



the SCOTTARIAN



36 Years of Rotary Service

They profit most who serve the best

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH SCOTT - BULLETIN

Vol. 37 No. 32

www.northscottrotary.org e-mail NSRotary@aol.com

March 31, 2010

FRIDAY—AT THE STEEPLEGATE

Bob Vander Plaats Candidate for Governor



Bob & Darla
Vander Plaats

Bob, one of eight children, grew up in a two-story home on a tree-lined street in Sheldon, Iowa. His dad, a World War II Veteran who owned his own business, worked hard to care for his family. Bob learned the values of hard work and honesty from his Mom and Dad. Bob was an outgoing basketball star in high school, playing in the state basketball tournament his senior year. Those who knew him say that, even then, he liked and cared about people.

In his senior year of high school, Bob began dating his future life-partner, Darla Granstra. They had completed thirteen years of school together; nursery, elementary, junior high, and three years of high school. It was during their senior year that they began discovering their future. It was Darla who awoke the awareness in Bob that the future was full of exciting challenges and great opportunities. In Bob's words, "Darla was responsible for raising my expectations for life." Both stayed close to home after high school graduation, attending Northwestern College in Orange City where Bob received a basketball scholarship and Darla received a music scholarship. In the summer prior to their junior year, they were married.

Bob pursued a career as an educator, saying "I fell in love with teaching because I saw the difference I could make in the lives of kids."

His first teaching job was in Boone, teaching business courses at Boone High School, while Darla began working as a certified public accountant.

Two years later they moved to Jefferson, where Bob was recruited to teach business and become their head basketball coach. Bob loved teaching and coaching, and had also started a landscaping business.

Their first two sons, Hans and Josh, were born in Jefferson and Darla chose to stay at home with them.

At twenty-nine years old, Bob received a startling offer to become the new principal of Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn High School. This new position gave him the opportunity to lead, and he flourished. The success he experienced resulted in a call from his home town of Sheldon, asking Bob to join their staff as the Sheldon High School principal.

Bob went on to earn Master's and Specialist's Degrees in the area of Educational Leadership from Drake University. His leadership ability was evident and his advancement rapid as he served both students and teachers.

In 1993, their third son, Lucas, was born with a serious and rare brain disorder. He would be severely handicapped and require constant care for the rest of his life. "If it hadn't been for the miracle of Lucas," Bob says, "we would have never looked beyond where we were." Four years later, their fourth son, Logan, was born and completed the creation of a very special family.

Another unexpected offer came in 1996, when Bob was sought after to become the President and Chief Executive Officer of Opportunities Unlimited, a health and human services organization, providing rehabilitative services for young adults with brain or spinal cord injuries, or other life-altering disabilities. They needed a strong leader to motivate employees, raise funds and provide a strategic vision with attainable goals. Bob accepted the challenge and, in four short years, turned a struggling entity into one of the top service providers of its type in the United States, with a net assets increase of four hundred and forty percent and the highest accreditation from The Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities - Brain Injury (CARF). With Bob's leadership, the organization's design and program delivery were referred to as the model in the country for serving people with disabilities.

In 2002, Bob led a positive and energetic campaign for governor. Although he narrowly lost his first bid for public office, he was highly successful in building a statewide organization which remains motivated and continues to grow.

Bob is currently president of MVP Leadership, INC. MVP specializes in strategic vision and executive leadership for Business and Industry, Economic Development, Education, Health Care, Human Services, and Private Foundations.

Rotary International President

John Kenny, Scotland

Governor, Rotary District 6000

Cal Litwiller; Mt Pleasant

Ass't Governor: Becky Eiting, Davenport

Officers, Board of Directors

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

President—Charles I. Briegel

Vice President, President-Elect—Charles Jones

Vice President—Becky Bray

Secretary—John Maxwell

Treasurer—Steven C. Fahrenkrog

Sergeant-At-Arms—Gene Hoth

Past President (Ex-Officio) - Gary Lynch (Deceased)

Executive Secretary—Dennis Peterson

DIRECTORS:

(Term expires 6/30/10).....(Term expires 6/30/11)

Nancy GlaweEric Langan

Bob Grove Serge Pasheev

Carolyn Scheibe.....Jan Trimble

Steve Swisher Kim Wilkins

Makeup's at nearby Rotary Clubs

Monday, NoonClinton, Rastrelli's Restaurant, Lyons

Monday, NoonDavenport Outing Club, 2109 N. Brady St.

