



The Greensburg Rotary Club has again achieved Star Club status among the 56 clubs in the western half of Kentucky. Justine Landrum, club president, is shown accepting the award at the annual district convention May 13-14 in Bowling Green. Star Club status is awarded to clubs that have achieved an annual \$100 per member contribution to the Rotary Foundation. This is Greensburg's 7th year attaining that goal. One of the benefits is obtaining district grants. Grant recipients in the past few years have been the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and Green County High School Senior scholarships.



Rotary District 6710 Governor Nancy Stearman is shown with District Governor Elect Tom D Reed, of Springfield

Photos submitted

AAA: Gas Prices Rise in Kentucky

Gas prices in West Central Kentucky are seven cents higher this week at \$3.238, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices: Western Central KY Average \$3.238

Average price during the week of May 15, 2023 \$3.166

Average price during the week of May 23, 2022 \$4.245

Average prices of unleaded self-serve gasoline in various areas: \$3.379-BowlingGreen \$3.063 - Elizabethton \$3.605- Louisville \$3.002- Owensboro \$3.142- Paducah

Trend Analysis: As next week's busy Memorial Day travel weekend approaches, gas prices are relatively stable, increasing a penny over the past week to \$3.54 for a gallon of regular unleaded. A decline in demand and the low cost of oil are the main factors. Today's national average is 13 cents less than a month ago and \$1.05 less than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand declined from 9.30 to 8.91 million barrels per day last week. The drop has reduced pressure on pump prices. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 1.4 million barrels to 218.3 million barrels.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by \$1.97 to settle at \$72.83. Oil prices rose amid growing market optimism that global energy demand is rebounding, particularly since China is recovering faster than originally expected following the lifting of its COVID restrictions. Additionally, the EIA reported that total domestic commercial crude inventories increased by 5 million barrels to 467.6 million barrels last week. Motorists can find current gas prices at [gasprices.aaa.com](https://www.gasprices.aaa.com).

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"My job is also to inspire clubs and their members to know that they can change the world," Stearman said. "I also will visit every club in the district at least once and probably twice and the district has about 2,500 members. We've already driven more than 50,000 miles this year."

Part of getting Rotarians to believe they can change the world is getting them to contribute money so that the money given locally becomes matched by Rotary and sometimes other organizations.

"I ask every Rotarian to give \$100.00 per year," Stearman said. "In our local club, some give much more than that and some give less."

Stearman went on to say that the Paducah Rotary Club averages \$2,100 per member and they have 220 members.

The local club in Greensburg has achieved Star status for eight consecutive years. Achieving Star status means that a local club is eligible for Rotary funds to come back to the club and to the community. To become a club with Star status means that the club must average \$100.00 giving per member. When a club has done that for two



Rotary District 6710 Governor Nancy Stearman

years in a row, the district Rotary matches that money \$3 for each \$2 that is given.

This year the district is averaging just over \$200 per member in giving to the Rotary Foundation and they have until June 30 to increase that number. This is the first time in district history this has occurred.

Women were not allowed to join Rotary until 1988 and Nancy Stearman became a member of the local Rotary club in 1992. Now, 34% of the Rotarians in the district are females.

She soon moved into a leadership position, becoming president for two years beginning in 1993.

She assisted Otha Ray when he became District Governor in July, 2019.

"Nancy actually did the work while I was

governor," he quipped. "Nancy was known all over the district before she became governor."

The Stearmans are the second couple who have served as governors in District 6710.

Nancy has no plans to serve another term as District Governor.

"It's exhausting," she said, "but I won't bow out of Rotary."

In fact, she is spearheading a new morning Rotary club that is about to get off the ground in Greensburg.

She firmly believes that Rotary is an organization that changes the world.

"Rotary is all about leadership and mentoring and being mentored," she said. "It's a chance to change the life of someone else."

Stearman said that the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" really does define a Rotarian.

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