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PROGRAM RECAP

Imbabazi Center for Women and Children

Club member, Merle Anderson began his presentation with a bit of history on how the Imbabazi Center for Women and Children came to be. When he retired in 2000, he began volunteering in Uganda. On his second assignment, upon the recommendation of Glen Keppy, he visited the Kisoro, Uganda area. Shortly after, he started a global grant in District 6000. The first project was putting in facilities for clean water in Kisoro. To this day, that facility is still providing sustainable water to around 15,000 people.

In Uganda, public school does not provide the best education. The Imbabazi Center was created under the direction of guidance of Rabbinah, who grew up in the Kisoro area but was fortunate to have a full education and career. Currently, the center serves as a private primary school with 59 sponsored students in the center. Without sponsors, the center could not function and provide the services that they do. In addition to individual student sponsors, local Rotary clubs have provided funds for items needed for the center.

Merle is currently looking for new sponsors. To sponsor a student in primary school, it is \$370 per year, for a student in secondary school, it is \$570 per year. Sponsors do communicate on a regular basis with their student. Please contact Merle if you are interested in learning more about being a sponsor to a child.

meeting notes submitted by Mindy Leahy

UPCOMING PROGRAM



Pat Olsen recapping Iron Man Experience

Our very own Pat Olsen will be presenting about his recent Iron Man finish and his experience leading up to it as well.

Meeting will be at our new home location, Hilton Garden Inn.

GOODIE AUCTION

- Coconut cream pie baked by **Linda Paustian**, purchased by **Ross Paustian** \$300
- Apple pie made by **Linda Paustian's** pie students, purchased by **Steve Fahrenkrog** \$75
- Chocolate pecan pie baked by **Carrie Keppy**, purchased by the **Eckhardt's** \$70
- (2) Cinnamon sugar sourdough bread baked by **Ardita Grunwald**, purchased by **Tracy Lindaman** and **Katie White** \$65 each
- (2) Sourdough bread baked by **Ardita Grunwald**, purchased by **Mindy Leahy** and **Deb Peterson** \$50 each

Please consider baking something for the goodie auction,
 Bakers needed for **November 7th** and **14th**!
 Contact Deb Peterson if you plan on bringing something!

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 : 10:30 am Board of Directors meeting

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

Fri, November 21st : 7:20 am Friendly Friday NSJH

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

Fri, November 28th : No meeting, Holiday break

Fri, December 5th : 10:30 am Program Committee meeting

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

Fri, December 12th: **Board Meeting 10:30 at Hilton Garden Inn**

Fri, December 12th: Rick Davis, Moment's performance group arranged by Deanna Jensen Valliere at Hilton Garden Inn

Fri, December 19th : 7:20 am Friendly Friday NSJH

Fri, December 19th: TBA at Hilton Garden Inn

Fri, Dec 26th: No Meeting Holiday Break

Fri, Jan 2nd : No Meeting Holiday Break

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on October 17 was 52 members and 7 guests, at Iron Tee Golf in Bettendorf. Guests were Leah Wilson, guest of **Drew Wilson** and **Donn Wilmott**, guest of **Merle Anderson**. And there was NO school so also attending were Sofia and Sasha Grunwald, Logan and Levi Amhof and Neva White. **Ross Paustian** was the sergeant and collected \$50 in fines.

Sean Eckhardt gave the reflection, sharing the phrase "everything started with someone who showed up", emphasizing the importance of presence and action.

Ryan Hintze, President of TBK and Iron Tee gave a brief presentation about the facilities that was our host for today's meeting. Iron Tee has three event spaces, three levels of tee boxes, multiple bars, a restaurant, and an arcade. The facility opened in May 2024. Future plans are to build a courtyard that has a concert venue.

Pat Olsen gave a auction/gala update. There are \$16,000 in sponsors already committed. If you are interested in sponsoring, please reach out to Pat. There are multiple sponsor levels which include tickets and marketing opportunities. It's also time to RSVP to the event, sign up you and your guests. Donations – bring them to a Rotary meeting or contact **Mindy Leahy** or **Katie White** to coordinate pickup.

