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October 8, 2025

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PROGRAM RECAP

Cinnamon Ridge Farms with John and Joan Maxwell

In introducing Cinnamon Ridge Farms, owner John Maxwell relates his place as a fifth generation Iowa farmer. The family settled in 1855, and was instrumental in the founding and early operation of the Civil War orphanage in Davenport - what came to be known as the Annie Wittenmyer Complex. John relates that after college graduation, he came home to announce his preference to return to farming at the family farm, only to be instructed by his father to find his own land to cultivate. "That made me a risk taker", says John. In 1988, John acquired 80 acres for \$100/acre and by 1997 was recognized as the nation's #1 farmer.

Cinnamon Ridge Farms ranks as the #1 tourist attraction for the Viking Mississippi River Cruises, which dock in Davenport and deliver visitors by the bus load. Cinnamon Ridge derives its name from the Cinnamon color of the Jersey cows in which the farm ranks #1 in the nation for production, as well as the natural ridge land formation created by ancient glacial drift. These glacial formations created a landscape in which the soil composition of the farm ranks in the 99.8 percentile globally for production.

With the help of daughter Amy, the dairy farm milks 220 cows/day, with all robotic operations. To provide animal feed, the farm includes 2500 acres of corn, soybeans and hay. The farm utilizes "no till" practices designed to minimize soil erosion. Cover crops such as rye and wheat are rotated to provide benefits of all winter oxygen production, reduction of nitrates from flowing into drinking water, as well as for additional feed source. The farm produces other livestock such as pigs as a means to produce fertilizer on site, chickens because John likes fresh eggs, and cheese.

Cinnamon Ridge began to produce cheddar curds in 2013 and has since become the exclusive supplier to Amana due to the farm's superior smoking process. Additional cheeses produced include smoked gouda, six-month aged artesian cheeses in *continued on page 2*



UPCOMING PROGRAM

Tom Bowman, CEO of Community Healthcare

Program will be at Hilton Garden Inn

Tom serves as the Chief Executive Officer and provides vision and leadership for the health center serving more than 40,000 patients in the Quad Cities and surrounding areas. Prior to assuming the CEO role in March of 2010, Tom acted as the Chief Operations Officer for CHC from 2007 through early 2010.



PIE AUCTION

- Apple Pie baked by **Mary Golinghorst**, purchased by **Bill Hoover** \$175
- Cherry Pie baked by **Linda Paustian**, purchased by **Rich Golinghorst** \$325
- Cherry Pie baked by **Carrie Keppy** and white Rotary hat (belonged to **Glen Keppy**), purchased by **Ann Hanson** \$250

No cash? No problem! Scan below to send \$ to @NSRotary via Venmo.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed, October. 8th : Harvest Party at Pride of the Wapsi, shifts of noon - 2:00 and 3:00 - 6:00. contact Jeremy Kaiser for questions.

Fri, October 10th: Board Meeting 10:30 at Hilton Garden Inn

Fri, October 10th : Tom Bowman, CEO of Community Healthcare at Hilton Garden Inn

Fri, Oct. 17: 10:45 am Membership committee meets

Fri, October 17th : Merle Anderson update on Imbabazi Center for Women and Children arranged by Scott Case, location TBD

Fri, October 24th : Rick Davis Moments Performance Group arranged by Deanna Jensen Valliere at Hilton Garden Inn

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

Fri, October 31st : Director Tracy Singleton from the Lincoln Resource Center arranged by Rily and Arditia Grunwald at Hilton Garden Inn

Fri, November 7th : TBA at Hilton Garden Inn

Fri, November 14th : Matthew Doty, Iowa National guard arranged by Chris Cournoyer at Hilton Garden Inn

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

Fri, Dec. 5th: Nicole Cisne Durbin with Family Resources introducing and describing successes of the CAP program arranged by Jeremy Kaiser at Hilton Garden Inn

Fri, Dec. 12th: TBA at Hilton Garden Inn

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Oct 10th: Rich Horst and Patrick Olsen

Oct 17th: Terrye Kishiue and Dick Cole

Oct 24th: Mitch Amhof and Jim Smith

Oct 31st: Rily Grunwald and Fred Mulch

NEWSLETTER:

Oct 10th Sam Culver

Oct 17th : Mindy Leahy

Oct 24th : Becky Bray

Oct 31st : Drew Wilson

SONG LEADERS:

Oct 10th Jody Johnston-Mohr

Oct 17th : Paul Holzworth

Oct 24th : Drew Wilson

Oct 31st : John Maxwell

PIANO:

Oct 10th : Tewanta Lopez

Oct 17th : Marguerite H

Oct 24th : tbd

Oct 31st : tbd

INSPIRATION:

Oct 10th: Theresa White

Oct 17th: Sean Eckhardt

Oct 24th : Josh Koerperich

Oct 31st : Tony Knobbe

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Oct 10th Kelly Meyer

Oct 17th : Ross Paustian

Oct 24th : Patrick Olsen

Oct 31st : John Maxwell

PROGRAM CONTINUED

pounds, and "Maxwell muenster" aged up to six months as homage to German heritage.

