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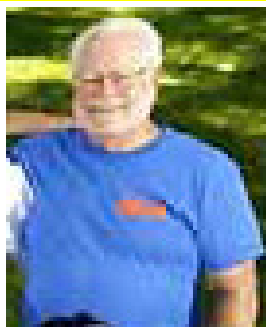
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North Scott Rotary Serves THIS FRIDAY AT THE STEEPLEGATE



New RYLA engages Rotary, changes lives ...

'The most significant program change we have provided for youth in 52 years'

By PDG Gary Welch/Ankeny

RYLA Co-chair

It was not a conference, event or lectures; it was an "experience." There is no doubt that the value of RYLA for your student is worth every penny your club invested. For those clubs that sent students, be sure to schedule a student RYLA presentation!

This year's RYLA was held at Wartburg College July 7-12 with 112 students from around Iowa. I can say without a doubt that this new program is the most significant program change that District 6000 has provided to youth in the last 52 years, when the Youth Exchange program began. The events are 90 percent experiential, to develop skill, i.e.: self-confidence, communication skills, and fundamentals of positive leadership, conflict management and elements of citizenship. It was amazing to watch the young people develop team-building skills and gain self-confidence. What was the most amazing was to watch them discover their abilities and begin the process of "self discovery." The purpose of the conference was to kick them out of their comfort zone so they could learn that they are capable of an thing they choose.

It is difficult to put into words the experience that these young people went through, watching them grow and develop before your eyes. Therefore, I am going to let the students speak for themselves. The young men and women shared their reflections, of which I am sharing just a few with you (see below left).

The young people have taken what they experienced at RYLA and are applying it to everyday life because it is something that made a significant impact on their lives. I have talked with several parents and they were amazed and pleased at the positive impact that the RYLA week had on their sons and daughters in such short time.

A major surprise was how it affected me, as a Rotary Volunteer. As I watched, in amazement, they went from individual students to confident young adults before my very eyes, it touched my heart in a way that is hard to describe. The love and support that they

provided for each other was beyond words. They became more confident, willing to take risks, and work as a team. They began the path of self-discovery that they could accomplish anything they chose, that as a person they were OK - flawed,

but OK! It opens the youth to their possibilities in a way that they have never experienced before.

If you believe in your youth and want to have a major impact on their lives, then your students deserve and need RYLA. If your club does not send students to RYLA, you are cheating them out of an experience of a lifetime that will truly impact them far into their future.

By "Engaging Rotary" (RYLA) we HAVE "changed lives"!



RYLA student's generosity leads to four-year scholarship at Wartburg

Cody Birely gave all the money he had to provide mosquito nets and save the lives of children in Africa ...
... and Simon Estes was so touched that he will arrange for a four-year scholarship for Cody to study music at Wartburg.



By PDG Bill Tubbs/North Scott Press

The act of generosity was something Cody Birely had to do, he said, and he did it with no expectation of anything in return.

When world-class opera singer and humanitarian Simon Estes said that children in Africa would die without mosquito nets, Cody gave everything he had: 34 dollars and 16 cents.

"I just felt moved," said Cody. "All my cousins are younger than me and to picture any one of them in that spot, I would do anything to keep them basically from dying. After Simon spoke, I felt it upon my heart to give him everything I've got because there are people who have it a lot worse than me."

Cody's gift was life-changing in ways he never expected. The next morning at breakfast, Loring Miller, who was a Rotary Volunteer at the week-long Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference at Wartburg College, said Simon wanted to speak to him. Estes, the Iowa native who is a distinguished professor at Wartburg, told the North Scott High School senior that a full scholarship would be waiting for him if he enrolled at Wartburg. "Simon, he's such a great guy. He's one of a kind," said Cody, in an interview with *The North Scott Press* on Aug. 22.