Jeff Ashcraft served as the auctioneer for the baked goods items. Bakers and buyers are listed on the front page.

Ross Paustian collected \$50 in fines as the sarge. He kept it short and began with fining himself and all who raised their hands asking if he should fine himself for his recent meeting absences. All who did not bid on baked goods were fined.

Pat Olsen announced that there would be a bandshell major funding update coming soon.

Tracy Lindaman shared that she has grandchild number two expected in May.

Stephanie Eckhardt celebrated her daughter Addison's 18 th birthday and the fact that she has a house full of adults now.

notes submitted by Mindy Leahy

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Oct 24th: Mitch Amhof and Jim Smith

Oct 31st: Rily Grunwald and Fred Mulch

NEWSLETTER:

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 24th : Josh Koerperich

Oct 31st : Tony Knobbe

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Oct 24th : Sean Eckhardt

Oct 31st : John Maxwell

WANT HELP WITH IMBABAZI?

Because of students graduating in December, the Imbabazi Center for Women and Children has openings for up to 7 deserving children. But, we need Rotarians to step up and offer to Sponsor a child. Annual costs to sponsor a child in Primary grades are only \$270 per calendar year. Costs to sponsor a student in Secondary/Senior grades are \$470 per year. We also ask Sponsors to add an optional \$100 for Christmas and Birthday gifts in the form of clothing, a contribution to our Christmas dinner and the ICWAC Emergency Fund.

Sponsors receive report cards and letters from the child they sponsor three times per year. Sponsors are asked to write to the child they sponsor at least 3 times per year. The commitment is for 10-12 years, as long as the child is doing their best. We have several children that want to go to school, but unless a Sponsor steps up, they will lead a life of poverty or worse. Will you consider sponsoring a child?

For those that can not make a long-term commitment, we have a young lady that has completed P-7 and S-6. She wants to attend a University for 3 years to get a degree as a Social Worker. The University tuition is about \$1,700 per year for three years. Would you be willing to sponsor her?

Contact Merle Anderson at MLA24@AOL.com or 563-343-1912 for more details.

SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY

Dear North Scott Rotary Club,

Thank you for once again honoring your speakers by donating to the Scott County Library System. This year's donation allowed us to purchase thirty- four fantastic books for children. Our young patrons and their families will find these new additions to be engaging, inclusive, and entertaining. We have placed a name plate in each book to honor individual speakers. The books will be featured on a display at our Eldridge Branch in October and will be available for checkout starting at that time. Please find an enclosed list of the titles that we were able to purchase. We try to honor the speakers by selecting books that cover a wide range of topics, but a commitment to community and kindness always shines through in the selections. Thank you once again for your generosity!

Best wishes,
Emily Haage

Youth Services Coordinator

Some of those library books are included to the right.

