



ROTARY ROUND-UP

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PROGRAMS

Last Week: Senator Chuck Grassley

This Week: ISU Pres. Gregory Geoffrey

Next Week: Super Bowl Preview with Marv Cook

CALENDAR

Jan. 23: Information/Orientation Meeting @ UAC @ Noon

Feb. 6: Board Meeting @ Noon @ Mercy Hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ROTARY MOMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**—The Rotary Moment is a significant time to learn how Rotary has been important in a Rotarian's life. Please sign up at a Club meeting.
- New babies--Jim Lane, a new granddaughter, Mackenzie Taylor Lane, born Jan. 10th (8.5#); John (& Mary) Kenyon, a new son, Daniel Martin Kenyon (7#2oz.), born Jan. 11th. All are well!
- Kudos to Myron Welch honored with UI Symphony Band performance @ Carnegie Hall in New York City, 8 PM, March 19. Welch has conducted bands @ Iowa for 28 years!
- Sunshine note--Laurie Fajardo will have shoulder surgery and miss a few weeks of Rotary while recovering. Send her a card or note of well wishes! Laurie also sends her gratitude to the Rotarians who wrote cards and sent e-mails regarding her talk @ Rotary Jan.10th!
- Condolences to the family of Norman Gfeller (father-in-law of Casey Cook) who died January 11th in Ames. Services will be Feb.2 in Alleman, IA.

DIST. 6000 NEWS

- DG Elect Susan Herrick (and Bob) have sent word from the RI Assembly in San Diego that incoming RI President, D.K. Lee announced his theme, "Make Dreams Real."
- The 4th Rotarian week will be held in Ragusa (south-eastern Sicily) May 24-31, 2008. Details are available @ www.rotaryragusa.it Participation is limited to 120 persons.

ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

Swanson elected to bank board of directors (Chuck Swanson), 175 local students named AP Scholars (West High grad: Vasu Balakrishnan/Usha); Norman Gfeller obituary (Casey Cook.)

MEETING LAST WEEK

Pres. Elect Jeff Disterhoft led the meeting in Pres. Charlie's absence.

Nancy MacFarlane with Fingers @ the piano warmed up Rotarians with the *Smile* song.

Program

Senator Chuck Grassley was introduced by Bob Downer. Bob noted that the Senator truly needed no introduction anywhere in Iowa as his attributes and accomplishments were well known to all who were present. 2008 marks the 50th anniversary of Sen. Grassley's first election to the Iowa House of Representatives—subsequently winning 19 consecutive contested primary and general

elections. He is now the second longest serving U.S. Senator in Iowa history and will pass William Boyd Allison in June of 2014. Grassley is well known for his background in agriculture, in which he is still engaged. He holds two degrees from UNI and has credit hours toward a PhD in political science @ UI. Downer offered a warm welcome to this great Iowan and an exemplary public servant, the Honorable Chuck Grassley.

Grassley began by noting that speaking to the Rotary Club was an example of the process of representative government where the electorate can interact with those serving in the U.S. Senate. Senator Grassley invited letters be sent to him @ the U.S. Senate knowing that an hour is short to cover everyone's questions. He gets to every county in Iowa every year to meet with the public @ courthouse type town meetings, service clubs or high schools. Senator Grassley commented on several issues and then responded to questions. He addressed the farm bill, how to avoid a recession, Medicare reimbursement and international trade agreements. The questions related to the relationship between ethanol/biofuels and food prices, the use of alternate fuels and his 5-year investigation of non-profits such as the American Red Cross and the Smithsonian. Questions about possible abuse of funds by televangelists have been raised and this issue is treated in the context of the non-profits. In conclusion, Disterhoft summarized the issues addressed related to health care, foreign policy and food—from pork to marshmallows! He presented Sen. Grassley with a book in his honor to be sent to the school library in Xicotepec, Mexico. Thanks to Sen. Grassley for spending the lunch hour with the Club and also to Tom Cilek for arranging the program!

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Andy Knebel introduced the members of the outgoing GSE team to Brazil--Kelli Andreasen (Communication Coordinator UI International Programs), Mike Ott (Biowa IC), and David Patterson (Washington County Engineer, Washington, IA.)

Russ Schmeiser introduced visiting Rotarians Stan Barber (Wellman) and Mick Starcevich (CR DT) and guests Lou Crist (Myron Welch & Arleigh Clemens), Fern Parish (spouse of Carlin), Ron Johnson (Bill Reagan), Milles Van Meter (Chicago/ William Nowysz), Nick Bettis (Hall & Hall Engineers, Inc./Verne Folkmann), Chad Reimers (Ed. Jones Investments/Gary Pacha), Ross Wilburn (ICCS/Dick Gibson), Maxine Bulechek (Liberty Staffing/Nancy Droll), Harry Wolf (Managing Dir. Byers Realty/Casey Cook), Steve Quigley (UICCU/Jeff Disterhoft), Brian DeCoster (Pres. Big Ten Rentals/Jody Braverman), Benjamin Hayek (Hayek Brown, Moreland & Hayek/Tom Cilek), Glen Meisner (MMS/ Larry Schittjer), Susan Shullow, Tiffani Shaw & Erin Erskine (UI Foundation/ Lynette Marshall), Bob Mercer (Banker's Advertising/Ann Parker), Falanga Sula (Jeff Disterhoft.)

Make-ups--Bill Hausler (Naples, FL); Bruce Brooke (West Liberty), Arleigh Clemens (Rotary Office assistance)

Committees--*Program*: Tom Cilek; *Greeters*: Jan 24--Don Koch & Carlin Parish; Jan 31--Larry Schnittjer & Deb Dunkhase; *Sunshine*: Jan--Terry Dickens; *Attendance*: Jan--Janice Wilson & Dave Siebert.