

ROTARY ROUND-UP

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PROGRAMS

Last Week: Coach Tom Brands

This Week: Iowa Speedway in Newton - America's Place to Race!

Next Week: Ecolotree: Dr. Lou Licht

CALENDAR

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

Mar 5: Board Meeting @ noon @ Mercy Hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pres. Charlie announced the annual Hoover-Wallace Dinner which will be co-sponsored by Rotary on April 19th @ the Coralville Marriott. All state elected officials will attend as well as our two U.S. Senators. Honorees this year will be Gov. Culver, Jim Leach and Dr. Ponseti. Mark your calendars for this event and watch for more details.

Dist. 6000:

- Effective Feb 5th the Grinnell Rotary Club will change their meetings to Tuesdays instead of Mondays and will meet @ West Side Family Dining, 229 W. 6th Ave. Grinnell. If you have questions, contact Pres. Doug Cameron @ dcamerson@Grinnell.k12.ia.us

Rotary Moment— Dick Feddersen entertained the group with the adventure he experienced at a Rotary make-up while on a vacation at a resort in Mexico. It was an evening dinner meeting at about 8:30 PM complete with margaritas and a door prize drawing. Dick was the only Gringo in the group and the speaker's presentation was in Spanish. Dick did not understand the content. As he was ready to leave at a late hour, his hosts said he had to stay for the drawing! His name was drawn (the only one in the hat he thought) and he won a quart of Mexican whisky! He started to leave with it, but was told he had to drink it there, and the others would help him! Eventually he returned to his room where he was met at the door by his wife who said, "I suppose you are going to tell me you were at a Rotary meeting all this time!" Dick closed with the moral of the story, "if you want an adventure, visit a Rotary club in a foreign country!" Thanks to Dick for sharing. (NOTE: this moment was far more entertaining as Dick told it, than as the Roundup writer reduced it to the printed work!)

PROGRAM LAST WEEK

In honor of Valentine's Day, Nancy MacFarlane led the group in singing, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" with Doris Preucil at the piano.

Tom Cilek introduced our speaker, UI head wrestling Coach, Tom Brands. Brands, an intense competitor, had a career at Iowa that included a record of 158-7-2 and an undefeated season in 1991 where he was 45-0. He was a four-time All-American, three-time NCAA Champion, three-time Big Ten Conference Champion, and Outstanding Wrestler at the 1992 NCAA tournament. Internationally, he won a gold medal at the 1996 Olympic Games (freestyle) at 136.5 pounds

(Atlanta) and numerous other international awards. He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2001. He also has achieved an outstanding coaching record including seasons at Iowa, and Virginia Tech and, of course, the Hawkeyes are currently ranked #1 in the polls. Brands is widely known for his intensity and aggressive style on the mat. He and his twin brother Terry were obvious products of Dan Gable. Tom is known for his relentless offensive attacks, dedication to training and to the sport with a hard nosed aggressive style, demonstrating his “in-your-face” style of wrestling. Brands hails from Sheldon, IA and earned a B.S. in physical education from U.Iowa.

Brands began by observing the audience “represented some orneriness” as he recognized many familiar faces .He also expressed appreciation for the many supporters present. He mentioned Barron Bremner, Don Heineking, Bump Elliott, Chuck Yagla, Jan Wilcox, Tom Senneff and others. Brands outlined the coming schedule interspersed with some entertaining reflections on his own career. He recalled leaving a match in Oklahoma in a vehicle driven by Dan Gable when he noticed the vehicle in the next lane was being driven by Bump Elliott (the AD at that time), so Brands rolled down the window and shouted, “Elliott, Elliott, Elliott.” This was much to the chagrin of his brother, Terry who chastised him for being disrespectful. Brands replied, “Oh, he is just Blue Collar.” Brands labeled his prank as one some might attribute to a drunken athlete, but as he said, “I don’t drink!” He concluded with some comments about the upcoming competitions, noting that every competition is important as the team builds for the Big Ten Tournament and the NCAA Tournament. He closed by lauding the team for moving up academically (he sets high standards for his athletes’ grades, too) and stated how these athletes appreciated comments and letters from the fans. “Our program is headed in the right direction.”

Thanks to Tom Cilek and Tom Brands for an entertaining wrestling program. Cilek added his bit of humor as he hugged Brands, whom he said he would not wrestle, but *would* make him his Valentine! Pres. Charlie presented Coach Brands with a book in Spanish to be given in his honor for the school library in Xicotepec, Mexico.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

H.D. Hoover introduced these Visiting Rotarians: Stan Barber (Wellman); Dave Meinert (Oskaloosa) & Shari Freeman (CA.) and Guests: Nate Nicholson (UI student/Ed Zastrow), Chuck Yagla (Waterloo/Don Heineking), Chad Reimers (Gary Pacha), Virginia Means (Duane), Tom Senneff (Rex Montgomery), Jan Wilcox (Jim Swaner), Eleanor West (Shari Freeman), Scott Conklin (Doris Preucil.)

ROTARY FAMILIES IN THE NEWS

Informed Medicare Choices (Chuck Hesse); Gatens Takes Over (Matt Gatens/Mike); Lickliter has had eye on City’s Gatens (Matt Gatens/Mike.)

MAKE-UPS

Make-ups: Jody Braverman, Terry Neuzil, Mark Patton, LaDonna Wicklund (New Members Mtg.); John Baker, Brad Baldes, Mary Jane Beach, Anne Hargrave, Shawn Hedlund, Dave Sowers, Ed Zastrow (Ronald McDonald Golf mtg.); Bruce Brooke (IC AM); Bill Hausler (Naples, FL.); Kermit Sheker (IC AM), Tom Davis (Port St. Lucie, FL.)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Program: Tom Cilek

Sunshine: February: Mike Pugh

Attendance: February: John Chadima & Nancy Droll

Greeters: Feb. 21: Verne Folkmann & Don Koch

Feb.28: Mike Jensen & Dave Siebert