The feelings are mutual. "He (Cody) displayed a humanity and a beautiful heart for those children in Africa. I can't tell you how much I admire that young man," Estes said in an interview on Aug. 26. "I related that to a passage in the Bible (the parable of the "Widow and the Mite") of the woman who gave everything she had." The gift made such an impression with Estes that he said he remembered the 16 cents more than the 34 dollars. When Estes learned that Birely's family had a financial setback and that he has maintained excellent grades, he commented, "I'm sure we will be able to give him a really good scholarship. I will see that he gets one." Cody said he's already been accepted at Wartburg. He will be enrolled in the School of Music where he will major in music therapy and music education. He is a pianist who took lessons for five years and played on his own and sight-read for seven years. He plays percussion and piano for North Scott's award-winning Jazz Band and played piano at meetings of the Rotary Club of North Scott that he attended as a Junior Rotarian, and which sponsored his scholarship for RYLA.

"I love the piano," he said, and he fearlessly offered to play for Simon Estes. "I told him if you ever need an accompanist, feel free to call. Wouldn't that be awesome!"

Cody said the RYLA experience was vastly different from the one-day RYLA he attended the previous year. It was such an extraordinarily positive experience that he wants to go back next year as a counselor.

The week was exceptional, he said, because leaders like Rotary Past District Governor Gary Welch, a retired educator who lives in Ankeny, planned activities that let the 112 RYLA students explore their deepest feelings in a safe environment.

Cody commented, "I thought it would be where you sit in a lecture hall and take notes for eight hours, but this conference was not that. It was getting you out of your comfort zone and being yourself. You were willing to throw everything out there that you had and not be judged. Those eleven people in your team know as much about you than your friends back home. My team members that I was with only six days, I'm as close to them than my friends I've gone to school with all the years. I could write a novel about what goes on at RYLA. Personally, I loved this week-long thing." Welch, who attended RYLA in Colorado to bring ideas to the new two-district RYLA when the Rotary Club of West Des Moines decided not to continue sponsoring the one-day RYLA, was pleased with the result.

"It was an amazing week," Welch said. "You could see the kids grow right before your very eyes."

You'll find no arguments about that from Cody Birely and the students from across Iowa in Districts 6000 and 5970. For them, Rotary was engaged and their lives were changed.

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Make ups available at nearby Rotary Clubs

Monday, Noon Clinton, Rastrelli's Restaurant, Lyons
Monday, Noon Davenport Outing Club, 2109 N. Brady St.
Monday, 12:10 pm Muscatine, Hotel Muscatine 101 W. Miss Dr
Monday, 12:15 pm Moline, Christ The King Catholic Church
Monday, 6:00 pm Quad Cities Illinois, Hy Vee 42nd Ave, Moline
Tuesday, 7:15 am River Cities, Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City, IL
Tuesday, noon Rock Island, QC Botanical Center
Wednesday Noon Bettendorf, Fortune Garden
Wednesday, Noon Tipton, Cedar Lanes Red Pin Lounge
Wednesday, 4:30 pm Ridgecrest, 4134 Northwest Blvd, Davenport
Wednesday 5:00 pm Davenport 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, Pinnacle Country Club
Friday Noon North Scott, Steeplegate Inn, Davenport.

NORTH SCOTT ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, September 27: Program: Cody Birely: North Scott High School Senior: Report on Rotary Youth Leadership camp attended in July. PDG Gary Welch, RYLA co-leader also present. Pie & Sweet Treat Auction by John Maxwell.

Saturday, September 28: Special Olympics; Noon-5 P.M. Bocce Tournament at The River's Edge (inside soccer arena). Volunteers needed.

Friday, October 4: Membership Meeting. Charlie Jones in charge. October birthdays celebrated. 50/50 Auction raffle. Pie & Treat Auction.

Friday, October 4: Special Olympics; East Area Bowling Tournament at Miller Time Bowling. Times to be announced. Volunteers needed.

Thursday, October 10: Board meeting. 7 A.M. at the Steeplegate.

Thursday, October 10: Fall Seminar 5:30 P.M. at the West Liberty Community Center. All officers, foundation, membership, youth exchange, grant chairs encouraged to attend. Light supper included.

Friday, October 11: Regular meeting will be held off site at Strieter Motors Showroom. We will be celebrating the clubs 40th birthday. Pie & Treat Auction by John Maxwell.

