



ROTARY ROUND-UP

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PROGRAM

Last Week: Polio Plus with Karin Franklin & Jim Clifton

This Week: Ride the Goat speakers

Next Week: Maggie Winegarden, "A dog can help students better learn to read"

CALENDAR

March 26: Information/Orientation Mtg. @ noon @ UAC

April 2: Board Mtg. @ noon @ Mercy Hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunshine Committee Report: Dick Feddersen has been hospitalized at Mercy this week with heart problems. Send him a card or note.
- Condolences to Bryan Alexander and family on the recent death of his mother in Burlington.
- Needed--One more host family for GSE visitors from Brazil and volunteers to assist with transportation for these visitors to their job shadowing sites. Contact Andy Knebel for details.
- La Donna Wicklund reports the first "I Can Read" family literacy night @ Roosevelt School had about 75 parents and children for the pizza and viewing of the DVD. Thanks to the Rotarians who assisted with this kick-off! More volunteers are needed to assist with schools scheduled in April and May. Contact La Donna about this. Literacy is one of Rotary International's goals for this year.
- Steve Bowers reported that the 6th annual Ronald McDonald Golf event June 9th is almost sold out; if you have an entry form please send in as soon as possible!
- Pres. Charlie asked for volunteers to contribute a Rotary Moment, The schedule is open for all the upcoming meetings.
- Sandy Seibert presented Myron Welch with a bouquet of balloons in honor of his conducting the UI band in Carnegie Hall this week. Bob Crane led the group in a standing ovation while singing a rousing rendition of the "Smile song." Congratulations to Myron and his performers!

MEETING LAST WEEK

New Member Induction--*Steve Quigley* (Finance: Credit Union) was introduced by his sponsor Jeff Disterhoft; Steve lives in Iowa City. Please welcome Steve to the Club.

Program

Pres. Charlie introduced Rotarians Karin Franklin and Jim Clifton who urged support of National Immunization Days for polio. Our District 6000 goal is for each member to contribute \$15/member/year for 3 years! Checks should be made to Polio Plus Partners.

Karin reviewed Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio that began in 1985 at a time when many countries in the world reported as many as 1,000 new cases per day. During the 1950s when polio was at its height in the U.S., Iowa reported 9,193 cases with 388 deaths. By 1994 the Western hemisphere was polio free. The reduction of polio cases is largely attributed to the work of Rotary

in partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the Centers for Disease Control. Reports continued to be good until 2006 when four countries reported polio was still active--India, Pakistan, Afghanistan & Nigeria. In these four countries issues related to political conflicts, religious beliefs and mistrust hamper efforts. The Gates Foundation challenge grant of \$100 million is directed toward ridding these countries of polio. The challenge now is to match the \$100 million Gates grant over the next three years. These funds will be used for the oral vaccine, for containers to keep it fresh, for transportation for families to get to the immunization sites and for publicity for the National Immunization Days. Note: this is a special campaign and not part of the Foundation's Every Rotarian Every Year. Karin's goal is to present DG Diana Reed with a check for \$4500 @ the Dist. Conference April 25-26, as the first year's installment for our club. Our Club has over 300 members, we can do this and Rotary can eradicate polio!

Jim Clifton shared comments about his experiences with polio, both professionally and personally. He explained that the polio virus is of the human enterovirus family, basically a gastro intestinal virus with the neuro involvement an accident, so to speak. Only 1% of those infected get paralysis. Half of those with spinal involvement recover fully, ¼ mild, ¼ severe and 5-10% dies. He described his experience with patients while he was a medical student and his experience in 1950s @ UIHC when admissions were closed for 10 days except for polio cases. Jim also described his personal experience in the summer of 1955 in Boston when there was a bad epidemic. He experienced some mild nausea and vomiting ultimately needing some IV fluids. Shortly thereafter after eating a scrambled egg, he experienced that food coming out his nose, indicating nerve deficiency. All his facial nerves and swallowing muscles returned their function and 12 months later he was OK. Then he experienced post-polio syndrome: about 10 years ago, he had trouble swallowing and this is slowly progressing. He has to eat slowly and carefully, often eating before coming to Rotary, as it is such a chore. As there are no effective treatments & no known cause, he expects he may have to go to liquids.

Thanks to Karin and Jim for this overview of polio, its devastating aftermath and a way we can all help to make eradication a reality worldwide! Pres. Charlie presented the speakers with a book to be given in their honor for the school library in Xicotepec, Mexico.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians--Russ Schmeiser introduced visiting Rotarians Stan Barber (Wellman), Tim Coffey (Washington), Dave Meinert (Oskaloosa.) and guests Andy Hoppin (Dad Dick), Becky Hanson (Usha), Ellen Caskey (Lynette Marshall), Ross Wilburn (Dick Gibson). Rita Frantz (Gerry Felton), Gary Wicklund (LaDonna), Steve Quigley (Jeff Disterhoft.)

Make-ups: La Donna Wicklund, Chuck Hesse, Casey Cook, Sandy Seibert, Jody Braverman (I Can Read Literacy event): Jody Braverman, Kimberly Caliger, Lou Crist, Laurie Fajardo, Lucas Haldeman, Mark Patton, Tom Robinson, Joe Sadewasser, Ted Sueppel, Jack Taft (New Member Committee Mtg.) Bob Sierk (Scottsdale, AZ Sunrise X 6), Herb Wilson (ICAM)

ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

A+ Achiever (Caroline Gilmore/Jeff); Meet the State's Mr. Basketball (Matt Gatens/Mike); North Liberty Fashion Show lifts Spirits, Raises Money (Glen Siders); it seems like you get caffeine in everything, but is it good for you? (Cindy Goody); Speed Bumps on the Highway of Life (Dave Parsons/ Larry); Sowers named Bank's Retail Market Manager (Dave Sowers)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: *Program:* Tom Cilek; *Sunshine:* March--Barron Bremner; *Attendance:* March--Charlie Gay & Don Koch; *Greeters:* Mar. 20--Brad Baldes & Deb Dunkhase, Mar. 27--Benny Hawkins & Larry Schnittjer