



# Action

The Rotary Club of Henderson, KY

April 13, 2006

## COMING PROGRAMS

April 20 - Bob Atkinson - Iraq

TUESDAY, April 25 - Ellis Park- Joint Meeting with Evansville

May 4 - Kentucky Derby

### Rotary's 4-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Stephen Bourg, our newest member, was presented with his red badge today. Welcome to Rotary Stephen!

Please note that the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>, we will meet on Tuesday instead of Thursday and the meeting will be held at Ellis Park. There will be no meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Herb McKee introduced the guest speaker for the meeting as Kentucky's Attorney General, Greg Stumbo. The Attorney General wanted to relay that he had a "good news/bad news" scenario. The good news is that Kentucky passed a very significant bill in Senate Bill 63 relating to the methamphetamine law. He is proud to report that 40,000 illegal drug units were intercepted by the Attorney General's Office due to this bill. Kentucky's meth users are having a more difficult time purchasing the ingredients needed to make the substance. Kentucky is on the right track to lowering the drug problems.



And now for the bad news, there is lots more work to be done!

Attorney General Stumbo praised Henderson/Henderson County for its efforts and is sure that we are on the right track. The problems of this state or this community cannot be solved without everyone working together.

Working together is just what is happening in this community. Herb McKee reported that a committee has been formed and is working diligently on the criminal justice system. The Henderson County Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (HCCJCC) is comprised of City and County officials that are working to coordinate services between the city and county law enforcement activities, the court practices and the corrections programs. In 2005 \$12.9 million was spent among the city, county and judicial branch on criminal activity. From 2000 to 2005, court cases are down some, including first offense DUI's and possession of a controlled substance.

A few of the top cases seen in Henderson County include felony charges of criminal possession of a forged instrument, wanton endangerment, and possession of cocaine, misdemeanors including theft by deception under \$300, alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Included in the activities for HCCJCC has been promoting community concerns (such as the meth forums), adopted protocol for distribution of medicine for inmates, and reviewed furlough procedures for medically fragile inmates.

This community is fortunate to have leaders that invest their time in projects such as the ones mentioned, showing that they care about the future of our children.

**If you have to miss a meeting, remember that you can still do makeup meetings on line at <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/> Just print it out and bring it in to Secretary Tom Lett. You can also make up meetings by attending another club. Evansville, Owensboro, Madisonville and Morganfield are close by and would welcome a visiting Rotarian. Just be sure to get a makeup card.**

**Absent April 13<sup>th</sup>: Alexander, Audas, Arneson, Bailey, Beck, Bird, Boyd, Bradley, B. Campbell, Carter, Clements, Cabbage, B. Eblen, M. Eblen, Faupel, Glidewell, Hobbs, J. Hoffman, Johnson, Keach, Lake, Martin, Newberry, Newman, Predmore, Ridley, Shields, Stanley, Stoke, Street, Taylor, Thomason, Toerne, Utley, Vincent, West, Wilkerson, Wilkey, Julie Wischer**