Monday, 12:10 pm.....Muscatine, Hotel Muscatine 101 W. Miss Dr

Monday, Noon Moline, Christ The King Church

Monday, 6:00 pm..... Quad Cities Illinois, 1530 5th Ave, Moline

RT's Italian Village

Tuesday, 7:15 am River Cities, Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City, IL

Tuesday, noonRock Island, QC Botanical Center

Wednesday Noon Bettendorf, Fortune Garden

Wednesday, Noon Maquoketa, Eagle's

Wednesday, Noon Tipton, Cedar Lanes Red Pin Lounge

Wednesday, 4:30 pm Ridgecrest, 4134 Northwest Blvd, Davenport

Wednesday 5:00 pmDavenport Mini-Meet at Lunardi's

Thursday, 7:00 am..... Iowa Quad Cities, The Lodge, Bettendorf

Thursday, 12:15 pm.....East Moline, Christ United Methodist Church

Thursday, Noon Milan, Milan Community Center, Hwy. 67

Friday NoonNorth Scott, Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 2: 11:15 A.M. Community Needs Committee Meeting, Bill Tubbs, Chairman

Friday, April 2: Program: Bob Vander Plaats Candidate for Governor 2010. Rich Golinghorst, Program host. April Birthdays celebrated.

Saturday, April 3: 9:00 A.M. Beautification Committee and ANYONE who is available to help: Meet at the Eldridge City Shop on LeClaire Road for flower bed clean out.

Wednesday, April 7: 6:45 P.M. Spring Sportsmanship Awards, Davenport West High School.

Thursday, April 8: Board Meeting, 7 A.M. at the Steeplegate.

Friday, April 9: 11:00 A.M. Committee Meeting of New Ideas and Foundation. Teresa Paper & Jan Trimble, Committee Chairs. Planning for May 7 Paul Harris Lunch.

Friday, April 9: Program: Club Assembly. Charlie Jones, incoming president, goals for next year and committee assignments discussed.

Saturday, April 10: 9:00 A.M. East Area Special Olympics Track & Field. North Scott Junior High. Kelly Meyer, Chair.

April 12-18: GSE team from D9790, Melbourne,

Australia with North Scott Rotary Club.

Friday, April 16: Program: Group Study Exchange Team from D9790 Melbourne, Australia. Students present from Davenport Assumption.

Sunday, April 18: 6:00 P.M. Farewell Dinner for GSE Team at Davenport Country Club. Price: \$18.00. Steve Suiter, Host. Sign up at the meetings, all members/ spouses invited to attend at own expense. Cash Bar.

Thursday, April 22: RYLA all day meeting in Des Moines. High School Students attend.

Friday, April 23: Program: Mike Mickle: Family Focus Magazine & Documentary Film Making: Mary Ellen Chamberlin, program hostess. Students present from Davenport North.

April 23-25: District Conference at Pzazz Convention Center in Burlington, IA. Register for only \$100 per attendee by April 2, 2010 at email: dis6000admin@lisco.com

Friday, April 30: Program: Claire Peterson; Chairman of John Deere Classic Golf Tournament. Bill Tubbs, program host.

Friday, May 7: Program: Jamie Revord: Senior Major Gifts Officer with Rotary International. Special Paul Harris Awards. Teresa Paper & Jan Trimble; program chairs. May Birthdays celebrated.

Thursday, May 13: Board Meeting 7:00 A.M. Steeplegate

Friday, May 14: Youth Day. Members bring your graduates, children, grandchildren. Scholarship winners, RYLA attendees, Youth Exchange students present. Nancy Glawe, program chair.

