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PROGRAM RECAP

Healthcare Funding Changes and Potential Impacts

Tom Bowman, CEO of Community Health Care (CHC), shared insights into the organization’s mission and the evolving landscape of healthcare funding. CHC, a federally qualified health center and 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serves over 49,000 patients annually across nine locations in the Quad Cities, Clinton, and Muscatine. With a \$60 million budget, CHC provides comprehensive medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, and lab services.

CHC is open to all people, with a strong focus on underserved populations—85–90% of patients live below 200% of the federal poverty level. Their pay mix reflects this commitment: 64% of patients are covered by Medicaid, 10% by Medicare, 18% by private insurance, and 8% are uninsured. CHC ensures that care remains compassionate, affordable, and accessible regardless of a patient’s ability to pay.

Bowman discussed proposed legislative changes, including Medicaid work requirements and the expiration of enhanced Affordable Care Act subsidies. Expanded Medicaid funding helped improve financial stability for some healthcare providers, though challenges remain. CHC is working closely with patients to help them complete the required paperwork and keep their coverage.

Additional topics included the 340B Drug Program, the Rural Health Transformation Fund, and Iowa’s 2023 provider tax initiative. With healthcare needs continuing to grow, Bowman noted the importance of maintaining strong systems to support access to care.

meeting notes submitted by Sam Culver

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Merle Anderson, Imbabazi Center, Program at Iron Tee



Our very own Merle Anderson will give the club an update on activities at the Imbabazi Center for Women and Children located in Kisoro, Uganda. Merle had a 37 Year Career in Farm Supply and Grain Marketing Cooperatives in IL & IA before retiring in 2000. He’s been a Rotary Member for 35 Years and is a Member of Paul Harris Fellow Society &; Major Donor 1. He recieved the Rotary D-6000 Guardian of Integrity in 2013, The Rotary Foundation District Service Award in 2015 and the Rotary International Vocational Service Award 2017.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on October 10 was 52 members and 5 guests. Rotarian guests were Duncan Cameron, Rotary Club of Naples, FL, Tony Holland and Tom Bowman (speaker), both Rotary Club of Davenport. Other guests were Sara Skelton and Katie Glenn, guests of Tony Knobbe. Kelly Meyer was the sergeant and collected \$30. Additionally, Patrick Olsen gave \$140, Stephanie Eckhardt gave \$20 and Paul Kalainoff gave \$20.

PIE AUCTION

Apple/cherry/blueberry/raspberry pie donated by **Mindy Leahy**, purchased for \$250 by **Jim Smith**.

Colorado peach pie donated by **Linda Paustian**, purchased for \$200 by **Brad Burt**.

Chocolate cake donated by **Jill Grunwald**, purchased for \$100 by **Marcia Brandt**.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, October 17: 10:45 am Membership committee meets
Fri, October 17th : Merle Anderson update on Imbabazi Center for Women and Children arranged by Scott Case, at Iron Tee in Bettendorf, IA
Fri, October 17th : Program committee meets after meeting
Fri, October 24th : Pat Olsen recap of IronMan 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 : **Paula Kreiter Turelli with Family Resources at Hilton Garden Inn arranged by Deanna Jensen Valliere**
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, November 28th : No meeting, Holiday break
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: Board Meeting 10:30 at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, Dec. 12th: TBA at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, Dec. 19th: TBA at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, Dec 26th: No Meeting Holiday Break
Fri, Jan 2nd : No Meeting Holiday Break

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Oct 17th: Terrye Kishiue and Dick Cole
Oct 24th: Mitch Amhof and Jim Smith
Oct 31st: Rily Grunwald and Fred Mulch

NEWSLETTER:

Oct 17th : Mindy Leahy
Oct 24th : Becky Bray
Oct 31st : Drew Wilson

SONG LEADERS:

Oct 24th : Drew Wilson
Oct 31st : John Maxwell

PIANO:

Oct 24th : Teri W
Oct 31st : Marguerite H

INSPIRATION:

Oct 17th: Sean Eckhardt
Oct 24th : Josh Koerperich
Oct 31st : Tony Knobbe

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Oct 17th : Ross Paustian
Oct 24th : Patrick Olsen
Oct 31st : John Maxwell

MEETING RECAP

During her reflection, **Theresa White** shared a poem by Mother Teresa.

