

President— Barry

Spoke Newsletter

Wednesday October 4, 2017

Attendance: 27 (60%) Attendance with make ups: 32 (71%)

Program Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Kelly Brunkhorst, Executive Director of Corn Board

Program arranged by Wayne Casper

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Shauna Davidson, Building a Primary School in Orit Barpunu in Northern Africa

Program arranged by Mary Riley/Wayne Casper



Shauna's parents and most of her family are from Nebraska. She grew up in Texas, but still is a Husker fan because of her family. Shauna has a Master's Degree in Anthropology and International Development from the London School of Economics. She is currently working for Educate!, a non-profit based in Uganda that teaches entrepreneurship skills to high-school aged youth. She has been living in Uganda for the past 2 years and co-founded her own non-profit with a Ugandan to build a primary (elementary) school in his village in Northern Uganda.

I've come to know and love a hard-working, caring community in Northern Uganda called Orit Barpunu. On top of helping their families farm and raise livestock, kids in the community must walk two hours one way to school, which can become impossible during the rainy season. Once they arrive at school the teachers are often missing and the quality of education is poor, so many kids don't go to school at all. It is unacceptable to me that these children do not have educational opportunities in their community to help them plan for their future.

Having had to rebuild their community after rebel fighting swept through Northern Uganda, Orit Barpunu has been through more than their fair share of struggles. In a recent community meeting one of the village leaders said, "It may be too late for us adults, but we can create a bright future for our children." Our dream is to create this future for the community by building a school to ensure their children can access sustainable quality education. The community is already on board and ready to help and the land is waiting for us, we just need the funds to start building. In 2005 I interned in several orphanages in Guatemala and fell in love with the incredible children I met that were living in conditions that I couldn't understand. I couldn't believe that no one was there to support and encourage them and help them plan for their future, and I decided that I would dedicate my life to ensuring that children grow up with the support, love, and opportunities they need. I am excited to have an amazing chance for us to make this dream become a reality for hundreds of children!

A Rotary Thank You to Shauna Davidson for enlightening us on building a .primary school in Orit Barpunu, Northern Uganda, in Africa.

***Lincoln East Rotary Club
Meetings at Valentino's—70th & Van Dorn
Noon Luncheon starting @ 11:45 a.m.***

October 4, 2017

Background

The Situation

In the 1990's there was fighting in Northern Uganda, between LRA rebels and the government. People were forced to go into refugee camps, schools and churches were destroyed, many were killed, and they lost their main source of income, agriculture and livestock. Now that there is peace, people from Orit Barpunu have been returning to their homes and are in the process of rebuilding their lives. ***The majority of villagers are farmers, and the average local income is \$28 per month, less than \$1 per day.***

A Lack of Access to Education

The closest primary school takes 2 hours to reach one way by walking, and is often impossible to reach during the rainy season. Because it takes so long to get to and from school, many children give up and do not attend.

Only 29% of children in the village go to school, leaving 71% of children (a total of 260 kids) without an education.

For those that do attend school, the quality of education is poor. Teachers are inconsistent and often do not show up to teach their classes. Instead of getting a good education, children grow up helping their family farm, continuing the cycle of poverty.

Our Solution

We are building a primary school in the village so that over 200 children can get access to quality education.

We have raised 100% of funding needed to construct the school. The school has seven classrooms, enough to fit the first seven years of primary school in Uganda. We plan to pay teachers a slightly higher wage than the average and ensure they find housing near the school, to increase their consistency. The person leading this project is from the community and has made sure the villagers are engaged through every stage of the process, to ensure that the school will be successful.

Our Impact

Our goal is for education to act as a means for the people of Orit Barpunu to further the development of their community. By providing the children of Orit Barpunu with an education, we will give them skills they can use to build a new future for themselves and their families.

Mission: To provide access to quality primary education to all children of Orit Barpunu.

Vision: To create a stable environment for education that will last generation after generation and empower the community to lift themselves out of poverty.

Goals: To build a school that is 1) easily accessible, 2) accommodates all the primary age children in Orit Barpunu, 3) has good quality teachers, 4) provides a quality education, and 5) is sustainable for the long-term.





Anniversaries & Birthdays

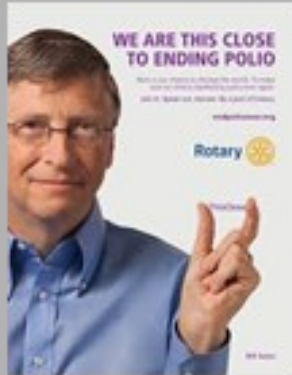
Week of October 4

Birthdays:

Bill Roper—October 8

Anniversaries

Bill Roper—October 9



Happy Dollars

Steve Grosserode	\$ 2.00
Greg Schnasse	\$ 1.00
Marty Croissnut	\$ 1.00
Duane Tappe	\$ 5.00
Blake Collingsworth	\$ 3.00
Dean Douglas	\$ 1.00
Barry Stelk	\$ 5.00
Wayne Casper	\$10.00



Guests & Visitors

Ruby James	Steve Grosserode
Kathy Collingsworth	Club #14
Marty & Rick Croissnut	Arizona
Shauna Davidson	Speaker
Mary Riley	Shauna—G.M.



“Helping Hands for Hadlee”

Silent Auction, Saturday, September 30, 2017

Chris Nealy reported the total for the auction was **\$10,500.00**. Also, Chris said “to extend another thank you to Lincoln East Rotary Club members.”



Cashier Duty

October—Deb Durre

*We need volunteers for the following:
Month of November*

*Please let Dick Cumming know when
you plan to volunteer*



Greeter Duty

October	Paul Horton
November	Gene Roth
December	Dean Douglas
January	Greg Schnasse

Thank You to All Volunteer Greeters

Make Ups

Gordon Bair	Board Meeting
Deb Durre	Concessions F.B.
Charles Erickson	Social
Larry Fletcher	Concessions F.B.

Lincoln East Rotary Club October Speaker Schedule

October 11th—Kelly Brunkhorst, Executive Director of Corn Board—arranged by Wayne Casper

October 18th—Lorin Krieger - John Deere Precision Ag Manager—arranged by Wayne Casper

October 25th—Maury Johnson, Blue River Hybrids, Organic Seed Company