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North Scott Rotary Serves



Special Olympics Basketball Skills
North Scott Rotarians came out in force to support one of our special projects.

Rear: Marty O'Boyle, Bob (Ann) Bainter, Brian Williams, Charlie Jones, Ken Ockerman, Jan Touney, Chris (Kieran) Connolly, Kim Wilkins, Pat Olsen, Tricia Kane, Glen Keppy, Brian Duffy, Donn Wilmott. Front: Bill Tubbs, Jeff (Crista) Ashcraft, Kelly (Josie) Meyer, Aimee (Ben & kids) Nash.

THIS FRIDAY AT THE STEEPLEGATE



MAYOR ROBERT GALLAGHER

Mayor Gallagher was raised in Bettendorf and graduated from Bettendorf High School in 1987. He received a BA in Communication Studies and Psychology from the University of Iowa in 1991. He received a Juris Doctorate Degree from Marquette Law School in 1994. He returned to Bettendorf to practice law and raise his family in 1996. He is the proud father of two children, Jackson and Allysa.

He has served as Chairperson of the Board of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce Federation, Bettendorf Chamber of Commerce, Bettendorf Civil Service Commission, Bettendorf Schools Foundation, the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club and Better Business and Education Partnership. Bob serves on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Iowa Community College Foundation and is a member of the Quad Cities Chamber Bettendorf Area Council. He is a volunteer coach for the youth of our community.

Bob has been recognized as an outstanding leader and community servant. In 2008 he was awarded the Sheldon Sitrick leadership Award for Extraordinary Leadership and Distinguished Service in our community. He received recognition as a Quad City Area Leader Under 40 in 2008 and was Volunteer of the Year for the Bettendorf Chamber of Commerce in 2004.

As a small business owner, community volunteer and proud father of two wonderful children, Bob is dedicated to helping Bettendorf reach its full potential. His vision for Bettendorf includes growing the City's already competitive business environment while preserving the services and amenities Bettendorf Residents currently enjoy.

Gods Mercy Orphanage Center, Uganda, Africa

Dear Sponsors,

I promised you a report on the celebration of Christmas at God's Mercy Orphanage Center in Kisoro, Uganda.

It was a huge and incredible event. It would not have taken place without the generosity of you Sponsors. In previous years, Robbinah has gotten some assistance from World Vision. That was not available this year. She also tried to get assistance from MTN Uganda and Airtel, but did not get funding from them either. So, all funding came from Sponsors. As you know, they are Rotarians (and their families) in Iowa Quad-Cities Rotary, Tipton Rotary and North Scott Rotary. Thank you!

Who attended the Christmas celebration?

The 25 Orphans & Vulnerable Children (OVC's) plus their Caregivers, 7 invited guests that included tribal and community leaders, as well as clergy. Robbinah, her husband, four children, two nieces and two nephews and 34 neighbors of the Orphanage (many children that want to become a part of GMOC) and other villagers attended. Of course, Robbinah's parents were there too, as the Orphanage is on their property. For most, it was their only Christmas celebration.

How do other people in Kisoro celebrate Christmas?

The vast majority of Ugandans are Christians. So, Christmas is a big celebration. People wear their best clothes, they go to church and they eat a big meal. For most, it is the only time in the year when they eat meat, rice and drink soft drinks. Most do not get gifts. If they do, they are very modest.

How were funds donated to GMOC used?

Most Sponsors sent funds to provide a Christmas gift for the child they sponsor. Those funds were primarily used to purchase clothing and shoes for the children. All of our OVC's received money from Robbinah a week ahead of Christmas. Each child and his/her Caregiver signed for receipt of the money to be used to purchase clothing. Some shared their money with siblings, so they would also have clothing and shoes. They wore their beautiful new clothes to the Christmas celebration held on Sunday, December 27.

Since there were about 120 attendees, Robbinah rented a tent and plastic chairs. Last year it rained. Rather than risking a wash-out, they had a tent. The classroom will not hold that many people. She also rented a PA System, so people could hear the skits, the singing, the clergy leading prayers and telling the story of Christmas and short speeches from community leaders.

Robbinah purchased two goats and several chickens. She hired two men to slaughter the animals. They also helped lift heavy containers onto the firestones and sigris for cooking the food. The food was cooked by two Caregivers and other volunteers. So many people offered to help with the cooking, Robbinah had to cut the number back.

What did they eat?

