



ROTARY ROUND-UP

Volume 42

www.icnoonrotary.org

April 17, 2008

PROGRAM

Last Week: Dick Ferguson, President and CEO of ACT

This Week: Karin Franklin with DGE Susan Herrick

Next Week: Matt Gatens

CALENDAR

April 19: Hoover Wallace Dinner @ Coralville Marriott

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

May 7: Board Mtg @ noon @ Mercy Hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Moment of Silence in honor of James “Jimmie” Kacena, father of Dave Kacena whose death occurred April 5th, services April 8th
- Coming Sat. April 19th: Hoover Wallace Dinner @Coralville Marriott @ 6:30 PM. Contact Verne Folkmann for tickets and seating with Club members
- Jody Braverman reported on the “I Can Read” project implemented @ 4 schools to date; 300 DVDs distributed with 15 Rotarians assisting. Volunteers are needed for upcoming dates-- May1 @ Hills Elementary 5:30-7 PM, 3-4 needed; May 2 @ Penn Elementary 9-10:15AM, 1 or 2 needed; 10:30-11:45 AM 1 or 2 needed; 1-2 PM 1-2 needed & May 7 @ Twain Elementary 6-7 PM, 3 or 4 needed. See Jody about this rewarding community experience.
- PP Tom praised Chuck Swanson for the two recent events he attended @ Hancher.

MEETING LAST WEEK

Thanks to PP Tom Cilek who presided in Pres. Charlie’s absence! A rousing rendition of “Smile” was led by Bob Crane with Dick Hoppin @ the keyboard.

Rotary Moment--Bryan Alexander shared his experience with a “ghost” case of polio 50 years ago and the post-polio syndrome that occurred in 2007. Jim Clifton followed this Rotary Moment by reminding listeners that the best way to get rid of hearing from him is to complete the blue pledge card, for the Polio Plus campaign. Over 1/3 of Club members have participated to date; remember this donation counts toward a Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Thanks to all who have participated and thanks in advance to others who plan to contribute!

Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from Brazil

Andy Knebel introduced the GSE Team from Brazil’s Dist. 4500 Recife Largo Da Paz. The team leader is Pablo Cavalcanti, a physician specializing in occupational health. He is a Rotarian since 1995 and was president of his club 2005-2006. He presented the Club with a banner from his home club in exchange for one he received from PP Tom. Mr. Cavalcanti introduced the team members: Mr. Augusto Aurello Vilcaca dos Santos, a military police captain, Ms. Hericka Siqueria Santos, a kindergarten teacher; Ms. Kelly Patricia Medeiros Falcao a physiotherapist, and Ms. Patricia

Borges, a law clerk. They each expressed their pleasure of an unforgettable experience as a GSE team member. Thanks to Andy and the Rotarians who assisted with hosting this team!

Program

PP Tom introduced Club member, Dick Ferguson, President and CEO of ACT since 1988. ACT, founded in 1959, will be celebrating 50 years @ Old Capitol next year in the location where it was founded. It is likely the oldest international company headquartered in Johnson County. The corporation is a 501c (3) entity, employing 1250 people with 19 offices outside Iowa City. Although a non-profit company for federal income tax purposes, ACT pays property taxes; last year it paid \$1,200,000 to Johnson County. ACT has an international presence mainly in Asia and Europe with a new venture in India. Although widely known as a College Admissions test, ACT also administers a dozen other tests. All scores are kept forever which enables research on student achievement. One example is the ability to match scores with college performance. ACT has also developed the Workforce Development System, known as WorkKeys. Dick noted that the story of ACT is a great one as it was a spin off from the UI and another example of the UI's impact on the community. For more information about ACT, visit the web site @ www.act.org. Many thanks to Tom for arranging an interesting, informative program about yet another jewel in our backyard and to Dick for a creative "quiz" to convey a lot of information in an interesting format! PP Tom presented Dick with a book for the school library in Xicotepec, Mexico, established by members of our Rotary Club.

Rotarians in the News

Director Takes UI Symphony to Big Apple (Myron Welch); Folkmann earns Ecobroker designation (Verne); James Kacena Obituary (Dave/Kacena); Do yourself a Favor-visit a library (Robert Wachel/Jane McCune)

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Carlin Parish introduced visiting Rotarian Tim Coffey (Washington, IA) and guests Allison Avin & Amber Shrum (UI Foundation/Lynette Marshall), Shaner Magalhaes (Johns County Historical Society/Susan Craig), Bruce Teague (CEO Caring Hands & More: Steve Schomberg), Bob Mercer (TruArt/David Bywater)

Make-ups

Chuck Orr, Steve Bowers, Bruce Kout, Brad Baldes, Mary Jane beach, Anne Hargrave, Ed Zastrow, Chuck Skaugstad, Jr. Susan Craig, John Baker, John Murphy, Dick McKeen, Jeff Disterhoft (Fore the House golf outing planning committee), Steve Schomberg (Roundup editing & publishing X 4); Andy Knebel (Coralville/North Corridor), Bob Crane (IC DT.)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS--*Program:* Tom Cilek; *Sunshine:* April--Gary Fickel; *Attendance:* April--Mary Jane Beach & Greg Black; *Greeters:* April 17--Verne Folkmann & Pat Collins, April 24--Mike McKay & Arlene Dolan, May 1--Todd Helle & Brad Baldes, May 8--Bill Ambrisco & H. D. Hoover, May 15--Deb Dunkhase & Barron Bremner, May 22--Dick Gibson & Mike Jensen, May 29--Don Koch & Earle Murphy.