MAKE-UPS TURNED IN

March 18: Jan Trimble: Literacy Book Presentation

March 22: Mary Ellen Chamberlin & Bill Tubbs: Davenport Rotary Club

March 23: Merle Anderson: Sunset Rotary Club of Tucson, AZ

March 24: Bob Fox, Jim Smith, Rob White, Bert Vigen: Mini Meet at Ridgecrest

March 24: Margo McInnis & Pete Wislander: Rotary Club of Bettendorf

March 24: Kellie Esters: Rotary Eclub (X2)

March 24: Jan Trimble & Angela Reese: Literacy Book Presentation

March 24: Bill Tubbs: Rotary Club of Maquoketa

March 25: Angela Reese, Tracey Kuehl, Bill Tubbs: Literacy Book Presentation

March 25: Mardy Morrow: Rotary Club of Milan, IL

March 26: John Maxwell & Ken Tank; Literacy Book Presentation

March 26: Linda Frederiksen: Mickey Medic Presentation

March 26: Chuck Briegel, Charlie Jones, Becky Bray, Bill Tubbs: President Elect Training, Ankeny, IA

March 27: Paul Kalainoff, Dennis Peterson, Chuck Briegel, Charlie Jones, Becky Bray, Bill Tubbs: District Assembly, Ankeny, IA

ASSIGNMENTS

April 2: Set up/Tear down: Dick Cole; Greeter: Carolyn Scheibe; Song Leader: Kelly Meyer; Invocation: John Maxwell; Sergeant: Jeff Ashcraft

April 9: Set up/Tear down: Deb Hughes; Greeters: Roger Amhof & Elza Sager; Song Leader: Jeff Ashcraft; Invocation: John Pheiffer; Sergeant: John Maxwell

April 16: Set up/Tear down: Lee Ittenbach; Greeters: Mike Auliff & Walt Bredbeck; Song Leader: Mike Thavenet; Invocation: Steve Powell; Sergeant: Eric Langan

April 23: Set up/Tear down: Don Brandt; Greeters: Chris Connolly & Bob Fox; Song Leader: Angela Reese; Invocation: Jan Trimble; Sergeant: Mike Thavenet

April 30: Set up/Tear down: Dick Cole; Greeters: Jeff Helms & Richard Horst; Song Leader: Jody Johnston-Mohr; Invocation: Becky Bray; Sergeant: Kelly Meyer

CONGRATULATIONS to Merle and May Lou Anderson on the birth of a new grandson, born March 18 to Brent & Maria Anderson in Paterson, New Jersey.

HAPPY (APRIL) BIRTHDAYS

April 1: Amanda Wheeler

April 2: Henrietta Cahill

April 3: Jan Trimble

April 4: Eric Schryver

April 5: Jeff Schwiebert

April 9: Steve Fahrenkrog

April 11: Glen Keppy

April 12: Don Brandt

April 15: Dennis Peterson

Everyone with a birthday gets a free piece of cake. All others please pay \$1.00 for the education fund.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The East Area Special Olympics Track & Field event will be here in just a few days – Saturday, April 10. Please plan to help with this event at the North Scott Junior High and also the High School Track. The day begins at 9:00 A.M. with the opening ceremonies and concludes around 3:00 P.M. This event can only take place with the help of multiple volunteers. Events include: track events, jumping events, softball throw and developmental events. Sign ups to date:

Kelly Meyer, chair
Don Brandt
Chuck & Sherri Briegel
Chris Connolly
Glenn Eakes
Nancy Glawe
Fred Green
Charlie Jones
Jaime Ruiz
Mary Macumber-Schmidt
Joy Rasche
Ken Tank
Rob White

Cody Allen
Walter Bredbeck
Dick Cole & Drake Fuller
Kieran & Aidan Connolly
Linda Frederiksen
Rich Golinghorst
Bob Grove
Paul Kalainoff
Steve Powell
Jake & Sam
Angela & Peyton Reese
Bill Tubbs
Anita Wubbena

District Conference:

April 23-25 will be a time for District 6000 Rotarians to come together and celebrate the accomplishments of this Rotary year. Rotarians from across District 6000 will come to Burlington, during these days to celebrate the programs and projects that have been occurring throughout our district.

The planning committee under the direction of Conference chairs Joyce Vance and Gwen Baker from the Rotary Club of Burlington, have been busy putting plans together for an enjoyable and fun-filled weekend.

