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PROGRAM RECAP

QC Symphony with Brain Baxter & Mark Russel Smith

Chris Connelly introduced our program, sharing that he sits on the board of the QC Symphony and believes strongly in public education and live music, both of which are goals of the organization.

Executive Director Brian Baxter shared that he has been to our auction and is impressed with what our club does for the community. This is the 110th season for the symphony – one of the oldest in the country. They have 86 rostered musicians, 30 concerts a year and also serve students with lessons, coaching and performances. Every 4th grader in the area comes to a concert – that is 6000 students. They give out \$60,000 to aid students in participation. They believe that “Music is a core curriculum piece.” Being associated with an orchestra teaches discipline, persistence, skills and teamwork. The NSR plans for a band shell is a great avenue for the future.

Maestro Mark Russel Smith has been director for 17 years. He shared that it is unique for our community to have such a high level professional orchestra. Guest musicians (such as Yoyo Ma) always comment that they are impressed when they come here. Auditions are done behind a screen, so nothing except the talent is known. Musicians are not full time here, but play in other cities also. They perform 6 Masterwork concerts per year and do other shorter shows and work with students. He commented that in this society, people are not used to sitting for long periods of time, so they aim to keep the concerts fun, visual and uplifting. They believe in helping people just sit and enjoy. He offered a drawing for anyone who had not been to a concert.

There is a big commitment on the part of musicians. They must know the music when they come into town on Thursday. They have 10 hours of rehearsal and do concerts on Saturday and Sunday. 20% are local residents.

Questions and comments from Rotarians included wondering what his favorite music to conduct is (Could it be the Carpetland Jingle?) if they can make the concerts more accessible for those limited in movement and appreciation for the impact they have on our community youth.

submitted by Becky Bray

UPCOMING PROGRAM



Wind Turbine Benefits and Exposure

with Scott Case and Dwayne Anderson



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, Jan. 3rd: Dangers of turbines with Dwayne Anderson and Scott Case

Friday, Jan 10th: board meeting at 10:30 at bar area of Steeplegate

Friday, Jan. 10th: Jay Justin from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley arranged by Drew Wilson

Friday Jan. 17th: No noon meeting, Holiday party at Iron Tee later that evening

Friday Jan. 24th: Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

Friday Jan 31st: Friendly Friday at North Scott Jr High

Friday Jan 31st: offsite noon meeting at Genesis Heart Institute for Robotic Heart Surgeons

Friday Feb 7th: Rene Gellerman, President & CEO of the United Way discusses newly published book, "The Adventures of Kids United: The Glass Bridge. Arranged by Deanna Jensen-Valliere.

Friday Feb 14th: Valentine's Day meeting with entertainment from Jazz Band Night School

Friday Feb 21st: program TBA

Friday Feb 28th: Joe Cook from Amazon

MEETING RECAP

December 14th attendance was 58 members and 6 guests, including Scott Vollbeer, guest of **Katie White**, Joe Campana and Gary Mohr, Bettendorf Rotarians, 2 speakers and Sasha Grunwald. (gosh that seems like a whole year ago!... get it? it was in 2024...) Joined by Zoom, **Steve Suiter and Merle Anderson**.

Dick Cole gave \$88 for his birthday on December 16.

Jim Smith collected \$98 in fines.

Reflection was by **Drew Wilson** with a reading from Gen Douglas Mc Arthur about the qualities of a good son.

Holiday Party will be at Golf Tee on January 17, 2025

We don't have a meeting on December 20th, but please come to greet the Jr High students with candy canes at 7:15 am

Cookies were brought by Rotarians to share.

Blankets were collected and if you didn't have one, you can contribute using the QR code on the Bettendorf Rotary brochure.

With increasing costs of food, club dues will increase to \$200/quarter on July 1st and guests will be \$20. Zeke's Café is now doing the food for the Steeplegate.

Deanna Jensen Valliere shared that she attended the Magic of Giving Gala in Des Moines and said the tribute to **Bill Tubbs** was very special.

