



GRANDPARENTS

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, 'Who was THAT?'

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, 'I'm not sure.' 'Look in your underwear, Grandpa,' he advised. 'Mine says I'm four to six.'

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying, 'Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!'

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. 'What's it about?' he asked. 'I don't know,' she replied. 'I can't read.'

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, '62.' He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, 'Did you start at 1?'

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, 'Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today.' The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. 'That's interesting,' she said, 'how do you make babies?' 'It's simple,' replied the girl. 'You just change 'y' to 'i' and add es!'

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.. 'They use him to keep crowds back,' said one child. 'No,' said another, 'He's just for good luck.' A third child brought the argument to a close. 'They use the dogs,' she said firmly, 'to find the fire hydrants!'

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— **TODAY'S PROGRAM** —

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 PROGRAM: Eric Brooks, Curator, Ashland, Home of Henry Clay

MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER



Eric Brooks

Eric Brooks was born in Columbus, Ohio and grew up in Lexington, KY. He attended Lafayette Senior High School, graduating in 1988. After Lafayette, Eric received a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology at Miami University. Upon graduation from Miami, Eric went to Washington, D.C. where he worked for six months for the National Park Service as an Interpretive Ranger on the National Mall.

Eric continued his career in Park Service grey and green for a year at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in Oyster Bay, New York. There he began his museum career as a Museum Technician. After a year and a half with NPS, Eric received acceptance in the United States Peace Corps where he served two years on the island of St.

Lucia in the Caribbean. In St. Lucia, Eric taught physical education at a secondary school.

After his Peace Corps career, Eric returned to the US and school to pursue a Master of Science in Museum Science at Texas Tech University in beautiful Lubbock, TX. Eric received his Master's in 1998 and finally returned home to KY to take the position of Curator and Assistant Director of Liberty Hall Historic Site (home of Kentucky's first US Senator John Brown) in Frankfort, KY. After four years in Frankfort, Eric finally made it full circle to Lexington where he became Curator at Ashland in 2002.

As Curator at Ashland, Eric is responsible for managing the collection, creating the interpretation of the site, producing research on the site and its inhabitants, and anything else that happens to need doing and for which no one else is available. From 2004 through 2008, Eric was the last President of the Board of the Historical Confederation of Kentucky, a statewide organization of historical societies, archives, museums, and libraries that at the end of his term as President merged with the Kentucky Association of Museums to form the Kentucky Museum and Heritage Alliance.

Eric Brooks is married to Twila Mynhier Brooks, an attorney privately practicing in the areas of Estate Planning, Probate, and Taxation.

Rotary in Review



Dave Adkisson

Our guest speaker last week was Dave Adkisson, President & CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. The goal of the Chamber of Commerce is to continue to make progress in these hard economic times.

Many communities have their own Chamber of Commerce and they operate independently from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. However, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce has over 85 member organizations and 2,700 businesses they represent throughout the state.

The Kentucky Chamber works hard to recruit new businesses to Kentucky and to get Kentuckians to stay here and build a better economy for Kentuckians. The majority of their work, however, is on legislation to create a better work environment for Kentucky.

Mr. Adkisson said that there are two major things looming in the big picture: the economy and Obama. With the economy we have macro-economics,

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Mar. 19 Brent Jackson, ROTARACT
- Mar. 26 Kelly Hampton, "The Boy Scouts of America"

MARCH 2009

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with growth anticipated in the last quarter of 2009 and more growth in 2010. With Obama, it is not so much the man but how Washington can deal with partisan politics. Kentucky's Senator Mitch McConnell is one of the most powerful Republicans in Washington and we hope he can assist with these changes.

As far as Kentucky, Governor Steve Beshear is really working hard on state economics. It looks like we will be okay through June, 2009, but things may worsen in 2010. Much of this is due to how we budget in Kentucky, but Governor Beshear is focused on containing expenses.

Not a lot was accomplished during the 2008 legislative session, but in the short session of 2009, it only took 5-days to pass the pension fix and a budget fix is greatly needed. If it weren't for the economy, healthcare would be first on the list of things to get done. This session is also very significant because of education reform, with new standards and new testing. He also feels that while the early education bill won't pass, we shouldn't overlook it in our overall strategy.

Thank you to Dave Adkisson and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce who work on all out behalf.

— Deborah Tatum

MEET A NEW ROTARIAN



Gregory B. Meegan, project manager with Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal Company, holds a degree in political science from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. He has lived in Lexington for thirty-four years and was previously a technology consultant.

Among his civic involvements are Christ the King Property Committee, Habitat for Humanity, and South Eastern baseball. He and his wife Amy are the proud parents of Nathan, 5, and Anna Clare, 2. His hobbies include tennis, fishing, and his family. You can reach Greg at:

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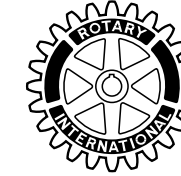
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