Advances in technique have increased production from an average of 7.5 gallons of milk per cow per day up to the current 9-10 gallons per day. Much of the increase has been spurred by the use of genetic testing, including analysis of tail hair. Corn production has increased as well, along with national trends, increasing from 50 Bushels per acre in 1940 in the days where the farm hosted 125,000 people to attend the National Husking Convention, up to the high 200s today. Cattle production focuses on the jersey variety based on practicality - holstein milk takes 10 lbs to produce 1 lb of cheese while jersey production is 6 to 1.

John received the Iowa Master Farmer Award for 2025 and takes pride in his focus on environmental farming practices, "Good for the people, good for the planet, and profitable."

meeting notes submitted by Drew Wilson

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on October 3 was 46 members and 7 guests. Guests were **Duncan Cameron**, Rotary Club of Naples, FL, **Jake Hines (& Mac)**, Rotary Club of Port Byron, IL, **Gerri Thronson**, guest of **Paul Thronson**, **Joan Maxwell** and **Mark Mommsen**, guests of **John Maxwell** and **Ann Hanson**, guest of **Deb Peterson**. Attending via Zoom was **Josh Koerperich**. **John Maxwell** was the sergeant and collected \$30 in fines.

Inspiration: Jill Grunwald provides some "totally good advice". From Will Rogers: "When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut."

Jeremy Kaiser provided details for the Harvest Party, reach out to him if you want to help out.

Bill Hoover provides a Soles For Kids update - their recent event provided clothes for over 100 families

Announcement regarding **Pat Olsen** and his successful completion of the Ironman challenge.

Deanna Jensen-Valliere gives thanks to the Maxwells for hosting, as well as to their "therapeutic cows".

John Maxwell recaps the distribution of dictionaries and also fines everyone who did not bid on a pie \$1
meeting notes submitted by Drew Wilson

BAKED GOODS NEEDED



We need pies and other goodies to sell in the following weeks! All the way up to auction week!! Let Deb Peterson or Linda Paustian know in advance (if possible) or just show up with them.

FRIENDLY FRIDAY RECAP

What a great group for Friendly Friday in September! As a reminder we welcome the Jr High students on the last Friday of the month. It's a great way to start off their day, and yours!



PIE AUCTION WINNER

Ann Hanson is all smiles after her winning bid on Carrie Keppy's Apple Pie with a hat previously owned by our own late member Glen Keppy.

If you need any inspiration when it comes to bidding in our pie/goodie auction just look at how happy Ann is!



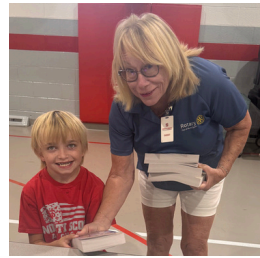
HARVEST PARTY

Make sure to mark your calendars for Oct 8th. Our annual Harvest Party at Pride of the Wapsi will be on the 8th. There will be 2 shifts: 12-2 and 3-6 pm.

This is always one of our well attended events and we need lots of people there to make sure it's a great event for local youth. Please reach out to Jeremy Kaiser or Deb Petersen to sign up for a shift or with any questions!

DICTIONARIES

Giant thank you to all rotarians who participated in any of the dictionary presentations at the various schools. What a fun day! You can see the excitement on the students' faces. Way to go!



UGANDA UPDATE



These four children, ages 10 to 2, lost their parents in a motorcycle accident Thursday about 6:00 pm in Kisoro, Uganda. Small motorcycles are a common form of transportation in Uganda.

One of the parents was a cousin of Robbinah. Their funeral took place this morning. Life is precious. In a blink of an eye, the lives of these beautiful children are dramatically changed. Keep them in your prayers. If you do sponsor a child make sure to look at Merle's recent email regarding the Annual Assessment.

If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines**:
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