



HOMETOWNERS NEWSLETTER

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The Chairman's Perspective



Greetings!

This summer has come and gone in short order. Possibly we have been so busy to make it seem like fast speed ahead. Many of you have asked about my cancer problem this year. Finding the problem early, I believe, was a big help. My colonoscopy and upper GI was my first step in chasing down the area infected.

Dr. Kevin Moreman gave me the test first to see why I had lost about 15 lbs. in a rather short amount of time. I had no appetite and there had to be a reason. The upper GI located a lymphoma cancer in my stomach.

Dr. Moreman sent me to Dr. Adam Lye, whom I was not sure if he spoke my language, or not. I found him to be a tall, English speaking lad. After looking at my report from the hospital he said, 'Mr. Owsley, I give chemo, but I believe you would be better served with radiation treatments.' He thought radiation would shrink the cancer easier and with no sickness or hair loss.

My appointment with Dr. Seither at the main hospital was very educational and I was scheduled for the next week at 1:15 p.m.

After the first treatment, the attendant asked if I was still working, and if so, I could get back to work. Well, you know me, I thanked him and got to work on time.

After 18 treatments I then took another upper GI and it showed the cancer had left. However, I am to take eight doses of Retuxin which should drive any cancer cells from within. Here's hoping!!

The Hometowners motor coach travelled to Paducah, Ky., on August 22nd. Leaving J.C. Penneys lot at 7:30 that morning. Our number was 36 and we arrived at The National Quilt Museum on time and after a brief explanation about the quilts we went throughout looking at the fine workmanship on each quilt displayed.

Some of the quilts were machine sewn and many were hand stitched in a professional way.

One of my picks for outstanding in appearance had a fabulous top side but the bottom side looked like pure gold in color and also in beauty. I am certain this person would only want to sell at a high price.

There were no quilts there that would not be considered most beautiful and highly priced.

From the Quilt Museum, and after a great lunch, we toured the Train Museum nearby. The items were mostly Illinois Central Railroad antiques since Paducah was the western end of the track that goes in front of The Cecilian Bank office and the former ICRR line - now called Paducah and Louisville Railroad.

I noted the headlight, #2613, from the last steam engine that came down by Cecilia. In fact, Terrell Lewis and I, rode the passenger train pulled by old 2613 from Louisville to Dawson Springs. We went to board the steamer at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, 1960. What a joy for us.

You may see an old ICRR caboose at Cecilia that was unused after that and was given to me after I made a plea by letter.

The last trip for 2014 will be to Branson, Missouri on November 17 making a return on November 20. Call Brenda if interested.

This Branson trip has a lot of fun shows and one of the fanciest decorated restrooms in the country! Also, the dinner stop at Lambert's Restaurant, the home of the "Thrown Rolls", is the highlight of the trip on the way down to Branson.

Oh, and Jase turned eight months old on October 4th!

BG Owsley

We Have A Waiting List For The Branson Trip In November - Get Your Name On It!

As we get close to the end of the year we will be on the road to one of our favorite places - Branson, Missouri.

Branson is full of Christmas lights and wonderful shows and food. We will leave early Monday morning and stop for a coffee break around mid morning. A fast food break will be our lunch.

Don't eat too much because our dinner will be Lambert's the "Home of the Thrown Rolls". You will have choices of great entrees and lots of extra food passed around as you wait for those delicious and fast-served homemade rolls. Hope your reflexes are good!

After dinner we head to Branson and our Grand Oaks Hotel. We then do a Christmas lights tour and back to the hotel for a good night's rest.

Breakfast is included at the hotel each morning. The second day we will see Shoji Tabuchi in an entertaining morning show. Lunch is included at McFarlain's Restaurant. This afternoon we will see The Legends in concert.

Dinner will be included at Dick Clark's AB Grill. Our great evening show will be "Jonah" at the Sight and Sound Theatre.

Day three will start with breakfast at the hotel and then to the Branson Craft Mall for some shopping. We will have lunch and entertainment, included, on the Showboat Branson Belle. Our show for the afternoon will be the Hughes Brothers. The evening meal, included, will be at The Lone Star Steakhouse. Our last show for the day will be the Andy Williams Variety Show.

Day four will be breakfast and then we check out of the hotel and are on the road to the Bass Pro Shop. This will also be our lunch break at 11:00 on your own. They have a great buffet or you can pick up snacks there. Then we are back on the road heading for home with breaks along the way.

Price per person: 2 per room-\$660; 3 per room-\$615; 4 per room-\$585; single-\$810.

Included: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, 6 shows, transportation and hotel.

If you missed putting your name on this trip to Branson, call Brenda to get your name on the waiting list! We are full right now but if there are any cancellations you might get to go with us!! Call 270-737-9073 just as soon as possible.



The trip to Branson promises some great sights and wonderful entertainment!



Driving Class Set For Nov. 6 at Hillcrest Banking Center

The Hometowners Club is sponsoring the AARP Driving Class on November 6 at the Hillcrest Banking Center. The class will be from 12 noon until 4:00 p.m. The price for AARP members is \$15 and for non-members the cost is \$20. The class is good for three to five years depending on the insurance you have.

For reservations, call Brenda at 270-737-9073. Payment is expected the day of the class.

Next Hometowners Meeting is set for November 12

The next meeting is November 12 at the Hillcrest Banking Center at 10:00 a.m. The speaker will be from the American Red Cross who will be speaking about emergency preparedness. Bring a salad or a vegetable for our Thanksgiving meal!



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