

ROTARY ROUND-UP

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PROGRAMS

This Week: Coach Tom Brands

Next Week: Newton Speedway

CALENDAR

Feb 27: Information/Orientation Mtg. @ Noon @ UAC

Mar 5: Board Meeting @ noon @ Mercy Hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Condolences to Nancy Quellhorst on the death of her mother, Dorothy Klinger. Services in Arlington Heights, IL. Online condolences to www.lensingfuneral.com
- Group Study Exchange (GSE)--The inbound team from Brazil will visit in April. Volunteers are needed to host these visitors for hospitality and vocational exchange “shadowing.” The team is led by a physician (male Rotarian), a male police officer, a female teacher and two female health professionals. All speak English. For more information contact Andy Knebel at andy@knebelwindows.com
- The new member committee met last week following the regular meeting.
- NOTE: Make-ups @ Bob’s Your Uncle (West side), 1st and 3rd Fridays.
- Please check the accuracy of your directory information; send changes to Eleanor at eleonor-mcclelland@uiowa.edu Go to www.icnoonrotary.org (user name: *rotary*; Password: *member*)

Rotary Moment—Steve Schomberg spoke of the many diverse Rotary moments available to Rotarians. He especially enjoys the “portability” of Rotary around the world when visiting other Rotary Clubs. Wearing the Rotary pin facilitates instant recognition by other Rotarians and facilitates other opportunities for fellowship!

PolioPlus Update--Don Goering reports that in order to encourage donations to PolioPlus Partners and also match the Gates Foundation \$100M Challenge Grant, the Rotary Foundation Trustees are matching contributions 50 cents for each new dollar contributed up to \$1.5 million. Bumper stickers “Good-bye Polio – Thanks Rotary” are available in Dist. 6000 for each \$25 donation. Cash and District designated fund donations to PolioPlus Partners (12/1/07-6/30/08) will be counted toward matching the Gates Foundation Challenge Grant. Each club in Dist. 6000 is asked to make a special effort to meet this challenge. Send contributions via check, in multiples of \$25, made out to TRF-PolioPlus Partners, D-6000 Rotary Foundation Chair Don Goering, 1939 Bel Air Drive, Ames, IA 50010. In addition to matching the Gates grant, \$5 million is needed this Rotary year to meet the needs of the many planned National Immunization Days in the 4 endemic and high risk countries via PolioPlus Partners program.

GOAT RIDER

La Donna Wicklund compressed 62 years into 3 minutes! She was born in southern Illinois where she lived until age 6 on a farm enjoying the garden and animals, especially the kittens; and living

an idyllic child's life. She then transitioned to city life in Chicago complete with tall buildings, elevators, escalators, elevated trains, and museums. She enjoyed city life and private Catholic education that ultimately influenced her becoming a teacher for 40 years. She met Gary who was a fellow passenger in an otherwise empty car on a train in Chicago and is a mother to son, Greg. She is pleased with her life's choices including teaching teachers to teach children to read. Thanks to Donna for sharing! Continue to welcome La Donna to our club!

ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

A+ Achiever (Adam Canady/John), Dorothy Klinger obituary (Nancy Quellhorst's mother.)

PROGRAM LAST WEEK

PE Jeff Disterhoft led the meeting in the absence of Pres. Charlie.

Special music--Maggie Mowery accompanied soloist, Wayne Neuzil, who sang "Without a Song."

Mitch Gross, currently a teacher @ West High where he teaches AP U.S. History and Government and serves as tennis coach, was introduced by Paul Burns. Mitch is a member of the Coralville City Council. He served 4 years in State government as Agriculture Secretary Patty Judge's aide and later managed Gov. Chet Culver's campaign. Most recently he served as Chair of the "Generation Iowa" Commission whose report was submitted to the Iowa Legislature on Jan. 11th.

The Commission's aim is to "Stop the Brain Drain" by retaining young Iowans who often leave the state following post secondary education for other locations for higher salaries. Iowa has a worker shortage and solutions need to be found in both the private and public sectors to retain college graduates. Iowa has a good record for recruiting college students, but has become somewhat of a revolving door. The Commission identified a number of challenges such as offering college grads high paying jobs in their field and helping retire their high loan debt. Policy solutions are needed by the legislature to retain Iowans as well as those from other states that are educated here. The state attracts the best and brightest, many of who want to stay, but leave for higher wages. Some suggestions to address this challenge include roll-over tax credit and student loan repayment plans. Some incentives include counseling about student debt, creating career pathways and expanding non traditional farming opportunities. Businesses need to know what young Iowans want. Some suggestions include a future needs analysis along with increasing internship opportunities, raising starting income, encouraging mentor-ships and developing career pathways. More information is available @ www.iowalifechanging.com PE Jeff presented Mitch with a book (in Spanish) for the school library in Xicotepec, Mexico. Thanks to Tom Cilek and Mitch Gross for this informative program.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests--Bryan Lawler introduced visiting Rotarians Stan Barber (Wellman), Shari Freeman (Carlsbad, CA, sister of Steve West) and guests Gary Wicklund (LaDonna), Jeff Charis-Carlson (Chuck Swanson), Regina Bailey (Tom Cilek), Bruce Teague (Maggie Mowery), Ellen Habel (Kelly Hayworth), Chad Reimers (Gary Pacha), Wayne Neuzil (Terry Neuzil), Elizabeth Hoover deGalvez (Usha Balakrishnan), Eleanor West (daughter, Shari Freeman), Falanga Sula (Jeff Disterhoft.)

Make-ups--Bill Hausler (Naples, FL x3), Ed Barker (Carmel-by-the-Sea, X 4), Jim Swaner (Bob's Your Uncle), Usha Balakrishnan (Coralville/North Corridor)

Committees -- *Program*: Tom Cilek; *Greeters*: Feb 14--Pat Collins & H.D. Hoover; Feb 21--Verne Folkmann & Don Koch; Feb 28--Mike Jensen & Dave Siebert; *Sunshine*: Feb--Mike Pugh; *Attendance*: Feb--John Chadima & Nancy Droll