If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines:**
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	In honor of Stacie Kintigh The Rehearsal Club by Kate Fodor A mystery spans decades at the Rehearsal Club, a historic boarding house for aspiring actresses. In this story of sisterhood, friendship and following your dreams under marquee lights.		In honor of Jordan Voigt Rewriting the Rules by Danna Zeiger This is the incredible story of how determined scientist Kathleen Friel, diagnosed with cerebral palsy as a child, rewrote the rules and followed her dreams.
	In honor of Kristen Hampton & Kevin Braafladt Safiyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan Inspired by the true story of how the Grand Mosque of Paris saved the lives of hundreds of Jews during WW2, this tale of suspense, compassion, and courage stars an extraordinary young heroine readers will never forget.		In honor of Jason Gordon Sidewalk Chalk by Jen Fier Jasinski Imaginations soar when a group of neighborhood children scribble, scribble and scrawl in a rainbow of colors, crafting lovely works of art.
	In honor of Bob Gallagher Sundust by Zeke Peña Following a blazing trail of sundust, two children and siblings hop the wall into a place that's endless and free until their mom's whistle calls them back home again.		In honor of Jeremy Kasier Tenacious Won't Give Up by Pam Vaughan The Wheel Parade is coming up, and Tenacious is determined to join on her two-wheeler. But no matter how hard she tries—Crash! Crash! Crash!—Tenacious just can't get it right.
	In honor of Megan Brown-Saldana There's No Place Like Gnome's by Scott Magoon He isn't your garden-variety garden gnome. He runs a small hotel for animals, but when the humans go too far and destroy the forest that animals call home, everyone goes to Gnome's, until disaster strikes and damages the hotel.		In honor of Mason Schack & Madison Andrews These ABC's Belong to Me by Alicia McKenzie A joyful ABC picture book that helps kids reclaim the words used to describe them—transforming labels into superpowers and building confidence one letter at a time.
	In honor of Jennifer Clays Together, a Forest by Rox MacLean The story begins as an exciting journey into nature and blossoms into an exploration on how our unique personalities and ways of being help create a more vibrant and beautiful world.		In honor of HAV Life Foundation Together, United by Tami Charles Powerful and rhythmic text reminds young readers of their brilliance as individuals and the immense power they hold when their voices come together as one.
	In honor of Chris Green Fighter in the Woods by Joshua M. Greene This inspiring true story reminds us that courage and strength can be summoned even in the darkest of hours.		In honor of Dr. Liang Chee Wee Forts by Katie Venit Children explore the world around them and discover different ways to create forts--magical spaces for play, imagination, & belonging.
	In honor of Andrew Lehman George's Digger by Scholastic George and Daddy Pig are going to visit Mr. Bull at his miniature golf course construction site!		In honor of Angela Boelens Home is a Wish by Julia Kuo A child moves far away from everything comforting and familiar, but slowly discovers home is where the heart is.
	In honor of Tammy Becker Little Rebels by Yuyi Morales Three young rebels build bonds of trust with one another and themselves, which are tested when they find their river dried up and an animal friend injured.		In honor of Brian Irby Love Your Neighbor by Chris Singleton This charming book encourages young children to love, love, love and gives us all some concrete action verbs to inspire and guide us.
	In honor of Nicole Carkner The Marvelous Now by Angela DiTerlizi Accessible verse and joyful illustrations will help young readers learn to regulate their emotions, reset, and reach their happy place.		In honor of Nathan Rudy Oh Dear, Look What I Got! by Michael Rosen As a boy goes from shop to shop, requesting a series of perfectly reasonable items, he finds himself thwarted at every turn, amusing instead a growing menagerie of animals who follow him on his errands.
	In honor of Greg Schaapveld & Dwayne Anderson Our Friendly Farmhouse by Melissa Ferguson Breathe in fresh country air and dream of a slower, simpler life in this story about building a homestead with heart.		In honor of Dr. Kit Ford Rain and the Reading Horse by Maria Gianferrari A beautiful celebration of a girl's relationship with a horse and the slow but persistent ways we can confront our fears.
	In honor of Nicole Fernandes de Souza All That You Are by Smriti Prasadam-Halls A celebration of different heritages and identities.		In honor of Chris Cournoyer American Girl: 5-Minute Stories Read all about the adventures of American girls in history!
	In honor of Mark Russel Smith & Brian Baxter And There Was Music by Marta Pantaleo From karaoke to Balkan folk to hip hop, lyrical text describes how music connects communities across the world.		In honor of Roby Smith Balloon by Bruce Handy A sweet and engaging seek-and-find story that follows the ups and downs of a lost balloon.
	In honor of Angela Case Reese Bluey: The Doctor Honey is waiting for her appointment with Dr. Bingo, but her friends keep coming in with more exciting injuries than her.		In honor of Michele Darland Books on Bikes by F. Isabel Campoy When Lia discovers her neighbors are as eager for books as she is, she takes a page from the heroes she has read about and pedals into action!