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PROGRAM RECAP

Jennifer Sulgrove, Americans of Prosperity

Drew introduced our speaker, Jennifer Sulgrove and she serves as the Grassroots Engagement Director at America for Prosperity – Iowa. American for Prosperity was founded in 2004, serving Scott, Clinton and Muscatine counties. At its core AFP is an advocacy organization that engages in community outreach and education on public policy issues.

AFP believes that instead of limiting families to a one size fits all approach when it comes to education, we should expand their available choices so they can customize their students educations options in ways that best suit their unique needs.

She explained with Educational Savings Accounts:

Funds- are directed by the family

Lines- chose your public school

Way- Private, micro, home.. full access to public for specific courses and extracurricula

Everywhere- get credit for it!

She shared AFP was invited to join Governor Reynolds in her office as she signed the Students First Act, giving a graduated ESA option to all students in Iowa.

The process is very easy, it's just an online application. As long as you have all of the documentation submitted as requested you often get your approval within minutes. A parent never touches the money, but payments have to be approved by them. After tuition and fees are covered, if there is excess, money can be applied to other areas or it accrues for following years.

There was a good question and answer session and some debate about her program.

For more info about her program you can go to educate.iow.gov
meeting notes submitted by Danielle Hines

UPCOMING PROGRAM



Linda Wastyn: One Table

Linda opened Wastyn & Associates in 2011 to help organizations better raise funds, research, and plan their future to make their ideas happen. She previously spent 14 years at St. Ambrose University, where she served as Director of Grants and Research and Associate Vice President for

Advancement, raising more than \$17 million. Linda has actively participated in the Quad Cities Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and Grant Professionals Association and frequently speaks at conferences for both organizations. She serves on the board for the Quad Cities Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Living Proof Exhibit, and Child Abuse Council.

Friday meeting @ Hilton Garden Inn
959 Middle Rd, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, September 5th : Linda Wastyn One Table efforts on behalf of Quad City non-profits at Hilton Garden Inn arranged by Deanna Jensen-Valliere

Fri, September 12th : Golf Outing @ Glynn's Creek Golf Course, Scott County Park

Fri, September 19th : 10:30 Board meeting with District Governor Norlan Hinke

Fri, September 19th : program is District Governor Norlan Hinke visit at the Hilton Garden Inn

Thurs, September 25th: North Scott Homecoming Parade

Fri, September 26th: Friendly Friday at NSJH 7:20 am

Fri, September 26th: Offsite Joe Stutting will be giving tours at the Regional Innovation Center, Eldridge

Fri, October 3rd : TBA

Fri, October 10th: Board Meeting 10:30

Fri, October 10th : Matthew Doty, Iowa National guard arranged by Chris Cournoyer

Fri, October 17th : TBA

Fri, October 24th : TBA

Fri, October 31st : Friendly Friday at NSJH 7:20 am

Fri, October 31st : TBA

Fri, November 7th : TBA

Fri, November 14th : TBA

Fri, November 21st : Service Above Self Gala Waterfront Convention Center

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Sept 5th: Sean Eckhardt & Diane Papke-Cole

Sept 19th: Josh Koerperich & Ken Rohwedder

Sept 26th: Stephanie Eckhardt & Carrie Keppy

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Sept 5th: Nathan Kessler

Sept 19th: Ross Paustian

Sept 26th: Sean Eckhardt

NEWSLETTER:

Sept 5th: Bill Hoover

Sept 19th: Mindy Leahy

Sept 26th: Becky Bray

PIANO:

Sept 5th: Teri Witkowski

Sept 19th: Tewanta Lopez

SONG LEADERS:

Sept 5th: John Maxwell

Sept 19th: Jeff Ashcraft

INSPIRATION:

Sept 5th: Scott Case

Sept 19th: Sean Eckhardt

Sept 26th: John Maxwell

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on August 22 was 51 members and 12 guests. Guests were Bill Burress, Rotary Club of Davenport, Marty Larson, guest of **Maria Bribriesco**, Nicholas Reuter, guest of **Deanna**, Jean Schinckel, guest of **Jack**, Judith Lee, guest of **Richard Pokora**, Deb Steffen, guest of **Ardita Grunwald**, Ron May our pianist, and the speaker Jennifer Sulgrove. Kids attending were Sasha Grunwald, Neva White, Logan and Levi Amhof. Attending via Zoom was **Duncan Cameron**. Fines collected by **John Maxwell** were \$61.

Reflection: **Jill Grunwald** shared German Proverbs
Pat Olsen provided an update on our Service Above Self Gala Auction scheduled for Friday, Nov. 21st. Tables of 8 will be set up unless you request a table for 10. More info coming!

Tracy Lindaman shared we are doing Chalk the Walk at 7:00 Sunday evening Aug. 24 for Welcoming the Junior High students back to school.

Theresa White: First Fun Friday of the year will be Friday August 29 at 7:15. Fidgets will be passed out courtesy of **Ryan Johnson** and Black Hawk bank.

Tyler Bindrum shared the Golf Outing Friday is Sept.12, Signup sheets on the table or email him

Deanna Jensen Valliere thanked **Mindy Leahy** for opening her home and pool last Wednesday for the ladies. **Josh K** came and brought his little one Brylee. She also thanked **Hank Runge** and Tracy for the beautiful place at Cunnick – Collins. Lastly, she thanked all the piano movers!

