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Thanks to Host Families

A big thank you goes out to the host families who have agreed to host members of the GSE teams from Norway and Brazil May 27-June 1. Those Rotarians hosting so far are Ron Christopher, Chuck Dickinson, Chris Harrison (2), Clay Hulette, Van Ingram (2), and Don Nunnely. Two (2) additional host families are still needed. Contact Joe Johnson if you would like to host one or more of these young professionals. Joe is the scheduler and bus driver.

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Co-greeter Jim Wolcott welcomes Charlie Geveden to Rotary.



Co-greeter Phyllis Liebman welcomes Bill Miller to Rotary.



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NEIGHBORING CLUBS

Monday:	Eminence-Henry County Public Library	12:00 noon
	Owenton-Smith House	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday:	Lexington Sunshine-LaFayette Club	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-G'town College Ldshp Trn Cnt.	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Meth.	12:00 noon
	Versailles-At the Hospital	12:00 noon
Thursday:	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Public Library	12:00 noon
	Lexington-Fasig Tipton.....	12:00 noon
	Louisville-Galt House	12:10 p.m.

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This Week's Speaker...

Jonathan Miller, 41, was appointed by Governor Steve Beshear in December 2007 to serve as Kentucky's Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. As the state's Chief Financial Officer, Secretary Miller leads the agency that is the administrative hub of state government. He serves on dozens of state boards, covering policy matters which range from higher education to environmental protection, from affordable housing to the 2010 World Equestrian Games. Secretary Miller led Governor Beshear's recent pension reform initiative, which resulted in passage of comprehensive, bi-partisan legislation that averted the system's bankruptcy. Currently, Miller chairs the Kentucky Public Pension Working Group, which is developing plans to improve fund investments, provide stable long-term state funding for the pension plans, and ensure quality, affordable, and sustainable health care benefits for teachers and state employees. He currently resides in Lexington with his wife Lisa and their daughters Emily (14) and Abigail (12).

Opening Exercise..... William Legg
Greeter Joyce Honaker

Make-ups for Jan. 14

Pat Badgett Sherrill Smith
William Elam John Sower

Attendance Percentage: 82 %

Make-ups Needed for Jan. 21

Pat Badgett	William Legg
Chris Broaddus	Ann Maenza
RB Brown	Jason Middleton
David Cobb	John Norfleet
Randal Cornett	Chris Olds
Henry Curtis	Mary Poling
Bryan Dill	Bob Rush
William Elam	Phillip Shepherd
Sarah Gowins	John Sower
Martin Hall	Kyle Thompson
Sarah Hall	Katherine Walden
Marcie Jeffreys	David Weller
Bob Johnston	Sellus Wilder

Attendance Pins Awarded

Congratulations to the following Rotarians who received their Perfect Attendance pins for January: Bill Miller, 28 years; Gus Ridgel, 23 years; Lee Troutwine, 23 years; Bob Bullock, 22 years; Carol Palmore, three years; and Orman Wright, three years.

Monthly Make-Up Meeting

The February make-up meeting will be on Monday Feb. 2 at the VFW Meeting Hall on Second at Capitol Ave. from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Rotarian Ted Collins will present the program.

Mark Your Calendar...

On February 25, there will be a special Frankfort Rotary Club program held at the Thomas D. Clark History Center!



Speaker for the day Helen W. Mountjoy poses with program chair Wayne Onkst.

This Week's Speaker...

The speaker for the day was Helen W. Mountjoy, Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. She stated that some 3,000 employees work under her not counting the Department of Education. This state faces many challenges ahead as she has seen her cabinet cut three times. KET and the Department of Library and Archives have been cut 18% and face an additional 4% cut before the end of this fiscal year. Employees are doing more on less. The state is facing a \$456 million shortfall so in less than six months additional cuts will have to be made. Half of our teachers are lost every five years due to lack of support. You will see decreases in KET programming, library services and classroom support. Therefore, the state is looking to do things better with more efficiency. They are looking to workforce training opportunities and there is a need to make sense out of how these opportunities can be made available to the people. Many agencies do not know what other agencies are doing. The average worker changes careers seven times during his or her work life. The best incentive for getting a company to locate in Kentucky is to have a well-trained and educated work force. We need to train people throughout their lives.

Therefore, they are making opportunities for workers to continue their education. There is a need to educate children even before they enter the first grade. We need to make certain that children are ready to learn and perform. An investment in early childhood education is the best cost-saving measure for our future. Unemployment insurance is a big problem because more is being paid out than is being paid in. 88,000 Kentuckians applied for the first time in December and 142,000 Kentuckians are now out of work. By helping the unemployed we are helping all of us, since the unemployed need money to spend on things like food and medicine. The money they spend flows back into the economy and has an impact on the local economy. Kentucky is past drawing down its reserves and will run out of money this quarter. Some states have already run out and the only short-term solution is to float bond issues or borrow money with interest from the federal government. Kentucky has already requested a \$185 million line of credit. Our trust fund has dropped to \$23 million. In 1981 money was borrowed from the federal government for this purpose and it took seven years to pay back. The amount of payments are now capped because there is so little left in the trust fund and \$291.50 is the average weekly payment. The maximum is \$415 per week but it is almost impossible to live on about \$1200 per month. As more people become unemployed there is less revenue coming in from taxes. To deal with this crisis the governor has appointed a task force of which she is chair, with representatives from many sectors. Everything is on the table including rates but this crisis cannot be solved by putting the burden solely on the employer and employee. She is asking for support and advice and implores us all to work together so we can be strong as a state.

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