Beside goat and chicken, they ate Irish potatoes, cassava, matuka (steamed banana) beans, white rice and soft drinks. Of course, they had Birthday Cake for dessert! Everybody ate and drank their fill.

What were the activities?

Before the event started, a Probation officer spoke to the group about the importance of keeping a child in school and giving them adequate time for study. He did a great job.

After the meal, Robbinah gave a presentation about why and how she started GMOC. She recognized the team of family and friends that help her. She talked about achievements to-date and the future vision of GMOC. She recognized the Sponsors from the three Rotary Clubs in Rotary D-6000. She pointed out that without the generosity and love of Sponsors, there would not have been a Christmas celebration like this one. As quoted by Robbinah, "Oh my God, you should have seen how grateful everyone is! They asked me to thank the Rotarians so much." Robbinah also talked about the fact that the children in Primary 1-6 will be going to a private school starting 22 February. In the meantime, children attend classes at GMOC on Tuesday and Saturday.

Then, the children put on a skit. They also sang songs and danced. Everybody loved it. Robbinah's parents got so excited, they even joined in the dancing. The clergy stayed much longer than expected. At the New Year's Church Service, the Pastor told the congregation that it was his best party of the year, being with the children at GMOC. The party was the talk of the community for several days. People are begging to have more children registered at GMOC.

In a few days, Robbinah will send you a letter that each child wrote to his/her Sponsor last Saturday. Be looking for it.

In a separate mailing, I will send a photo album to you. It has 84 photos in that album. (I hope I do not overwhelm you) I have them on my phone gallery. The photos will help to give you a better feel of the Christmas celebration. I hope you recognize the child you sponsor.

Note how nicely everybody is dressed, especially the OVC's. The young man that you will see wearing a black suit is Jackson. He helps Robbinah at GMOC. See all the good food and drink they enjoyed. The tent was decorated with balloons and ribbons. It was, indeed, a festive event. And, it was all because of YOU.

Before I close, I must tell you that our Rotary Global Grant application was submitted again. Actually, it is our third attempt. This time, we are hoping for a positive response. It has taken us two years to get to this point. The Grant is for nearly \$81,000. When it is approved, it will make a big, big difference to over 4,000 people in Kisoro District.

I wish you a Happy New Year! Should you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Robbinah or me. And, thanks again for all you do.

Yours in Rotary, Merle Anderson

GMOC Christmas in PICTURES



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Gary Loss, Davenport, IA

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, Trinity Lutheran Church 1313 13th Ave
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, Tanglewood Pavilion
Wednesday, Noon Tipton, 1143 Cedar Valley Rd
Wednesday 5:00 pm ... North Scott Mini-Meet at Maloney's, Eldridge
Thursday, 7:00 am Iowa Quad Cities, J-Bar Elmore Ave.
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, February 5: Program: Bob Gallagher; Mayor, City of Bettendorf. Scott Case, Host. February birthdays celebrated.

Friday, February 12: 11:00 Board of Directors Meeting, pool area of the Steeplegate.

Friday, February 12: Valentine program with Miss Iowa Taylor Wiebers. Sign up on Friday to bring your spouse or a friend. Guest meals \$12.

Friday, February 19: Program: "Engage Iowa" Ron Corbet, Mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Bill Tubbs, Host. Junior Rotarians present.

Saturday, February 20: 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. Grant Management Seminar, West Liberty, Iowa

Thursday, February 25: 5:30 P.M. Quad City Area Rotary Clubs will hold a recruiting seminar at the Rogalski Center. Speaker: Mayor Frank Klipsch. RSVP by February 21 at serviceforsuccess.eventbrite.com or contact Pat Olsen for more information.

Friday, February 26: Program: Dee Bruemmer; Retired Scott County Administrator; Her years in County Government. Bill Tubbs, Host. Junior Rotarians present.

Friday, March 4: Program: Community Grants Presentation of Checks. Jeff Ashcraft and Jeff Helms; Hosts. March Birthdays celebrated. Junior Rotarians present.

Friday, March 11: 11:00 A.M. Board of Directors Meeting, Pool area of Steeplegate

Friday, March 11: Program: Jack Carey; Quad Cities Ambassador of Good Will. Scott Case, Host. Junior Rotarians present.

