

The first (known) set of all male quintuplets was born in Paducah.

Cheeseburgers were first tasted at Kaelin's Restaurant in Louisville.

The first Wigwam Village Motel, with units in the shape of a 'teepee', was built by Frank A. Redford in Cave City.

The world's largest baseball bat, a full one hundred twenty (120) feet tall and weighing 68,000 pounds, can be seen at the Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville (Jefferson Co.).

Chevrolet Corvettes are manufactured only in Bowling Green.

Covington (St. Mary's Cathedral-Basilica of the Assumption) is home to the world's largest hand blown stained glass window in existence. It measures an astounding 24 feet by 67 feet and contains 117 different figures.

The world's largest crucifix, standing at sixty (60) feet tall, is in Bardstown (Nelson Co.).

Fort Knox holds more than \$6 billion worth of gold - the largest amount stored anywhere in the world.

The JIF plant in Lexington is the world's largest peanut butter producing facility.

Kentucky has more resort parks than any other state in the nation.

Middlesboro is the only United States city built inside a meteor crater.

Newport is home to The World Peace Bell, the world's largest free-swinging bell.

Pike County is the world's largest producer of coal.

Pikeville annually leads the nation (per capita) in consumption of Pepsi-Cola.

Post-It Notes are made exclusively in Cynthiana, Ky.

Shaker Village (Pleasant Hill) is the largest historic community of its kind in the United States.

Christian County is 'wet', while Bourbon County is 'dry'. ('wet' sells liquor; 'dry' does not)

Barren County has the most fertile land in the state.

Lake Cumberland has more miles of shoreline than the state of Florida.

Kentucky is best known for its beautiful blue grass.

And, let us not forget about the basketball and the Race!

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— TODAY'S PROGRAM —

PRESIDING: President David Fister

INVOCATION: Bill Moore

SINGING & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Jim Richardson

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: George Woolwine

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: Robert Ryan

PROGRAM: Bobby Owens, Chairman, Airport Board

MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER



JOHN ROBERT OWENS

Bobby has served on a number of industry and non profit boards including boards of two publicly held companies. Bobby also served as President of the Rotary Club of Lexington in 1994-1995. Bobby enjoys playing golf and flying and time with his family, wife Debbie, and daughters Ashley (UK Law) and Meredith (Vanderbilt Nursing).

Rotary in Review



John Osterlund, General Manager of the Rotary Foundation

Bobby Owens was elected Chairman of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Airport Board in January of this year and will discuss recent changes at the Airport which have made headlines in recent months.

Bobby has been in the insurance business for 19 years and is Area President of Risk Placement Services, Inc. a company that offers specialty property and casualty insurance products as a managing general agent and broker through independent agents. Bobby is a 1976 graduate of the University of Kentucky and worked as a CPA, specializing in systems consulting, prior to his insurance career.

Our February 19 presentation was from John Osterlund, General Manager of the Rotary Foundation. Mr. Osterlund brought us greetings from the "mother ship" and appreciative acknowledgment of our club's contributions over the years to the Rotary Foundation and its efforts. He reassured us that, although the Foundation's investments have been hurt by the recent economic turmoil, its cash flow remains strong.

Mr. Osterlund then gave a review of the Foundation's accomplishments in the battle to eradicate polio. These were given a boost with Bill Gates' pledge several years ago to donate \$100 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the polio eradication effort in return for matching contributions raised by Rotary. This led to a subsequent pledge by the Gates Foundation of an additional \$255 million. In response, our own Rotary Foundation has already raised \$70 million out of the \$200 million it needs to raise by June 30, 2012, to receive the full amount of the Gates' pledges.

Inspiring us to continue towards this goal, Mr. Osterlund reminded us of the terror caused by the prevalence of polio in the not so distant past. His own father-in-law narrowly survived an attack in childhood, and that man's sister died from polio at the age of eight.

The success of the eradication campaign is already considerable. Of the three types of polio (known by their scientific names Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3), Type 2 has already been completely eradicated and a new vaccine has been developed which immunizes against both Types 1 and 3. The disease now exists in only four countries on earth: Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, and Nigeria. Mr. Osterlund gave an account of his own work as a volunteer administering vaccine in the slums of Delhi, India.

Reminding us that success is within reach, Mr. Osterlund concluded with the call of "Let's end polio now!"

— Mark Moseley

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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- Mar. 12 ROTARACT
- Mar. 19 Eric Brooks, "Henry Clay"
- Mar. 26 Kelly Hampton, "The Boy Scouts of America"

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Rotary Continues to Help Out at The Hope Center

I have been blessed to work with a team of people that serves the Men's Hope Center in Lexington. Every third Sunday we provide a hot, protein-inclusive breakfast for men that are working hard to change their current situation. Many of them have fallen victim to bad decisions, circumstance or even fate. Regardless of their situation, they are all working through a program designed to help them overcome their dependencies and build skills that will enable them to participate in society in a productive manner. We've been very fortunate to have gained the support of Crossroads Christian Church in 2009 in regards to providing meals. However, in an effort to expand the community support, we'd like to invite you to participate in our "Backpack Challenge 2009!" It seems pretty consistent that most of us have an old backpack from high school or college lying around the house. Why not put that to good use by donating it to the Men's Hope Center? Many of the program participants carry all of their possessions with them, in part because

they are very mobile. The sad truth is they are living in a very cut throat environment, and they simply don't have a safe place to keep anything that's of value to them.

Our goal is to gather 300 backpacks over the next 6 weeks to be distributed at our April breakfast. We'd love to get you to participate by digging those old backpacks out of the basement or attic. Don't hesitate to throw in a few incidentals in if you feel called to: simple things that we take for granted, things like chewing gum, mouthwash, deodorant, new socks, hand sanitizer, etc. Think about this the next time you check out at Walmart or Target; all the items in the checkout line that someone might find beneficial would make perfect backpack stuffing.

I know that many times we get too busy with our schedules and commitments to serve as much as we'd like. Let my team and me help make that effort a little bit easier on you. If you'd like to participate, just let me know when you're ready and I will make arrangements to pick up your donation.

Thanks for helping.

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SPRING KEENELAND OUTING

The Spring Keeneland Outing will be Sunday April 5, 2009. We have reserved twenty four tickets for the Kentucky Room overlooking the race track. Included in the ticket is admission, racing program, and the buffet lunch. The cost is \$47 each.

Please give Nell Main your check for the number of tickets you may need. We are all in hopes for great weather and lots of winners at Keeneland this year.



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KENTUCKY TRIVIA
(Submitted by Herb Southgate - Thanks Herb!)

Kentucky was the first state on the western frontier to join the Union.

Mammoth Cave, with 336+ miles of mapped passages, is the world's longest cave. It is 379 feet deep and contains at least 5 levels of passages. It's second only to Niagara Falls as the most popular tourist attraction in the US. It became a National Park on July 1, 1941.

The first enamel bathtub was made in Louisville.

The first electric light bulb was shown in Louisville. Thomas Alva Edison introduced his invention to crowds at the Southern Exposition.

Mother's Day was first observed in Henderson by teacher Mary S. Wilson. It became a national holiday in 1916.

'Happy Birthday to You', probably the most sung song in the world, was written by two Louisville sisters - Mildred and Patricia Hill.

Bibb lettuce was first cultivated by Jack Bibb in Frankfort, Kentucky

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