Heads up our next 2 meetings will be at the Hilton Garden Inn. Sept 5 and 19 th .

Dick Cole thanked all the piano movers and reminded all about Labor Day Weekend at the Pioneer Village! Live music, exhibits and lots of history and fun! He also shared he is a great great great Grandfather.

Sean Eckhardt announced the Athletic Boosters Golf Tournament is September 28th.

Heather Wagner shared this Saturday there is a fundraiser at Al and Jerrys given by NSHS moms for the football team.

Katie White thanked her brother and Granite City for the great lunches provided for us.

Pat Olsen: Why'd it take 9 people to move the piano when back in the day **Dick Cole** and Pat moved it?

Maria Bribriesco celebrated 44 years of marriage.
meeting notes submitted by Theresa White

SEPT MEETING LOCATIONS

Reminder, here are the locations for our meetings this month:

Sept 5th: Hilton Garden Inn

Sept 12th: Glynn's Creek Golf Outing

Sept 19th: Hilton Garden Inn

Sept 26th: Regional Innovation Center, Eldridge

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st: Matt Russ

6th: Sara Somsy

10th Hank Runge and Dr. Don Sierk

13th: Kim Wilkins

14th Merle Anderson

17th: Tracy Lindaman

19th: John Maxwell

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Judith Lee has applied for membership into North Scott Rotary. She has attended 6 meetings and is proposed by Richard Pokora. Born and raised in Massachusetts, she currently resides in Davenport and is a candidate for Mayor of Davenport. Judith is the President of Environmental Planning Strategies Inc. She has been approved by the Board of Directors and the Classification Committee.

Seven days for comment.

NS ROTARY LADIES

Recently Mindy Leahy had a NS Rotary ladies event. What a fun time!

Attending were:

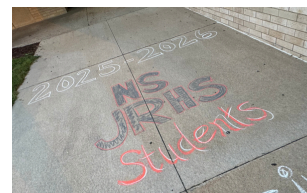
Sara Somsy, Stephanie Eckhardt, Kelly Meyer, Becky Bray, Mindy Leahy, Tracy Lindaman, Theresa White, Amy Thompson, Kay Pence, Katie White, Heather Wagner, Jill Grunwald, Deb Petersen, Danielle Hines, Ardita Grunwald, Brylee K and Deanna Jensen Valliere



CHALK THE WALK

Look at that artwork! Shout out to these rotarians for taking time to welcome Jr. High students back to class with some artwork!

Pictured: Addison Eckhardt, Stephanie Eckhardt, Deb Petersen, Carrie Keppy, Katie White, Nevah White



SARGE SCHENANIGANS

Sarge John Maxwell: **Maria Bribriesco** should put \$44 on the table for 44 years! Thanked Tracy **Lindaman** for the Progressive Dinner they just had from the Auction. **Dick Cole** pay \$1 for every great great great children you have! **Hank Runge** comes every Friday now because we have it here! Pay \$1. Madam President (**Deanna**) why were you downtown on 3rd and Brady walking? Pay \$1. **Fred Mulch** why the tie? Pat found it when he had to clean out his vehicle!! Forgot to give it back. Pay \$1. **Jeff Helms** what is going on with your old dealership? He said the body shop is still open though! Pay \$1. **Steph Eckhardt** You had a rash all over and served us food last week!!!! Pay \$1. **Marty O'Boyle** heard you stuck your pinky in the salad dressing because you didn't know if it was dressing or gravy! Pay \$1. **Drew Wilson** can you direct God Bless America any slower? Pay \$1! **Ryan Johnson** – Fidgets from the bank for the Junior High??? Why not pencils or pens for back to school? Pay \$1. **Pat Olsen** so how many were at the Police Luncheon Wednesday? Just 1! **Deanna** was the only one. Pay \$1. Pat was in a car accident on the way there but it wasn't his fault. If you have to leave early that's a dollar!!

NEED AN EXCUSE TO GOLF?

Not that you need an excuse... but just in case, it's for a good cause! If you haven't registered for the Golf Outing reach out to Deb Petersen or Tyler Bindrum to see if there's still room for signup!

NS Rotary Golf Outing :
Friday Sept 12th
noon at Glynn's Creek

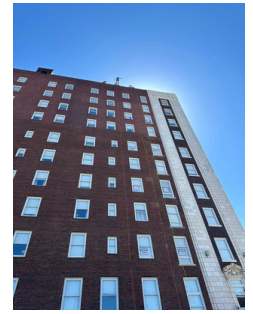
**** Even if you are coming just for lunch please let Deb know so we can get an accurate food count!**

FREINDLY FRIDAY

We had a great time at the first Friendly Friday of the school year! Thanks to the following Rotarians for showing up early to greet Jr High students and to Ryan Johnson for donating Blackhawk State Bank fidget spinners.

Pictured to the right:

Dale Grunwald, Tracy Lindaman, Ryan Johnson, Jill Grunwald, Stephanie Eckhardt, Deb Petersen, Theresa White, Gracie, Katie White, Nevah White



Way to go Tyler Bindrum! Tyler went Over The Edge to support Big Brothers Big Sisters. Did you know he also has a fear of heights?



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