We will have two honored guest speakers who will be presenting during the conference. Charlie Wittmack, member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, the only Iowan to successfully summit Mt. Everest, will be our featured speaker for the Saturday luncheon. We are very eager to have Mr. Wittmack talk to District 6000 Rotarians about his experiences, accomplishments, and current plans. District 6000 is honored to have Charlie join us for our conference.

Alex Buchanan, from the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, will be here to talk to District 6000 Rotarians about his experiences as an Ambassadorial Scholar at Iowa State from 1959-60, and what he has been able to do since 1960 as an Ambassadorial Scholar Alumni. Alex was honored as the Rotary Foundation Alumni of The Year at the RI Convention in Birmingham, England in 2009.

District 6000 is honored to have 06-07 PDG Larry Dimmitt and his wife, Lois, from Topeka, Kansas, as Rotary International President John Kenny's special representative. I am sure each of you will want to meet Larry and Lois and spread some of the District 6000 hospitality to the Dimmitts. Win and Gail Boyd, from the Rotary Club of Burlington, will be special hosts for the Dimmitts during District Conference

District 6000 Conference April 23-25, 2010 PZAZZ! Convention & Event Center • Burlington, Iowa •

The 4 Way Test Of the things we THINK SAY or DO

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH SCOTT

PO Box 52
Eldridge, IA 52748

NorScottarian (USPS 339-290) is published weekly except the weeks of July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the week between Christmas and New Year's, for \$5 per year by the Rotary Club of North Scott, PO Box 52, Eldridge, IA 52748. Periodicals postage paid at Eldridge, IA 52748 POSTMASTER: Send address changes to NorScottarian, PO Box 52, Eldridge, IA 52748

LAST WEEK – ANGELA OSBORN GERMAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER

On Friday, March 26, sixty three members and guests attended the Rotary meeting to witness John Maxwell as the acting president, while Chuck, Charlie and Becky attended a two day district training session in Ankeny, Iowa.

Maria Chickering and Ryan VanDeCastele, seniors at North Scott High School were the only guests present. Jeff Schwiebert introduced both of them. Maria is from Long Grove and is active in Band, Speech Team, National Honor Society, History Day, FCCLA and Lancer Leo Club. She will be interning in China this summer for 60 days, an honor she won by entering the winning essay for a World Food Prize. Ryan resides in Eldridge and is active in Jazz Band, regular Band, Golf, Soccer and National Honor Society. He plans to study engineering in college.

John Maxwell gave a wrap up report on the book presentations to the area schools. They concluded on Friday, as did this session of Rotary Reads to the second graders at John Glenn Elementary School. Nancy Glawe and some helpers will present the remaining "Andy & Elmer" books to area professional offices. Jack Schinckel shared the thank yous that he received from Buffalo Elementary School children. Brad Burt has some from the Walcott students and the Peterson's received a packet from Blue Grass. It seems that Jack (& Jean)

was quite a hit, reading a short story in German.

Kelly Meyer asked for volunteers for the Special Olympics and Paul Kalainoff updated the club on the GSE team that will arrive on Monday, April 12. Teresa Paper told about the special Paul Harris meeting, during regular meeting time on May 7. Randy Zobrist was the sergeant of arms and collected \$28 for the education fund.

Angela Osborn, Executive Director and Marketing Expert of the German American Heritage Center & Museum was the speaker. She was introduced by Julia Blazevic. She invited members to come and see the completely renovated 4 story building that they occupy on West 2nd Street, near the Scott County Family Y. Many activities and displays are available within the 4000 square feet of interactive space.

The newest display is the Amana colonies exhibit. The items have been donated by a local extended family. The museum is very excited to have the items. Two small rooms are left from the former hotel and are decorated with period items. There is clothing from the 1800's that can be tried on. During World War II, that area of Davenport was a German Community.

Angela thanked the Rotary members who are on the center's board of directors. They include: Harlan Meir, Bill Puck and Tracey Kuehl. Tracey helped design the third floor of the museum. The fourth floor is available for rent. It holds about 100 people and is accessible on elevator.