Wednesday, October 16: 2:00 P.M. Harvest Party at Cinnamon Ridge Farms, Donahue, IA. Please sign up to help. Jeremy Kaiser, Chair. Cody Allen, scheduling chair.

Friday, October 18: Program: Live Uncommon with Jim and Michelle Russell. Scott Case, Host. LAST Pie & Treat Auction by John Maxwell.

Thursday, October 24: SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Auction at the Starlite Ballroom, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. Babysitting will be available for \$5 per child.

Patrick Olsen, Chair. Cody Allen & Becky Bray Co-Chairs.

MAKE UPS TURNED IN

September 13: Lindsay Thul: D6420 District Conference
September 18: Rob White, Dick Cole, Jerry Coussens, Donn Wilmott: Mini meet at Rustic Ridge
September 18: Rick Dywiak: Mini meet at Ridgecrest
September 19: Scott Case: Rotary EClub
September 24: Merle Anderson: Rotary Club of Rock Island (gave program)
September Friday afternoons: Paul Seelau & Christine Garrow: Interact Club (4)

ASSIGNMENTS

September 27: Set up/tear down: Jim Smith; Greeters: Jerry Coussens & Dougal Nelson; Song Leader: Jody Johnston-Mohr; Piano: Cathie Strieter; Invocation: Rev. Rich Pokora; Sergeant: Cody Allen

October 4: Set up/tear down: Don Brandt; Greeters: Roger Amhof & Patrick Olsen; Song Leader: Jody Johnston-Mohr; Piano: TBA; Invocation: Steve Powell; Sergeant: Eric Langan

October 11: Set up/tear down: Jerry Coussens; Greeters: Mike Auliff & Leroy Paustian; Invocation: Paul Holzworth; Sergeant: John Maxwell (Off site @ Strieter Motors - no music)

October 18: Set up/tear down: Rick Dywiak; Greeters: Josh Cobie & Rev. Rich Pokora; Song Leader: Angela Reese; Piano: TBA; Invocation: Scott Case; Sergeant: Margo McInnis

FIRST SWEET SALE SUCCESSFUL!!!

Thank you to Linda Paustian for arranging the items, to John Maxwell for selling them and to the buyers and bakers listed below. Total raised this week was \$475 for our auction.

Don Brandt – Apple Crumb pie made by Marcia Brandt
Dr. Brad Burt – Banana Snack Cake made by Linda Paustian
Steve Suiter – Chocolate pecan brownies made by Paul and Marguerite Holzworth
Eric Langan – M & M cookies made by Deb Peterson
Margo McInnis – M & M cookies made by Deb Peterson

Each Friday, previous to October 24, an assortment of baked goods will be available. Be sure to come and bid on your favorite. If you would like to bake something to sell, call Linda Paustian at 391-5149 (home) or 940-7129 (cell).

Linda will also be organizing a "pie baking contest" for October 24, the afternoon of the auction. Details will be available soon.

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LAST WEEK

LAST MEETING – September 20, 2013 – Reports on Moldovan Vita-Lact Coop

Merle Anderson, Vasile and Oleg from Moldova were proud to report on their success with the Vita-Lact Coop that Merle helped them start in 2001, on his first visit representing Rotary Volunteers. Moldova is about the size and shape of Indiana. It has excellent soil and grows a lot of grapes, for wine. The population is 3.6 million people.

At the beginning of the Coop, milk was delivered to a central place in a milk can and transferred into another milk can. No refrigeration was present. Now the coop has grown and expanded to 400 members and they have a refrigerated truck to pick up the product.

65 attended on Friday including guest Rotarians Todd Ashby from the Bettendorf Club and Carl Zurberg from the Davenport club. Other guests were Cara Joiner, guest of Lindsay Thul and Reid Blanche, guest of Bill Tubbs. Bill was the sergeant and collected \$53 in fines. Teresa Paper gave \$30 to the Foundation in honor of her daughter who has received a promotion with ADM and moved to Nebraska.