President **Greg** announced that we give gifts to our piano players and our server, Deb.

The Ugly Sweater contest winners were **Jeff Ashcraft** and **Jill Grunwald**. **Theresa White** encouraged everyone to stand and applaud "Eddie" from Christmas Vacation. Our newest member, **Michael Bristley** dressed as him for the Ugly Christmas contest.

Jeremy Kaiser invited everyone to the open house at the new Juvenile Center on December 17th at 1:00 and also shared they he would arrange for Rotary to meet there for a program in the coming months.

Cards were sent around to be signed for **Sheila Volrath** and **Jim Koehler**.

Diane Papke-Cole shared that she met some Rotarians on their recent trip and found that connecting as Rotarians feels like you've been friends for a long time.

Jim Smith as Sarge fined the **Grunwalds** for not making snow yet, **Jeremy Kaiser** for cheering for Iowa State, anyone who didn't donate a blanket, anyone (including himself) who had their name in a newspaper this week, **Stephanie Eckhardt** for her award as the QC Realtor's Distinguished Award winner. Also fined were those who didn't shake hands with the greeter and anyone who was ready or not ready for Christmas.

notes submitted by Becky Bray

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Jan. 3: Rily Grunwald & Sean Eckhardt

Jan. 10: Rich Horst & Fred Mulch

Jan. 24: Jody Johnston-Mohr & Terrye Kishiue

PIANO:

Dec. 13: Tewanta Lopez

Jan. 3: Teri Wittkowski

Jan. 10: Tewanta Lopez

Jan. 24: Marguerite Holzworth

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Jan. 3: Sean Eckhardt

Jan. 10: John Maxwell

Jan. 24: Patrick Olsen

INSPIRATION:

Jan. 3: Sara Tomasson

Jan. 10: Becky Bray

Jan. 24: Paul Holzworth

SONG LEADERS:

Jan. 3: Paul Holzworth

Jan. 10: Kelly Meyer

Jan. 24: Drew Wilson

NEWSLETTER:

Jan. 3: Drew Wilson

Jan. 10: Bill Hoover

Jan. 24: Sam Culver

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 10th: Brad Nielsen

January 15th: Sean Eckhardt

January 17th: Eric Langan

January 21st: Jim Koehler

January 28th: Rily Grunwald

DUES INCREASE

Due to the rising cost of food and a new lessee of the Steeplegate Restaurant, the meal price for guests and reduced dues members, will be \$20 per meal, beginning January 3, 2025.

Also, effective July 1, 2025, the basic dues will increase to \$200 (up from \$175). So, with the mandatory Paul Harris donation of \$25, each member will be billed \$225 per quarter.

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Check out these holiday outfits from our last meeting! All outfits were phenomenal but Jeff Ashcraft and Jill Grunwald were crowned winners. Michael Bristley seemed to be the crowd favorite, though!!



FRIENDLY FRIDAY DEC. 20

Shout out to these rotarians who helped spread some holiday cheer at the North Scott Jr High for Friendly Friday!

Jen Kress, Tracy Lindaman, Deb Petersen, Stephanie Eckhardt, Theresa White, Gracie, Carrie Keppy, Jill & Dale Grunwald (aka Mr and Mrs. Claus) and Joe Stutting.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Shout out to **Stephanie Eckhardt** for volunteering at Harrison Elementary for their Polar Pals program. Great example of Service Above Self!



TIPS FOR OUR SERVER

Our server Deb does a phenomenal job throughout the year trying to take care of this rowdy bunch. She graciously accepted the tips we collected for her at our last meeting. She even paused for a photo with Sasha!

BLANKET DRIVE



Thank you to all rotarians who helped the Bettendorf Rotary Club with their blanket drive. We did a great job filling up the box with just one week to collect blankets! Reminder if you'd like to donate or help with that project check out RotaryBlanketDrive.org



HOLIDAY PARTY JANUARY 17TH!

Sign up sheets
will be on the
table at our
Friday meeting.