Mark Mommsen was inducted into the club. Welcome, Mark!

The annual Youth Harvest Party at Pride of the Wapsi was a great success.

Pat Olsen shared that the Service Above Self Gala will be held on November 21 at the Waterfront Convention Center. Members will receive emails with more information soon.

The next club meeting (10/17) will be held at Iron Tee Golf in Bettendorf. The membership committee will meet on 10/17 at 10:30 a.m. at Iron Tee Golf. The program committee will meet after the regular club meeting on 10/17 at Iron Tee Golf.

Stephanie Eckhardt donated two \$10 bills to the club in honor of her mother, who passed away on 10/10/2005.

Tony Knobbe's guests, Katie and Sarah from the Scott County Recorder's Office, shared information about the Property Fraud Alert service. This free notification system alerts subscribers to potential fraudulent activity involving their property. Sign up at PropertyFraudAlert.com or call 800-728-3858.

Pat Olsen completed his first Ironman triathlon and donated \$140.60 to the club in honor of the total miles. He also gave a shout-out to **Brad Burt** for helping him prepare.

Paul Kalainoff returned from his farm in Uruguay, where he sold 46 bulls. He donated \$ to club in honor of success.

Tony Holland of Melody Hope Advocacy Center spoke about their upcoming Car Smash fundraiser, scheduled for October 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Happy Joe's on W 50th Street in Davenport. \$1 for 3 swings, or \$5 for 1 minute of swings. Proceeds will support families during the holidays.

Tyler Bindrum shared that Central Broadband is installing fiber in Park View and Long Grove.

Greg Schaapveld's son Mason won the QC Marathon relay with friends. **Greg** also recently completed a 50-mile race.

John Maxwell shared that Cinnamon Ridge Farms' Maxwell Muenster Cheese is now being sold at Fromagination, an artisan cheese shop in Madison, WI.
notes submitted by Sam Culver

MORE BAKERS NEEDED



Nevah White works hard baking goods for the North Scott Rotary Goodie Auction. We need more bakers! Please reach out to Linda Paustian or Deb Petersen if you are willing to help!

YOUTH HARVEST PARTY

We had a fantastic turn out for the Youth Harvest Party. Thank you to all for making this a fun event for local youth. I have heard great feedback from our partner organizations, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Fostering Crossroads, the kids had a GREAT time!



LUNCH ON THE FARM

Shout out to John Maxwell for his Service Above Self attitude. Last Saturday he hosted the FFA and Donahue Fire Department on his farm where they served lunch and gave tours as a fundraiser for their organizations. It was a great time!



VANNA KESSLER?

Nathan Kessler shows off a chocolate cake that Jill Grunwald baked for the goodie auction.

Not sure if he'll make it to the next meeting, rumor has it Wheel of Fortune heard about it and want him on their show.

But i all seriousness look at that cake! Jill Grunwald has some baking skills!



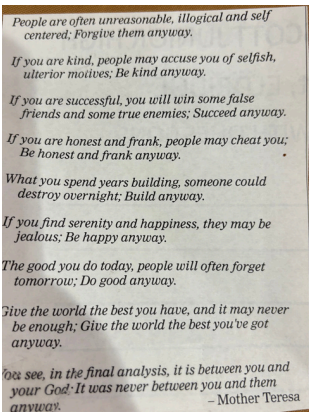
WELCOME MARK!

Mark Mommsen joined North Scott Rotary on October 10. He is the owner and president of Martin, Goodrich & Waddell, Inc. a leading agricultural real estate services company with offices in DeWitt, IA and Sycamore, IL. Mark has an Agricultural Engineering degree from Iowa State University and follows the Cyclones. He lives in rural Long Grove with his wife and 2 daughters. Mark is the trustee chair at Silver Creek church and a Clinton County fair board member. Mark is sponsored by John Maxwell. Please take time to welcome Mark to Rotary!



INSPIRATION

Here is a copy of the inspiration that Theresa White shared last week.



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