



ROTARY ROUND-UP

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PROGRAM

Last Week: Maggie Winegarden--A dog can help students better learn to read

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

Next Week: Dick Ferguson, ACT

CALENDAR

April 2: Board Mtg. @ noon @ Mercy Hospital

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

DIST 600 NEWS--Osceola Rotary Club meeting change to noon Tuesdays at Redman's Steak & Pizza House downtown on the east side of the Osceola Square.

PROSPECTIVE NEW TRANSFER MEMBER--*Stan Barber* (Finance: Banking-Retired) sponsored by Herb Wilson. Stan is transferring from the Wellman, IA Club where he has been a member since 1951 and is a past president. Stan retired from banking and now resides at the Oaknoll Retirement Residence.

MEETING LAST WEEK

A moment of silence was observed for the Sueppel family tragic deaths.

Rotary Moment--Lynette Marshall shared information from Yucatan, Mexico that health care for the Mayans there is greatly lacking. However, with financial support from Rotary International, it is possible that a training site may be initiated in Merida for physicians in the outlying areas for learning the Ponseti method for non-surgical treatment of clubfoot.

Fifth Annual Hoover Wallace Dinner--Ken Quinn, Executive Director of the World Food Prize, promoted the Fifth Annual Hoover-Wallace Dinner, April 19th @ the Coralville Marriott. He noted that Dr. Ponseti is one of the honorees and the proceeds help fund young people to experience innovative and valuable internships. Quinn introduced former interns Rachel Collins and Curtis O'Laughlin who are now pursuing careers in medicine. Verne Folkmann is coordinating tables of Rotarians for the dinner. One table is filled and he hopes to fill more. Let's help make this a sell out like the past dinners. Contact Verne about tickets.

4-H Scholarship Awardees--Gene Mohling introduced this year's awardees--Megan Seelman (Clear Creek Amana High School) and Alex Penno (IC West High). Each spoke briefly and introduced their parents who were also present.

High School Student Guests--Haywood Belle introduced two City High Seniors guests--Anna-Lisa Bowans and Sam Siegfried. Each spoke briefly about their senior year activities and their future plans for post-secondary education.

Xicotepec, Mexico trip report--Gary Pacha reported on the 44 member multidisciplinary team that just returned. Activities included water purification, deworming, fluoride treatments, orphanage support, wellness checks, physical therapy center support and Red Cross support. Gary highlighted their delivery of the speakers' gift books to the school library. The library is the result of an initial gift of \$4,000 contributed by 5 generations of Rotarians representing the Bywater, Feddersen & Mercer families. That gift was leveraged to \$32,000 via Rotary matching grants. Those funds were used to outfit the library with computers, desks & chairs, bookshelves, tables, projector & screen, laser printer and 5,000 books! Gary closed by asking the Rotarians to congratulate themselves for helping to make all of this happen!

Paul Harris Recognitions--Pres. Charlie presented Bruce Kout with his initial Paul Harris pin & certificate; Dick Young received his Paul Harris pin +4 and Jim Swaner his Paul Harris pin +5. Congratulations to these generous Rotarians for achieving these levels of giving!

Program

Pres. Charlie introduced presenters from the Iowa City R.E.A.D. Program--Maggie Winegarden & Keri Neblet. The guest dogs and their handlers made their way around the room to be petted by any who desired to do so. These mannerly canines are certified assistance dogs whose "work" is to visit local elementary schools to help students feel comfortable reading aloud in the classroom. Research shows that petting dogs produces a calming effect, lowers anxiety, lowers blood pressure and provides humans with a relaxing response. As certified Therapy dogs they have also been called upon to help in situations such as the recent shootings at Northern Illinois University and locally @ Longfellow school where 2 of the Sueppel children attended. Maggie Winegarden began the program with registered therapy dogs in 1999 to help with literacy. Of interest to our Club is the sponsorship of Keri and her dog, Luke, who received support to complete their intensive 40-hour training before being called to the Northern Illinois crisis scene. Club secretary Eleanor just "happened to bring along some doggie treats" and was rewarded with some up close petting visits at the table. (Note: she knew in advance that some dogs would be coming!) For more information on the IC R.E.A.D. program see www.iowacityread.org. Pres. Charlie presented the speakers with a book for the Xicotepec School Library, *Un Perro muy diferente*. The bookplate was signed complete with paw prints from Luke!

Rotarians in the News--An anniversary at sea (Byron Bork), "I Can Read" (LaDonna Wicklund),

Guests & Visiting Rotarians--Larry Schnittjer introduced visiting Rotarians Stan Barber (Wellman), Tim Coffey (Washington) and guests Chris Arthur (Stonefield Investment Advisor/Tim Krumm), Kelly Scherrer (ISB&T Pres. Charlie's Ass/t/ Thais Winkleblack), Grace Young (spouse/Dick). Gary Wicklund (spouse/LaDonna), Jim & Bev Seelman (Parents/Megan/Gene Mohling), Todd Crist (Son/Lou), Bruce Teague (Steve Schomberg)

Make-ups--Bill Hausler (Naples, FL.), Bill Bywater, Charlie Funk, Charlie Gay, Dick Johns, Jim Lane, Eleanor McClelland, Gary Pacha (Info. /Orient. Mtg.), Susan Smith (Coralville/North Corridor), Bill Ambrisco (Sun Lakes, AZ x 2)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS--*Program:* Tom Cilek; *Sunshine:* March--Barron Bremner, April--Gary Fickel; *Attendance:* April--Mary Jane Beach & Greg Black; *Greeters:* April 3--Carlin Parish & Mike McKay; April 10--Bryan Lawler & Earle Murphy, April 17--Verne Folkmann & Pat Collins, April 24--Mike McKay & Arlene Dolan.