



Gordon Fair and former member Larry Leubbers were guests of Dave Steele.



Jamie Miller (left) was the guest of Chris Olds.

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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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***Next Week's Speaker...***

**Shellie Brown** is the Coordinator of Volunteer Services for Hospice of the Bluegrass. She'll be discussing the Hospice of the Bluegrass Volunteer Program and 10th Annual Hospice Gala. Shellie is currently attending Midway College for a degree in Health Administration. She lives in Frankfort with her husband Kenny and son Austin.

Opening Exercise..... Van Ingram Greeter ..... Terry Shockley

**Adopt-A-Highway**

The next Adopt-A-Highway program is scheduled for Saturday, August 15 at 9 a.m. behind the McDonald's on Versailles Road. Please bring good walking shoes and gloves. Vests, poles and garbage bags are provided. We will be cleaning up the Rotary stretch of road between the East-West Connector and Spaghetti Junction and it usually takes about one hour. Join us for good fun and fellowship. See Joe Johnson beside the registration desk to sign up.

**Make-ups for July 29, 2009**

William Elam                      Bob Johnston  
Charles Geveden                John Sower

**Attendance Percentage: 72%**

**Make-ups Needed for Aug. 5**

Pat Badgett                      Joyce Honaker  
Brian Booth                      Marcie Jeffreys  
Joshua Brand                    William Legg  
Olivia Brittan                   Phyllis Liebman  
Chris Broaddus                Jason Middleton  
Bobbie Brown                 John Norfleet  
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Gary Crumbaugh              John Shasky  
Bryan Dill                        Jesse Thompson  
Colmon Elridge                Kyle Thompson  
Gregory Fuchs                 Tyler West  
Sarah Gowins                  Kent Whitworth

**This Week's Speaker...**

The speaker for the day was Doug Howard, a local attorney, who gave the Club a brief history of sub-prime mortgages. He stated that back at the turn of the 19th century, banks started lending money for real property. The loans were usually for five years but then would roll over for an extended period of time until they were paid off and the loan was between the borrower and the bank. When the Great Depression hit in the 1930s, there was a 40% foreclosure rate. After the real estate market recovered, the government started the Federal National Home Mortgage Association, which would buy up the paper of the local banks which could be 30-year loans at 20% down. This was a government-run program to free up the banks and was known as Fannie Mae. Later, in order to create competition, Freddie Mac was created. The theory was that when a property was foreclosed on, the investment could be recouped and the property

resold. Other companies wanted a piece of the action and created sub-prime mortgage loans, which would take as little as 10% down or even less and would accept less than prime borrowers. While this opened up a much larger class of borrowers who could get loans, because of the greater risk, the interest rate was higher. The theory behind this is that once the property was repossessed, it could always be resold. The mortgages would be "pooled" and the risk was thereby spread around. This worked great until the bubble burst around 2003 when it became apparent that many of the mortgages were not well funded and the housing market went into a slump and no one was buying. Job losses in depressed areas was the main factor here. The banks were stuck with what has been called "toxic assets" and the banks now had huge inventories of bad loans. On the bright side, this is still a tangible asset and the government can still hold on to them until the housing market improves and people start buying houses again. Unfortunately, under the sub-prime system, there are several middlemen each taking out their fees. The case really gets complicated when one considers that global investors get involved in buying up these packages of pooled mortgages and we have a global crisis on our hands. What are some of the remedies? (1) Tighter credit restrictions so



**Dora Hall, August program chair, introduced speaker for the day Doug Howard.**

that loans are not being made to borrowers who cannot afford these homes. (2) Borrowers need to be protected from exotic mortgage programs that have balloon payments. (3) There must be alternatives to the 30-year fixed mortgage, which lock banks in for too long a period of time. We need to move the inventory of houses once people start buying again. However, the job market does not look to be improving in the near future. Thank you Doug for making a very complicated subject easy for the layman to understand.

**Board Action**

Approved leave-of-absence for Michael Ball from 7/29/09 to 8/10/09.

**Ice Cream Social for KSU Freshmen**

The Rotary Club will be sponsoring an Ice Cream Social for KSU students at freshmen orientation on Tuesday, August 25 from 12:30-1:30 outside the Student Union building. KSU is furnishing ice cream, plates and utensils and the Rotary Club is furnishing cookies and the manpower. Please volunteer for this exciting event by signing up with Joe Johnson beside the registration desk.

**Make-Up Policy**

Please note that the Adopt-A-Highway program on Aug. 15 and the Aug. 25 KSU Ice Cream Social count as make-ups.

**Rotary Picnic**

The annual Rotary picnic is on Lee Troutwine's farm on September 27. Please bring a covered dish.

**Well Said...**

I am an uncompromising opponent of violent methods even to serve the noblest of causes. - *Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948)*