Patrick gave an auction report and encouraged members to take some post cards and invite your friends. Two Iowa football tickets have been donated by Olsen Financial and a ride to the game on the Hawkeye Express (aka Rob's bus) go along with them. Jeff Helms currently has the high bid at \$250.

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?

North Scott Rotary Auction Donation 2013

Auction Item (How would you like it listed in the auction booklet)

Item Description (please be specific, contents or details the buyer would like to know)

Procured By: _____

Donated By: _____

Item Cost Estimate _____

Is there any other item that goes with this package? No Yes

What else goes with this? _____

Complete Item is present?

Yes

No, I will bring the day of the auction (only perishable items)

Other _____

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What else goes with this? _____

Complete Item is present?

Yes

OPINIONS . . . OURS . . . YOURS . . . THEIRS

Saluting Sergeant Nevenhoven

■ **Quilt of Valor says thanks to Vietnam vet, Lancer fan**

I tuned in to Iowa Public TV the evening of March 6 to watch my Rotary friends man the phones for IPTV's annual "Festival," and I couldn't change the channel. Not because of the Rotarians, but the program, "Quilts of Valor." I was strangely captivated by something I knew nothing about.

There was Dan Gable, the Iowa wrestling legend, stitching a patriotic quilt to give to a worthy veteran. My eyes teared up when the veteran received the quilt with the gratitude of the givers and was visibly moved.

Impressions



by Bill Tubbs

Ordinary people doing extraordinary things. "We have to do this," I said to myself as I made a donation to IPTV and ordered the "Quilt of Valor" kit.

The obvious recipient of a quilt, if one were to be made, was Ken Nevenhoven. He is one of the unsung heroes of our community and just weeks before had received a diagnosis of stage 4 lung cancer — which doctors say, and the Veterans Administration has recently acknowledged — was linked to Agent Orange, the chemical used to defoliate the jungles of Vietnam during our 12-year war from 1963-75.

Growing up on a farm near New Hartford, Iowa, in the 1950s, Ken was all that any of the young men of his generation in small towns across America aspired to be. He was academically smart and athletically gifted. He starred in baseball and basketball at Ellsworth Junior College and then Wartburg College, graduating in 1967.

In what was then a highly competitive job market, Ken landed a job teaching driver's education at North Scott in March 1968 when Lancer legend Dick Seydler had sarge.

Soon, however, Uncle Sam came calling and Ken was drafted into the U.S. Army and shipped off to Vietnam. His unit included 18- and 19-year-old high school dropouts. "Ken was older and more mature and they looked to him for leadership," says Ken's wife, the former Christie Fisher of Aplington, a UNI grad who began a 33-year teaching career at North Scott's Alan Shepard and Neil Armstrong elementary in August 1968.

Ken and Christie married July 13, 1968, and he reported to Army basic training at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, on July 30. During a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam, Ken was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received in action, two Bronze Stars for his heroic actions, valor and survival, and three Army Medals of Commendation. The commendation reads:

Private First Class Kenneth Nevenhoven distinguished himself by heroic actions on Feb. 23, 1969, while serving with Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry in the Republic of Vietnam.

While on a sweep operation, Company C came under a heavy volume of fire from a large enemy force. During

the initial contact, an armored personnel 31 carrier was struck by a rocket propelled grenade, wounding the entire crew. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private Nevenhoven exposed himself to the hail of enemy fire as he placed machine gun fire on the enemy, enabling the medics to safely evacuate the injured men. His actions were responsible for saving several lives.

Private Nevenhoven's personal bravery, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the traditions of the military service.

Ken was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant in July 1970 and returned to North Scott, where he continued a career that would touch hundreds of young lives in a positive way, but like veterans who experienced the worst of combat, you seldom, if ever, heard him talk about the war.

During Ken's 33 years of teaching at North Scott, he coached for 25 years, including head coach for baseball and girls' basketball for six years. In 1977-78, his girls' basketball team was conference champion in the Big Bend Conference. In an interview more than 30 years ago, I recall Lancer Hall of Famer Peggy O'ary saying she put total trust in Nevenhoven. "He always knew the right play to call." On a more personal level, Linda and I felt that as a freshman girls' basketball coach, he was one of the best coaches any of our three daughters ever had.