MAKE UPS TURNED IN

January 7, 21 & 28: Steve Suiter: Rotary Club of Marco Island, FL

January 15-16: Bill and Linda Tubbs: World Peace Conference, Ontario, California

January 19: Jim Smith: Rotary Club of Pharr, TX

January 22: Merle Anderson: Rotary Club of Catalina, Tucson, AZ

January 23: Tom Wilkerson, Marty O'Boyle, Bob (Ann) Bainter, Brian Williams, Charlie Jones, Ken Ockerman, Jan

Touney, Chris (Kieran) Connolly, Kim Wilkins, Pat Olsen, Tricia Kane, Glen Keppy, Brian Duffy, Donn Wilmott, Bill Tubbs, Jeff (Crista) Ashcraft, Kelly (Josie) Meyer, Aimee (Ben & kids)

Nash: Special Olympics

January 26: Merle Anderson: Sunset Rotary Club, Tucson, AZ

January 27: Bill Tubbs: Rotary Club of Bettendorf

January 27: Rob White: Rotary EClub

January 28: Paul Seelau, Steve Suiter: Community needs opinions previous to meeting

January 29: Jody Johnston-Mohr: Rotary EClub x2

January 29: Jeff Helms, Jeff Ashcraft, Dennis Peterson, Lorraine Lynch, Kim Wilkins, Scott Case, Charlie Jones, Bill Tubbs, Leroy Paustian, Bob Bainter, Nathan Nessler, Roger Amhof, Ken Tank, Seth Porter: Community Needs Committee

ASSIGNMENTS

February 5: Set up/tear down: Jim Smith; Greeters: Jack Schinckel and Jody Johnston-Mohr; Song Leader: Jody Johnston-Mohr; Piano: Marguerite Holzworth; Invocation: Rev. Rich Pokora; Sergeant: Patrick Olsen

February 12: Set up/tear down: Deb Peterson; Greeters: Paul Seelau and Charlie Jones; Song Leader: Jan Trimble; Piano: Tewanta Dover; Invocation: Jan Trimble; Sergeant: none

February 19: Set up/tear down: Jerry Coussens; Greeters: Joe Stutting and Aimee Nash; Song Leader: Angela Reese; Piano: Bonnie Walling; Invocation: Jim Koehler; Sergeant: Jim Smith

February 26: Set up/tear down: Brian Williams; Greeters: Eric Langan and Gene Meyer; Song Leader: Jeff Ashcraft; Piano: Mary Zerbe; Invocation: Becky Bray; Sergeant: Ryan Varner

March 4: Set up/tear down: Jim Smith; Greeters: Jan Trimble and Fred Mulch; Song Leader: Lonnie Behnke; Piano: Marguerite Holzworth; Invocation: Scott Case; Sergeant: Jeff Ashcraft

March 11: Set up/tear down: Dick Cole; Greeters: Roger Amhof and Marty O'Boyle; Song Leader: Kelly Meyer; Piano: Tewanta Lopez; Invocation: Rev. Rich Pokora; Sergeant: Eric Langan

+++HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS+++

February 6: Ryan Davis

February 13: Jeff Ashcraft

February 23: Rotary International

Please sit together at the table with balloons and enjoy some cake!! P.S. everyone enjoy the cake please!!

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LAST WEEK

LAST MEETING – January 29, 2016 – Chris Norton; Motivational Speaker

Fifty five attended on Friday, including Assistant Governor Gary Loss from Davenport Rotary. Other guests were Cindy Irwin and Nancy Case, guests of Scott Case and Brian Goerd, guest of Mike Thavenet. Eric Langan gave \$55 to the education fund, as his Michigan basketball team was beat by the Iowa Hawkeyes earlier this month.

Chris Norton was the speaker on Friday. He was accompanied by his finance, Emily. Chris was severely injured in October, 2010, in a football game at Luther College. He was airlifted to Mayo Clinic and after surgery there, was given little hope of ever walking again. Chris returned to Luther College and graduated in May 2015. He, with the help of Emily, walked across the stage to receive his diploma.

Chris continues to recover, having spent countless hours during four years in physical therapy. During his hospitalization, he had a very positive nurse, named Georgia who had confidence that he would beat this! Others, especially a couple doctors were uncaring and unconcerned about his recovery. Chris encourages everyone to be a Georgia to someone. People who give you hope will brighten your day.

BE SURE to sign up for the Valentine Party. It will be February 12 during the regular meeting. Miss Iowa will entertain us, we will have cupcakes, candy and roses like last year. Invite your spouse or a friend.

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?