



President Chris Harrison is the rose between two thorns at the Rotary meeting. Frank Haynes gave his classification talk while Don Dampier gave the opening exercises. Please see Don to sign-up to do an opening exercise.



Dudley Ellis and Duane Ellis sign-in at the Rotary meeting.



Greeter Clay Hulette welcomes Polly Green and her guest Shirley Elkin.

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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-Golden Corral	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...

Chief Justice **John D. Minton, Jr.** is steering the Judicial Branch through Kentucky's worst economic downturn in decades by creating efficiencies at all levels of the court system. One of his top priorities is the use of technology to reduce cost and deliver better service. He formed the Technology Governance Committee to create a strategic technology plan for the courts and supports the efforts of the AOC to replace its outdated case-management system with one that will allow e-filing and the latest electronic services.

Chief Justice Minton was elected to the Supreme Court in 2006 and named chief justice in 2008. He was a judge for the Kentucky Court of Appeals from 2003 to 2006 and a circuit judge from 1992 to 2003. In 2003, the Kentucky Bar Association honored him with its Outstanding Judge Award.

Before assuming the bench, Chief Justice Minton was in private practice for nearly 15 years. He holds degrees from Western Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky College of Law and has attended legal education programs offered through the National Judicial College.

Greeter Bob Bullock

Make-ups for Dec. 21

Bob Bullock	John Sower
Gregory Fuchs	Tom Utterback
Polly Green	David Weller
Brenda Rice	

Attendance Percentage: 69%

Make-ups Needed for Dec. 28

Michael Ball	Ann Maenza
Brian Booth	Jason Middleton
Jordan Branham	Wayne Onkst
Eileen Cackowski	Josian Passalacqua
Bhikhu Chauhan	Randy Roberts
Ron Christopher	Joe Rudder
David Cobb	Phillip Shepherd
Boyce Crocker	John Sower
Charles Dickinson	Dave Steele
Duane Ellis	Steve Tobin
Don Flinn	Dennis VanHorn
Steven Gale	Katherine Walden
Douglas Howard	Richard Watkins
Arthur Kelly	David Weller
William Legg	Tyler West
Larry Luebbers	

This Week's Speaker...

House Minority Leader Jeff Hoover spoke about various issues facing the 2012 General Assembly. The #1 issue will be the budget and revenue shortfall. The Governor and legislators will be trying to plug the loopholes, and the Governor has already begun by ordering a 2% reduction in the budgets of most state agencies. There is a \$180 million shortfall in the budget year ending June 30, 2012 and the revenue outlook is the worst he has seen it in his 16 years in the House. There will be no federal stimulus money this time, and there will be a \$330 million deficit over the next two years. The budget has been cut nine times in the last four years. There is the issue with the state employee pension plan that has been massively under-funded for years. This by



Barry Holder (right) introduced speaker Jeff Hoover to Rotary.

far is the biggest financial issue that must be addressed sooner rather than later. A second major issue is the manufacture of meth in the state. 75% of the cases he sees in the courts on a daily basis involve meth, and the majority of the remaining cases involve drug abuse. HB 263 attempted to reform the Penal Code for a penal system, which has been ineffective in the area of non-violent drug offenders. There is a need to minimize the costs to our county jails, since it costs \$20,000 a year to house each inmate. Kentucky is in the top five in per-capita incarceration of prisoners, and fourth in the nation in the number of meth labs. "Pill mills" are also a problem, with many doctors prescribing too many pain medications. Other issues facing the General Assembly will be comprehensive tax reform and gaming. 87% want a constitutional amendment on the ballot and 64% favor legalizing gaming. Other issues will be a statewide smoking ban and the increased costs of Medicaid. The eligibility requirements of Medicaid have been expanded at a tremendous cost. On October 1, Medicaid managed care became effective. Redistricting will also be an issue. This is required every ten years, which promises to be highly charged, very political and personal. Many may wish to wait until after the filing deadline on January 31 but he hopes this will not be the case.

Finally, Kentucky is moving from having part-time citizen legislators to full-time. The issue of increased compensation for this new type of legislator must be addressed.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep fellow Rotarian Joyce Honaker in your thoughts and prayers. Her father passed away December 25th.

VFW Make-up Meeting

The January 2012 VFW make-up meeting will be on the **second** Monday, January 9 at the VFW Hall on Second Street at Capital Ave.

Reminder

Please do not forget the collection for toys for the Afghan children.

Attendance Pins Awarded

Congratulations to the following Rotarians who received their Perfect Attendance for December 2011: Ed Dance, 29 years; John Palmore, 23 years; Nancy Edwards, 18 years; and Presley Winner, two years.



Laura Owens speaks with Jeff Hoover before the Rotary meeting.