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Prez Sez...

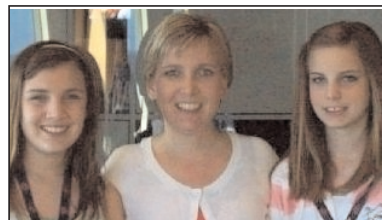
Wendi Wilson

This week I have some reminders and notifications....

This year's district conference is coming up on April 23-25th. If you are interested in attending, you can still register on the District 6000 web site or contact me after Tuesday and I can get you the paperwork. This should be a fun time and a great family event.

We have set the date for the Iowa Cubs outing this year. We will tailgate and then attend the game on Wednesday May 26th together. More details will be coming on registering for the event.

Next Wednesday is the April Board meeting to be held at Chuck Corwin's office at 5pm. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting.



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

Scribbles

David Charleston "Hope 2 Offer"

The Northwest Rotary Club of Des Moines was treated to a very spiritual luncheon on Good Friday by our guest speaker, David Charleston from The Orange Planet and Hope 2 Offer. David runs both entities with the Orange Planet focusing on "hoops & health" and making fitness fun for the youth and the non-profit, Hope 2 Offer, focusing on helping struggling inner-city kids in tutoring, counseling and obesity issues. The basis for his program is to share Christ and invite the kids to let Christ into their lives.

David built his business plan around the desire to give back and serve kids. His background naturally lent to serving kids as he is a former educator and principle. He commented that kids who are struggling don't want the stigma of going to a counselor, but they will gladly go to the Orange Planet if invited. Once they are at the Orange Planet, the counseling sets in and he treats the kids mind, body and soul. He is passionate about getting to the truth to help the kids work through their issues to become better students & family members.

David mentioned that we should all cherish life each and every day. "Life is a vapor, here for a while and it's gone". He asked us to question what will our legacy be? What is it that you stand for? What is your character? What will people remember about you? What truly matters in life is what you live for.

David suggested we should pursue 4 major staples to lead a full life: 1) Seek wisdom 2)Spend a life giving 3)Live by faith 4)Check your priorities. If you want a full, rich life, count everything you have that money can't buy.

David wrapped up his speech by saying he has helped 100 kids through his mentoring program in the past 18 months. The kids find him via word of mouth or through a PTA member. Hope 2 Offer runs off charitable donations and a few grants.

Leslie Malcom
Scribe



April 9, 2010
Program:

Lance Henning
Habitat for Humanity

- Arranged By:
Chuck Corwin
- Greeter:
James Schmidt
- Invocation:
Doyle Sanders
- Sergeant:
Beth Goedken
- Scribe:
Brad Helgemo

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Future Programs

- 4/16: Tony Timm
Central Iowa Shelter & Svs.
- 4/23: Kent Sovern
Iowa Parks Foundation

Rotarians Out-And-About

Tiger's New Security Team



Lloyd Hill and his son, Al,
at Monday's Practice Round at the Masters.

Rotary Minute...

Literacy Project Puts the Writing on the Wall

On page 13 in this month's Rotarian magazine is an article about literacy. To help the students at one school in the Bavarian town of Furth, the Rotary Club put up one more obstacle: a 30-foot-high climbing wall. The project, called It's Time to Climb, is one of 100 literacy efforts that clubs are carrying out in District 1880 as part of a three-year initiative.

Past District Governor Peter Iblher says we have to first get teens excited about learning. "Climbing offers risks and challenges that students crave."

The students range in age from 10 to 16. Many come from difficult family situations that can include drug addiction, violence, and chronic unemployment. The climbing wall provides an outlet for them, boosting self-confidence, coordination, and communication skills.

Now, more than 75 schools are benefiting from the district's literacy initiative. To ensure consistency, district governors from three successive years, 2008-09 through 2010-11, coordinated their efforts.



We'll Be Singing . . .

Opening: God Bless America

Song Time:

I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover (#40)

When You're Smiling (#82)

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BIRTHDAYS



April 6
**Gil
DeRoos**

BIRTHDAYS

Future Information

Program

Chairperson:

Gil DeRoos

Paul Kirpes, April 16

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Leslie Malcom, April 30

Greeters

Chairperson:

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Chairperson:

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Bertha Sadler, April 16

Diana Reed, April 23

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Kevin Smith

Brad Helgemo, April 16

Kevin Smith, April 23

TBA, April 30

Scribe

Chairperson:

Larry Sample

Mark McAndrews, April 16

Roger Nyberg, April 23

John Pittman, April 30