



ROTARY ROUND-UP

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PROGRAM

Last Week: Stan Askren, Pres. & CEO of HNI Corp. (formerly HON INDUSTRIES Inc.)

This Week: Dick Ferguson, CEO of ACT

Next Week: Karin Franklin--DGE Susan Herrick

CALENDAR

April 23: Information/Orientation Mtg. @ UAC @ noon

May 7: Board Mtg. @ noon @ Mercy Hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reminder--Hoover-Wallace Dinner on April 19th @ Coralville Marriott. Contact Verne Folkmann for tickets and seating with Club members. Dinner honorees include Sen. John Culver, Dr. Ponseti, & Rep. Jim Leach, three Iowans whose exemplary careers in public and humanitarian service impacted the world. Proceeds to help fund the World Food Prize Borlaug-Ruan International Internship Program.
- Reminder--Dist.6000 Conference April25-26 @ Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines. See www.District6000conference.com for registration and information.
- Kudos to Laurie Fajardo, professor and head of radiology @ UI College of Medicine on the Gold Medal Award from the Association of University Radiologists. She is only the fifth female recipient & only the 2nd UI recipient.
- Kudos to Coralville/North Corridor Club Celebration of 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club by Rotary International. Special celebration meeting on Wed. April 23rd @ noon @ the Hampton Inn, Coralville. RSVPs to president victoria-sruzynski-olson @uiowa.edu
- MOST team members Xela, 2008 included Club members John Canady, Steve Hedlund, Pete Wallace, Karin Franklin, Bill Olin and team leader, Gary Pacha.
- Xicotepec Project Team 2008 included Gary Pacha from our Club & Nancy Pacha.

MEETING LAST WEEK

Introduced new transfer member **Stan Barber** (Finance:Banking, Retired). Herb Wilson introduced Stan, a long time friend and Rotarian since 1951. Stan and his spouse now live @ Oaknoll and are neighbors of the Wilsons. Stan is described as “the consummate Rotarian” in his generous monetary contributions and volunteer time. Welcome Stan!

Goat Rider--Byron Bork was born on a farm in Ogden, Iowa. Ogden's Iowa motto was, “In Ogden We Achieve.” On the farm he learned among other things, “never turn your back on a Billy goat!” He met his wife @ an ISU/Iowa basketball game in the old field house. His career in physical therapy spans 42 years and he is now with the PT graduate program @ UI.

Rotary Moment--Dick Gibson shared his experience with polio and subsequently post polio syndrome (PPS). He described PPS as a condition developing late, some years after contracting polio. Symptoms include progressive fatigue, sometimes muscle atrophy, but rarely life

threatening. Dick urged Rotarians to continue to support the eradication of polio. Prevention is the best answer for this horrific disease. Verne Folkmann reinforced Dick's message urging members to pledge their financial support for the Polio Plus Campaign to help match the \$100 million gift from the Bill and Melinda Gated Foundation, which aims to end the crippling disease of polio on the planet. Each Rotarian is encouraged to pledge \$15/year for 3 years (\$45), as the goal for our Club is \$4500. Thanks to all who have responded to date!

Rotary Interact--Nancy Pacha introduced a West High 1440 Interact Club student who announced the club's fundraiser, a dance April 26th @ IMU ballroom, 7:30-9:30 PM with proceeds to support Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are \$10 and available from Nancy Pacha.

Program

Stan Askren, Pres. & CEO of HNI Corp. (formerly HON INDUSTRIES Inc.) was introduced by Chuck Coulter. The company's first products were steel recipe cabinets; then it grew into file cabinets, desks and chairs; and now is the second largest office equipment supply company in the world! Askren explained that the company began with an idea shared by three successful businessmen in 1947 to have "something for the boys coming home from the war." Askren described it as a good place for people to work; employees are called members. Profits are shared (1/3 to members, 1/3 to shareholders, 1/3 to the company) and artificial class distinction is avoided in this unpretentious company. Member-owners drive waste out of the business. Although the present economic environment is challenging for HNI, the company remains the second largest office equipment supply company in the world and includes the #1 largest fireplace company (about 20% market share.) The company is now expanding in China. Askren noted that the proximity of the company's base in Muscatine to Iowa City & the Quad Cities provides a rich recruiting tool for employees. Iowa City, in particular, attracts professionals as it offers the dynamics of a Big Ten school and a high quality of life. The company actively recruits from ISU and UI. Askren was presented with a book to be given in his honor for the Rotary initiated school in Xicotepec, Mexico by Pres. Charlie. Thanks to Chuck Coulter and Stan for an informative program!

Rotarians in the News--Tale of Four Nurses (Diane Huber), Federal Overhaul Draws calls of Caution (Pres. Charlie), Women of Influence (Margaret Reece.)

Guests & Visiting Rotarians--Bryan Lawler introduced these visiting Rotarians Nancy Pacha (IC AM), Tim Coffey (Washington, IA.) and guests Fr. Ed Fitzpatrick (Newman Center/Frank Judisch), Chris Arthur (Investment Advisor, Stonefield Investment Advisory/Tim Krumm), Bob Mercer (Economy Advertising/Ann Parker), Harry Ehmsen (Iowa Book & Supply/Bill Reagan), Lanny VanDaele (Gruhn law firm/Dave Sowers), Cally Bice & Monica Foley (UI Foundation/Lynette Marshall), Bruce Teague (Caring Hands & More/Maggie Mowery)

Make-ups-- Haywood Belle (Marco Polo/Orient Cruise Lines x 4), Bill Hausler (Naples, FL.), Tom Davis (Port St. Lucie, FL. X 3), Clifton, Cremers, Disterhoft, Folkmann, Heiden, Funk, Kout, McClelland, Quellhorst, Reed, Jody Braverman (Board Mtg.), Jim Lane (IC AM.)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS--*Program*: Tom Cilek; *Sunshine*: April--Gary Fickel; *Attendance*: April--Mary Jane Beach & Greg Black; *Greeters*: April 10--Bryan Lawler & Earle Murphy, April 17--Verne Folkmann & Pat Collins, April 24--Mike McKay & Arlene Dolan.