Ken regularly attended the annual Driver Education Conference and was recognized for 30 years of service. He is a lifetime member of the National Education Association and was an active supporter of ISEA and NEA. Both he and Christie retired from teaching in 2001, but teaching wasn't Ken's only involvement in the community.

He was a member of the Eldridge Jaycees, when that group did practically everything that got done. He is a 25-year member of the Donslave American Legion, and was the founder of the Long Grove Stewberry Ban for kids and organized it for 11 years. He coached T-ball, Little League and Y soccer when his two sons, Christopher and Jonathan, participated. He was also a pitcher for the Allison Cats, Waterloo Merchants and Davenport Merchants amateur baseball teams, and played slow-pitch softball with various teams in the 1970s.

More recently, Ken enjoyed playing Senior Softball for 17 years. His traveling team won the Winter National Tournament in 2005 and 2009 in Fort Myers, Fla., and he made the All-Tournament Teams at the SPA National Tournament in Plano, Texas, in 2005. He was elected into the Senior Softball Hall of Fame in 2012 and is a member of the National SPA and USSSA.

Ken is an avid collector of Allan Chalmers toy tractors, sports memorabilia, baseball gloves, his childhood toys and left-handed pencils (figure that one out!). He enjoys attending auctions and recycling old items for his antique booths at Country Fair Mall, Coal Valley, and The Junk Ayrkan, Eldridge. He cheers for the Hawkeyes and Cubs and the North Scott Lancers, where he can be seen in the stands at almost every home game and away games, too.

Ken and Christie were charter members of Eldridge United Methodist Church, and that returns our story to the Quilt of Valor. Knowing nothing about quilting, I sought direction from Linda, who is president of United Methodist Women, and she immediately referred the project to UMW member Kathy Rhinehart. There aren't many things this remarkable woman can't do!



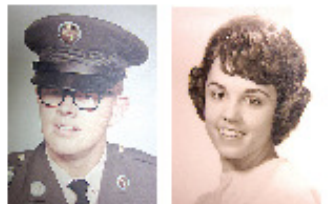
Christie and Ken Nevenhoven, Quilt of Valor
NSP Photo by Bill Tubbs

So even though she is extremely busy as Lions International District Governor, Kathy agreed to organize the quilting in the basement of her Eldridge home. She chose the most difficult and beautiful pattern, and UMW members cut the pieces and invited church members to stitch a square. Dan Gable had no quilting experience and neither had I, but I did it! Kathy set it up and I pressed the right buttons and got it done (see photo in "Impressions" heading!). So did Karen Vothick, Bea Abbas, Norma Nielsen, Joyce Orcutt, Janice Keppy, Bob Rhinehart, Linda Tubbs, Donna Eubaley, Trish Roisterer, Linda Reichard, Sally Riewerts, Elizabeth Leslie, Marcia Nestler, Ethel Reynolds, Helen Strupson and of course, Kathy Rhinehart.

The finished quilt was stitched by Arlene Busch, and with Christie's help, we scheduled the presentation between Ken's chemo treatments at the Sunday, July 29, worship service. Ken's service pictures, medals and commendations were projected on the wall by technology guru Keith Riewerts, and there weren't many dry eyes when we stood and sang "America the Beautiful" to say thank you, Ken, for the lives you've touched and your service to your country.

Christie says Ken's "bravest battle" is the chemo treatments that sap his energy. But he's a fighter and we're pulling for a full recovery, to see this Lancer back in the game, and in the stands at the ballgames. When not out and about, the Nevenhovens are at home at 24 Northwest Crossing, Davenport, IA 52806, and would love to hear from friends.

Thanks, Ken, and Godspeed!



Ken and Christie Nevenhoven, 1968



Ken Nevenhoven Vietnam War medals.



Quilt of Valor unveiling, July 29 (l-r): Bill and Linda Tubbs, Kathy Rhinehart, Ken and Christie Nevenhoven, Leann
more about Quilts of Valor at <http://www.qovf.org>
Photo by Keith Flowers