail his system for determining who will fill the starting line-up of each game. Inspired by the TV show, Dance Moms, there is a pyramid of sorts and those at the top take the court as each game commences. Securing the position of eminence is a matter of capturing competitive tournament points in daily practice play. Suffice it to say, no one rests on their laurels; each is honing her competitive edge. The team is drawn from across the country; although, Illinois and Texas are heavily represented. Coach tends to choose athletes with attitude over height. Racer Arena, which is the second largest volleyball only venue in the nation, is a significant advantage. He hopes that we will all come see the Lady Racers compete against EKU on Saturday, September 29th, at 1 PM. In case you can't wait that long, there's the Saluki Invitational in Carbondale, August 31st & September 1st. Coach Matt Lodge finds himself in a different predicament. Five starters from the last year's soccer team graduated; so there are holes to fill this season. Nonetheless, he will be fielding 28 confident players (only 20 will travel) against such powerhouses as Ole Miss and Georgia. Cutchin Field has a fence now and with any luck (and \$260K) lights some time in the future. On Friday, August 10th, at 3 PM there is an exhibition game against Samford. The first game of the season is on August 17th, at 3 PM against WKU.

Next Week

Debbie Danielson will present the latest from the Murray Art Guild. She will be introduced by Erin Carrico.

Our Guests Last Week

Wyatt Rubbins, Sasha Montgomery, Stephanie Hunter, David Fielder, Ed Marlowe, Jessica Rojas, Dave Schwepker, & Matt Lodge Club Member Birthdays This Week: Jeff Miller & Bill Crass

Club member anniversaries this month: Patrick Newcomb ('15), Johnny Bohannon ('88), Bernie Prince ('12), Chris Wooldridge ('05), Joshua Vernon ('16), John Rainey ('16), Matt Imes ('16), Matt Sullivan ('17), Yvonne Vogt ('05), Bonnie Higginson ('10), Bobby Workman ('14)

TODAY'S AGENDA	The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Do, and Say
Songsters: Mark Welch & Jayne Crisp Rotary Four Way Test Invocation: Renee Fister Songs: This Land is Your Land & Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Sergeant at Arms: Steven Hunter Introduction: Speaker: Carmen Garland	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 without page two of the Rotopater and someone standing in front of the banner, we managed to recite the Four Way Test with a bit more enunciation and unison. Diana Thomason reminded us all to "scan your badge, avoid a fine"! She then announced the meeting of the Grants Committee immediately after the program. There is progress with the Build-a-Bed initiative; more details are forthcoming. She also relayed a few details from the recent board meeting. Alice Rouse, a Southern lady with an accent to fit but without her glasses, came to the pulpit in the role of Sergeant-at-Arms. Mignon Reed was fined for the activities of the Library board, while Jack Rose had to pay for what the City Council did, just as Coy Samons was fined for the local district board of education's report of success, and Don Cherry had to yank his wallet due to the actions of the Park board. Hawkins Teague was called upon to pay up for his review of the latest superhero movie. A mild rumbling could be detected when advertisements in the newspaper were included in the list of penalties: no one likes to pay twice. Looking back ten, fifteen, twenty, sixty years is a long way to go for a dollar. There was a sweep that caught up Johnny Bohannon, John Mark Roberts, Burton Young, and Don Cherry, which undoubtedly had something to do with governing boards, which seemed to dominate the news during the previous week. Absenteeism saved a few, but memories are long around here. Happy Dollars revealed a small modicum of our bounty. Some themes emerged: the "new" school is becoming the old school, Playhouse in the Park, and the new DAE-IL factory, to name but a few. Our recent Bass Fishing Tournament fundraiser witnessed significant success. Dennis Heskett has been organizing this annual event for eight consecutive years! This year 33 boats entered the competition. The cumulative winnings totaled over \$3000 in prizes and cash. The biggest haul was measured at 23lbs 1oz, while the single largest bass weighed 6lbs 8oz. More to the point, over \$4700 was raised, which was added to the \$5400 raised from the golf tournament, for the general philanthropy fund. A lot of hard work went into a successful month. Well done all!

What's Coming Up?

Bill Wells Make a Difference Day is Saturday morning, August 4th. Please come!