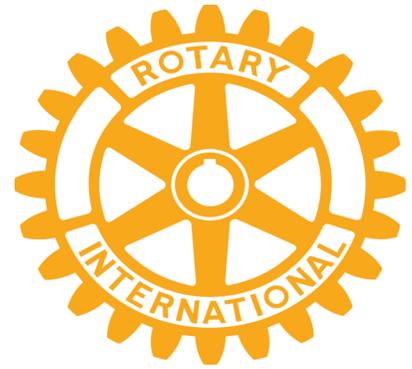


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Newsletter for the Rotary Club of
Council Bluffs Centennial

March 21, 2018

Upcoming Programs/ Greeters:

April 4, 2018: Scholarship presentations

April 10, 2018: Career Fair @ MidAmerican Center

April 18, 2018: Dream Playground presentation

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

March 7: Pam Searcy

March 8: Craig & Terri Dreismeier

March 22: Andrew Kyker

March 29: Dan & Barb Reese

April 13: Jan Darrah

April 16: Dan Reese

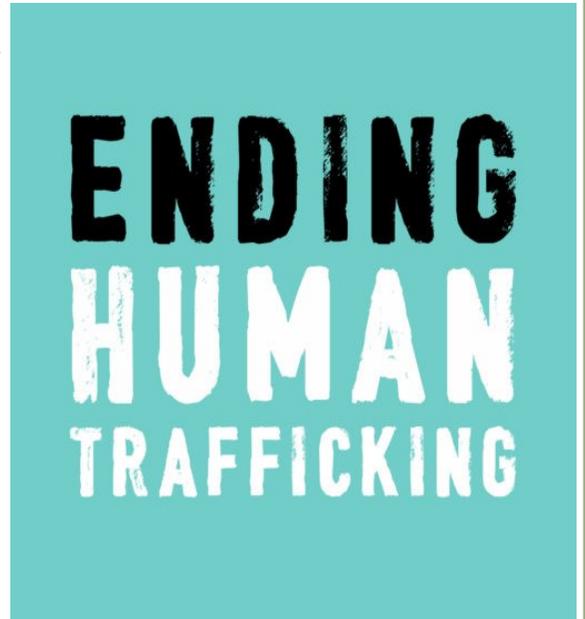
April 28: Katie Kyker



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

This morning, Kathy Thom- sen and Kevin Hytrek spoke to the club about human traffick- ing. Both are members of the Southwest Iowa Coalition on Hu- man Trafficking. Kevin is an FBI agent assigned to this task force and Kathy is a

victim's specialist with the FBI. Our club is an active participant of this program. The Southwest Iowa Coalition on Human Traffick- ing is a multidisciplinary and collaborative effort to eliminate human trafficking through community awareness and victim centered services. Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. Traffickers use tactics of force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of commercial sex acts or labor services against his/her will. Information shared with us this morning noted that recog- nizing trafficking victims can be hard. Victims can be living in their own home, attending



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Human Trafficking continued

school, and/or participating in activities in their community. Victims are not usually tied up physically but often held hostage psychologically.

Kathy and Kevin shared that it is difficult for victims to break away from this lifestyle. The coalition's focus is to target minors who are being trafficked and then their next focus revolves around those individuals who are being pimped. Normally, a victim won't want help until they have hit rock bottom. They noted that trafficking victims will usually lie about their circumstances and often times will use drugs to help them cope. When the victim is ready for help, that is when the coalition can be most effective relying upon community partners to meet some immediate needs these individuals face. Efforts have been made to educate members of the public, including but not limited to law enforcement, emergency room personnel, hotel personnel and other health care professionals about trafficking. Kevin shared that the root of the problem usually associates with a poor family upbringing. The individuals targeted are vulnerable with no support system in place to help them.

There are many different websites which talk about human trafficking and can provide much more information than what we learned this morning. Those websites were identified on the information cards handed out this morning. One of those websites is captioned humantrafficking.org. A national hotline has been established where tips can be reported for investigation. That phone number is 1-888-373-7888. Thanks to Bob for arranging our speakers this morning.

Centennial News

Committee 3 has determined that our first of the month collections for April, May and June will go to our local food pantries. The committee realizes that we already participate in the food drive on Super Bowl weekend and this event also benefits the local food pantries however, the need for monetary contributions throughout the entire year can't be underestimated. As you have heard in the past, monetary donations to the food bank can go so much farther than contributions of actual food. So, at our next meeting, we will commence with donations to our area food banks.



My time as the newsletter producer is coming to an end. In July I will be taking over duties as club treasurer and will not have time to juggle both functions. So, we are looking for anyone who is interested in producing our club's newsletter. If interested, please visit with Craig.



April 4, 2018 Meeting Information



Our meeting on April 4, 2018 will feature our high school scholarship recipients. Our club will formally recognize two recipients who will each receive a scholarship of \$1,000.00 to be used toward college related expenses for the upcoming school year. Each recipient will be present and will give us a short presentation telling us more about themselves and what they each hope to achieve in the future. Please plan on attending this next meeting.

Make Up Opportunities

Monday: North- Noon, Eppley Airport Conference Center;
Bellevue- Noon, D.J.'s Dugout, 2440 Cornhusker Road;
Millard-Noon, German American Society, 3717 S. 120th Street;

Tuesday: Morning- 7:00 a.m., Happy Hollow Club, 1701 S. 105th Street;

Northwest- Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Drive;
Southwest - 5:15 p.m. D.J.'s Dugout, 17666 Welch Plaza;

Wednesday: Downtown-Noon, Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Ave.;

Thursday: Suburban- Noon, Anthony's 7220 F Street; Western Douglas County- 7:00 a.m. Elkhorn Common Ground Community Center, 1701 Veterans Dr.; Council Bluffs-Noon, Council Bluffs Senior Center;

Friday: West- Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr.

Online makeup: <http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

